




# Venezuela Reawakening Summit

The **Reopening** of the **World's**  
**Largest** Energy **Opportunity**

 **17**  
September, 2026  
8:00 AM - 6:00 PM

 **Houston,**  
**Texas**  
Hyatt Regency Houston West  
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# Venezuela holds the world's largest *hydrocarbon* reserves

Decades of political instability, sanctions, underinvestment, and operational decline have severely deteriorated the country's energy infrastructure. **Following the political transition in Venezuela**, an emerging regulatory and geopolitical shift is creating **new opportunities for international investment and strategic partnerships**. The United States is expected to play a key role in supporting this new era of Venezuela's energy reawakening, alongside American and global energy companies.



**POLICY & REGULATORY SHIFT**  
Regulatory reforms  
OFAC licensing pathways



**ENERGY DEMAND ACCELERATION**  
Rising global energy demand  
Renewed investor interest



**GEOPOLITICAL REALIGNMENT**  
A shifting geopolitical environment  
New U.S. national security & energy strategy



**INVESTMENT REOPENING**  
Venezuela's strategic energy importance. Emerging access to a new investment cycle



# Summit Overview

The Venezuela Reawakening Summit is **a high-level strategic gathering** convening global energy leaders, investors, policymakers, and industry stakeholders to **examine the future of Venezuela's oil and gas sector within an evolving geopolitical and investment landscape**. The summit fosters dialogue around capital deployment, infrastructure realities, and long-term development pathways, while creating **a critical bridge between U.S. and Venezuelan SMEs** driving the next phase of energy engagement.

**300+**

Attendees

**10+**

Dedicated Hours  
of Networking

**TOP**

Market Leading  
Speakers

**Connecting** U.S. and  
Venezuelan Small and  
Mid-Size  
Enterprises (SME) in  
Oil & Gas

# Summit *Objective*

To connect small and mid-sized enterprises from the United States and Venezuela while fostering real business opportunities, strategic partnerships, investment initiatives, and practical solutions for the future of Venezuela's energy sector. This unique gathering will bring together industry leaders, policymakers, investors, legal experts, academics, and entrepreneurs focused on the next chapter of Venezuela's energy resurgence.

Recent energy forums in Houston and Washington have demonstrated growing international interest in Venezuela's energy reopening, regulatory reform, and investment opportunities.

***This is not just a Summit. It is a platform to shape the framework for reconstruction and sustainable economic transformation of Venezuela.***

Your participation includes exclusive access to the **Summit White Paper**, including insights, investment scenarios, and actionable opportunities developed with industry leaders.





# Summit AGENDA

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## 7:30 – 8:30 AM | REGISTRATION & STRATEGIC NETWORKING

- Coffee reception + AI-powered matchmaking

## 8:30 – 9:00 AM | OFFICIAL OPENING

- U.S. Government Official (confirmation pending)

## 9:00 – 10:00 AM | KEYNOTE ADDRESS

**Ali Moshiri** – Founder and CEO of Amos Global Energy, with nearly 40 years at Chevron. Recognized leader in energy geopolitics and investment in Latin America.

**Topic: “Venezuela: Challenges and Opportunities”**

## 10:00 – 11:00 AM | EXECUTIVE PANEL

“Real Conditions for Investment in Venezuela”

Panelists:

**Roberto Smith Perera**, Former Venezuelan Minister of Transportation and Communications, former Ambassador to the European Union, architect of “El Gran Viraje,” and founder of Digitel Venezuela and Digicel El Salvador.

**Laura Gamboa**, Assistant Professor of Democracy and Global Affairs at the Keough School of Global Affairs, University of Notre Dame.

**Ana Virginia Nocerino**, a strategic human resources leader, author, and executive coach with over 30 years of global experience in the energy, oil, and gas sectors.

**José Pereira**, Former PDVSA Finance Director, former CFO and CEO of CITGO Petroleum, international energy advisor, and founder of Pereira Ruimwyk Enterprise LLC and JoseConnect.com LLC.

**Moderator: Nick Medina**, Former Vice President of Public and Stakeholder Affairs at ExxonMobil and founder of the Talia Center at Rice University.

## 11:00 – 11:30 AM | COFFEE BREAK

## 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM | PREMIUM MASTERCLASS

“Macroeconomic Trends and Investment Scenarios”

**Francisco Rodríguez**, Former Director of the Economic and Financial Advisory Office of Venezuela’s National Assembly and former Chief Economist at Torino Capital.

