

UNITED TO GROW STRONGER: THE POWER OF SYNERGIES



Mexico, the United States, and Canada are more competitive when they build synergies than when they act as mutually exclusive economies. The three countries are complementary and interdependent, and not only in trade: also in energy, investment, and employment. Together, they account for 30% of global GDP, compared with China's 17%.

This complementarity also carries strategic value. Canada and Mexico are key to securing the supply of inputs for batteries, semiconductors, and energy, as well as to cooperating on security.

That is why, as Rossana Fuentes Berain puts it, the question for the three countries is not whether it makes sense to stay together, but on what terms. The trade agreement has not disappeared, but it is entering a state of near-permanent review, and that is not efficient. It is a catalyst for competitiveness, both within each economy and across the North American region, and the numbers prove it.

Óscar Cedillo, editorial director general of Grupo Milenio, summed it up well: these are not three economies working side by side, but three economies that produce together, combining innovation, technological development, capital, natural resources, manufacturing, and talent.



Against that backdrop, the fifth edition of the North Capital Forum took place from September 27 to 29, 2026, one of the region's best events for its content and its ability to bring people together. With more than 350 participants, it is one of the most efficient ways to engage with decision-makers from all three countries: cabinet secretaries, governors, CEOs, and opinion leaders who, as Milenio has noted, move the region.

Among the attendees were Roberto Velasco Álvarez, Secretary of Foreign Affairs; Ronald Johnson, U.S. Ambassador to Mexico; Roberto Lazzeri, Mexico's Ambassador to the United States; Mike Pompeo, former U.S. Secretary of State; José Medina Mora, President of the Business Coordinating Council (CCE); Goldy Hyder, President of the Business Council of Canada; and Linda Hasenfratz, CEO of Linamar.



Behind this platform is the U.S.-Mexico Foundation (USMF), a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to fostering cooperation and understanding between the United States and Mexico.

The takeaway from this forum is clear: North America competes better united, and cooperation among businesses, governments, and legislatures is the most effective path to sustaining the region's growth and leadership.