

"Transnational Drug Enterprises: Threats to Global Stability and U.S. National Security from Southwest Asia, Latin America, and West Africa"

□ On October 1, 2009, the Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs held an oversight hearing to explore the linkages between transnational illicit drug enterprises (e.g., drug cartels), weak and fragile states, and the resulting threats to U.S. national security. This hearing featured panelists with expertise in drug policy, counternarcotics, alternative livelihoods, and the nature, composition, operation and impacts of illicit drug enterprises in our own hemisphere (Latin America, the Caribbean, Mexico), Southwest Asia (including Afghanistan and its neighbors), and West Africa.

Witness List

- Eric Olson, Senior Advisor, Security Initiative, Mexico Institute, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars
- David Mansfield, University Research Fellow, Carr Center for Human Rights Policy, the Kennedy School at Harvard University
- Douglas Farah, Senior Fellow, International Assessment and Strategy Center and former West Africa Bureau Chief of the *Washington Post*
- Dr. Vanda Felbab-Brown, Foreign Policy Fellow, Brookings Institute and Adjunct Professor, Security Studies Program, School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University

Documents and Links

[Opening Statement of Chairman John F. Tierney](#)

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