- Exclusive briefing document for in-person attendees only

## 12:30 – 1:30 PM | NETWORKING LUNCH + DEAL LOUNGE

- **Sponsored lunch. Eduardo Fortuny**

**Topic: From Chaos to Opportunity: Lessons in Resilience and Innovation from Venezuelan Business Leaders**

## 2:30 – 4:30 PM | BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Each session will include a qualified moderator and rapporteur responsible for contributing to the summit’s final white paper.

**1. FAC & Compliance Regulations Presented by Anderson Consulting**

**2. Venezuelan Legal & Business Framework Presented by Borges & Lawton**

**3. Community Impact & Social Responsibility Led by Leslie Amerman**

**4. Security, Infrastructure & Public Services in Venezuela  
Coordinator: Ken Shutts – SAI Group**

Each breakout room will produce:

- 3 key conclusions
- 3 actionable business opportunities

## 4:30 – 5:30 PM | WHITE PAPER PRESENTATION

- 15-minute presentation from each working group

## 5:30 – 6:30 PM | VIP NETWORKING RECEPTION

- Exclusive access for sponsors and invited guests

## BREAKOUT SESSIONS

2:30 – 4:30 PM

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### Breakout Room 1:

#### OFAC & Compliance Regulations Presented by Anderson Consulting

Successfully entering the Venezuelan market requires a clear understanding of the U.S. sanctions framework and compliance requirements. This intensive breakout session will provide participants with a practical overview of the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC), its role in regulating transactions involving sanctioned countries, and the specific implications for companies seeking to operate in Venezuela. Participants will receive an up-to-date review of the current General Licenses applicable to Venezuela and gain a deeper understanding of how sanctions impact commercial transactions, financing, partnerships, procurement, and operational activities. The session will also cover essential compliance topics, including Know Your Customer (KYC) requirements, due diligence procedures, beneficial ownership verification, third-party screening, risk mitigation practices, and best-in-class compliance programs.

Duration: 2 Hours | Format: Expert Presentation + Interactive Q&A Session

### Breakout Room 2:

#### Venezuelan Legal & Business Framework Presented by Borges & Lawton

Understanding the legal and regulatory environment is essential for any successful investment strategy in Venezuela. This breakout session will provide a comprehensive overview of the legal framework governing commercial activities and foreign investment in the country. Participants will gain practical insights into the process of establishing and registering a business in Venezuela, obtaining permits and licenses, navigating labor regulations, understanding tax obligations, customs duties, import and export requirements, and complying with industry-specific regulations. The discussion will also address royalties, contractual structures, dispute resolution mechanisms, and current legal considerations affecting both domestic and international investors.

Duration: 2 Hours | Format: Expert Presentation + Interactive Q&A Session

### Breakout Room 3:

#### Community Impact & Social Responsibility Led by Leslie Amerman

Long-term business success depends not only on financial performance but also on creating meaningful and sustainable value for communities. This breakout room explores the critical role of community engagement, social responsibility, stakeholder relations, and human-centered leadership in developing successful projects in Venezuela. Special guest Caro Guevara, an ontological coach from Colombia, will present a successful community impact initiative implemented for PetroTech in Colombia, highlighting lessons and best practices applicable to Venezuela.

Duration: 2 Hours | Format: Expert Presentation, Case Study & Interactive Q&A Session

### Breakout Room 4:

#### Security, Infrastructure & Public Services in Venezuela Coordinator: Ken Shutts – SAI Group

This breakout session provides a comprehensive overview of Venezuela's security environment, infrastructure challenges, and public service conditions. Topics include security risks and mitigation strategies, lessons learned from countries such as Colombia and Nigeria, electricity generation and distribution, water systems, transportation infrastructure, telecommunications, logistics, and opportunities for private-sector participation in infrastructure improvements. A representative from SAI Group will discuss practical solutions and strategic initiatives to strengthen Venezuela's utility systems and support future economic growth.

Duration: 2 Hours | Format: Expert Panel Discussion + Interactive Q&A Session



## Ali Moshiri

Is the founder, president, and CEO of Amos Global Energy, a Houston-based energy consulting and investment firm. With nearly 40 years of experience at Chevron Corporation, he served as President of Chevron Africa and Latin America, leading operations in some of the world's most strategic energy markets. Internationally recognized for his expertise in energy geopolitics, exploration and production, and investment development in Latin America, he is considered one of the most influential voices in the global energy sector.



