

Strengthening participative democracy in Colombia



Participants in a seminar on „Political Administration“ in Bogotá

SOUTH AMERICA: Colombia

Project activities are aiming at:

- achieving a new quality in policy formulation and implementation;
- promoting the idea of a non-partisan, democratic state open to reform and committed to the common welfare.

in endangered municipalities like the Department Norte de Santander and Casanare (in co-operation with the Fundación Paz y Democracia por Colombia)

- Participation of civil society, mainly of young persons and women, has increased in public affairs in Antioquia (in co-operation with the Centro de Estudios PROCER, Medellín)
- The competence of political leadership with view to responsible governance has been strengthened in Department Valle (in co-operation with Prodesarrollo, Cali).



Seminar on political education in Colombia.

Although the political systems of today's Latin America satisfy the formal criteria of democracy, the disappointment of the population over the outcomes of economic, social and constitutional reforms is growing ominously.

- Fundación paz y Democracia por Colombia

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Partners:

- Hanns Seidel Foundation, Bogotá / Colombia
- Academia del Pensamiento Conservador y Humanista, Bogotá
- Centro de Estudios PROCER, Medellín
- Asociación PRODESARROLLO, Cali
- Fundación Domo Internacional para la Paz (Domopaz)

Objectives of the Project:

The Hanns Seidel Foundation makes a valuable contribution towards the realisation of a policy of social cohesion as called for in the Declaration of Guadalajara (2004) by the European and Latin American governments.

Focus of local activities:

- programmatic political consultancy
- modernisation of institutions
- promotion of decentralisation as well as political education

Expected results:

- A qualified, political leadership engages in public life in municipalities and regions (in co-operation with the Academia del Pensamiento Conservador y Humanista)
- Parliamentary work is perceived as meaningful for democracy and the rule of law (in co-operation with the Fundación Domo Internacional para la Paz)
- Peaceful social life is enhanced mainly

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