

Summary of the Media Dialogue Initiative

Introduction

This initiative is designed to promote dialogue and analysis among journalists, editors and directors from Colombia, Venezuela and eventually from the United States. The Carter Center sponsored four meetings held between November 2000 and June 2001. Three of these meetings were in-person events with the participation of Colombian and Venezuelan journalists, editors and directors and the fourth meeting also included their counterparts from the United States.

The goal of these meetings is to provide a forum in which media professionals could reflect on the media's role in generating and promoting mutual understanding in addition to helping forge

Results:

Deeper and better understanding among participants by establishing interpersonal relationships and professional networks

2. Improved quality of information available to participants regarding issues that lead to tension

Description of activities

Summed through a process involving several consu

supported by dialogue among participants

On duty to the focus on analysis of the characteristics of tripartite media coverage and the factors determining its conditions influencing it. The Center should work with participants the results of content analysis it conducted on the media coverage of major issues on the international agenda between Colombia and Venezuela. Approaches to performing this type of analysis were also jointly defined in order to guarantee the availability of processed information to citizens.