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The Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program will celebrate 40 years of bringing international professionals to the United States to study and collaborate with U.S. counterparts. Sixty-four alumni from Latin America and the Caribbean will come together at the alumni conference “Realizing Full and Inclusive Democracy in Our Hemisphere,” April 5-7, 2019 in Panama City, Panama. Alumni will share best practices and strategies to promote democracy, good governance, and social inclusion in their communities and will celebrate the accomplishments of the nearly 6,000 fellows and alumni around the world.

Founded in 1978 as a Presidential Initiative in honor of the late Senator and Vice President, the Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program provides a year of professional enrichment and leadership development in the United States for mid-career professionals from countries across the developing world. The Humphrey Program fosters a mutual exchange of knowledge, builds professional capacity, promotes lasting ties, and enhances international cooperation.

Each year approximately 150 fellows, funded by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the U.S. Department of State, undertake professional development at leading U.S. universities in fields critical to U.S. relations with the developing world. The program now has a network of nearly 6,000 fellows and alumni in 162 countries around the world working to improve their communities.

The State Department, working closely with the Institute of International Education, aims to acknowledge the extraordinary professional achievements and impact of Humphrey alumni during the Fellowship’s first 40 years through a series of events at home and around the world.

For press inquiries, please contact the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs at ECA-Press@state.gov. Learn more about the Humphrey Program by

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