## Francisco Rodriguez

Is a renowned Venezuelan economist, academic, and international expert in macroeconomics and Latin American economies. He is a Senior Research Fellow at the Center for Economic and Policy Research (CEPR) and an Affiliate Professor at the University of Denver's Josef Korbel School of International Studies. Holding a Ph.D. in Economics from Harvard University, he has served in leadership roles with Venezuela's National Assembly, the United Nations, Bank of America, and Torino Capital, and is widely recognized as one of the leading voices on Venezuela's economy, sanctions, and investment trends in Latin America.



## Luisa Gamboa

Is an Associate Professor of Democracy and Global Affairs at the University of Notre Dame's Keough School of Global Affairs and a recognized expert on democracy, authoritarianism, and Latin American politics. She holds a Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Notre Dame and a Master's degree in Latin American Studies from the University of Texas at Austin. Her research focuses on democratic backsliding and strategies to defend democratic institutions, with a special emphasis on Venezuela and Latin America. She is the author of the award-winning book *Resisting Backsliding*, and her work has been featured in internationally recognized publications such as *Foreign Affairs*, *Journal of Democracy*, and *Comparative Politics*.



## Ana Virginia Nocerino

Is a strategic human resources leader, author, and executive coach with over 30 years of global experience in the energy, oil, and gas sectors. She has led international workforce strategies across the Americas, Europe, and Africa for companies such as ExxonMobil and Equinor, specializing in organizational transformation, cultural integration, and talent development in complex environments.



## Roberto Smith Perera

Is a Venezuelan economist, entrepreneur, and former public official with extensive experience in infrastructure, telecommunications, energy, and public policy. He served as Venezuela's Minister of Transportation and Communications and Ambassador to the European Union, leading major modernization initiatives in telecommunications and transportation. He holds a degree in Mathematics from Simón Bolívar University and both a master's and Ph.D. in Public Policy from Harvard University. He was also the founder and CEO of Digitel Venezuela and contributed to the development of Digitel operations in Central America. He is widely recognized for his contributions to discussions on Venezuela's economic development, investment, and modernization.



## Eduardo Fortuny

Is a Venezuelan business strategist, financial analyst, and economic advisor with extensive experience in corporate planning, market intelligence, and investment analysis. He is Director of Fortuny & Associates and Partner at Dinámica Venezuela, where he advises companies, investors, and institutions on business strategy, economic trends, and investment opportunities. Widely recognized as one of Venezuela's leading voices on business and economic affairs, he is a frequent speaker at international forums, providing insights on Venezuela's economic outlook, geopolitical risk, and private-sector development.



### **Jose Pereira Ruimwyk**

Is a renowned international energy executive, leadership advisor, author, and speaker with more than 35 years of experience in the oil and gas industry. He served as CEO and President of CITGO Petroleum and held senior executive positions at PDVSA and its international affiliates, participating in strategic projects alongside companies such as Chevron, ExxonMobil, and Shell. He is currently the founder of JoseConnect.com LLC and Pereira Ruimwyk Enterprises LLC, where he advises leaders and organizations on resilience, leadership, and global energy strategy. Internationally recognized for his survival story as one of the "CITGO6," he is now an influential voice on leadership under pressure, energy geopolitics, and human transformation.



### **Nick Medina**

Is a seasoned global energy executive with over 30 years of experience at ExxonMobil, where he held senior leadership roles across multiple regions and core areas of the energy business. He specializes in public and government affairs, stakeholder engagement, and strategic communications, leading initiatives related to major infrastructure projects and the energy transition. He is also deeply committed to education, diversity, and leadership development, actively contributing to academic and nonprofit organizations, and currently serves as Chairman of the Advisory Board of the Tapia Center at Rice University.



### **Leslie Amerman**

Is the founder and Chief Conversation Strategist of Dynamic Interactions, a Houston-based leadership communication coaching and training practice. With 26 years of experience developing leaders across the energy, technology, and professional services sectors, she is recognized for making conversations the strongest skill in the room. Her methodology integrates neuroscience, behavioral science, and emotional intelligence, drawing on certifications in TTI SI DISC, Everything DiSC, Lumina Spark, and Conversational Intelligence. A Houston City College alumna, Leslie also serves as founder and president of Conscious Capitalism Houston, where she champions business as a force for good. She turns the science of human connection into results leaders can feel.



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Featured Market-  
Leading Speakers



**Borges & Lawton**  
Despacho de Abogados



# Advancing the Summit's Vision

Partnership opportunities available






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Regular Registration  
Beginning August 1, 2026



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