



Eyes on Mexico: Monthly Political Overview

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Top Highlights

USMCA National Consultation Results. Mexico's Secretary of Economy Marcelo Ebrard presented the [results of a nationwide consultation](#) conducted across all 32 states and 30 economic sectors, which was held in preparation for the review of the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA). Approximately 78.5 percent of participants expressed support for maintaining and renewing the agreement and also called for improvements to prevent unilateral measures and tariff impositions outside its framework. The consultation emphasized the need to strengthen North American productive integration – particularly in strategic sectors such as pharmaceuticals, semiconductors and artificial intelligence (AI) – to better compete against Asian economies. These findings will guide upcoming negotiations with the U.S. and Canada, focusing on reinforcing regional supply chains and expanding trade and investment opportunities.

First Bilateral Technical Discussions. U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) Jamieson Greer and Mexico Secretary of Economy Ebrard launched technical talks ahead of the USMCA joint review. Discussions focused on strengthening regional production, addressing supply chain gaps and limiting non-market inputs. Both sides agreed to hold regular meetings to define key deliverables in preparation for the USMCA joint review on July 1, 2026.

Law for the Promotion of Investment in Strategic Infrastructure for Development with Well-Being. President Claudia Sheinbaum presented a bill establishing a new legal and institutional framework to promote investment in strategic infrastructure projects that are aligned with development with social welfare. It seeks to mobilize public, private and social sector participation through innovative financial mechanisms, co-investment schemes and long-term contracts while also maintaining fiscal discipline. The proposal aims to accelerate priority projects, reduce regional inequalities and expand access to essential services through improved planning and execution of public spending. The bill was approved by the House of Representatives and has been sent to the Senate for further constitutional review.

Transmission Projects Portfolio 2026-2027. A new portfolio of 58 projects was presented by the Federal Electricity Commission (CFE) on March 22, 2026, comprising 58 transmission and transformation projects aimed at strengthening Mexico's National Transmission Grid and meeting growing energy demand. The initiative includes 49 bidding packages covering 387 new works such as transmission lines and substations and will be implemented through a combination of CFE Fibra E financing and public works financing schemes, with strong participation from the private sector. Authorities highlighted that this portfolio is part of the broader 2025-2030 Expansion Plan and aligns with the government's infrastructure strategy, where the energy sector is expected to play a central role in national development.

Workweek Reduction Law. The reform that establishes the workweek reduction from 48 hours to 40 hours per week was officially published in the *Official Federal Gazette* (DOF) on March 3, 2026. The reform mandates at least one full paid day of rest for every six days worked and updates the framework governing overtime, including limits and compensation rates. The reform aims to improve labor conditions, promote work-life balance and align Mexico's labor standards with international practices.

Congressional Report

Electoral Reform. Following the rejection of a broader constitutional reform, President Sheinbaum introduced "Plan B" to the Senate with the aim of reducing public sector privileges, capping salaries and reallocating savings to social and infrastructure spending. The proposal also seeks to adjust recall election rules, though this was modified during the legislative process. The Senate approved the proposal on March 26, 2026, and "Plan B" was sent to the House of Representatives for further discussion.

WTO Appointment. The Senate approved the appointment of Víctor Manuel Aguilar Pérez as Mexico's Ambassador to the World Trade Organization (WTO) on March 19, 2026. Pérez brings extensive experience in international trade policy, including his prior service within the Ministry of Economy and Mexico's Mission to the European Union.

Executive Branch

Voluntary Agreement to Cap the Price of Regular Gasoline. The federal government in Mexico renewed its voluntary agreement with fuel retailers to cap the price of regular gasoline at MEX\$24 per liter, aiming to protect consumers and maintain price stability. In light of recent global pressures – particularly the conflict in Iran – authorities reached an additional understanding with the sector to stabilize diesel prices at approximately MEX\$28.28 per liter. These measures are part of a broader strategy to mitigate international oil price volatility while avoiding direct price controls and preserving market balance.

Model Contract for Interconnection and Connection to the National Transmission Grid and General Distribution Networks. The National Energy Commission (CNE) published in the DOF on March 17, 2026, [an agreement](#) that establishes a standardized contract model for the interconnection and connection of power plants, energy storage systems and load centers to Mexico's electricity grid. Its primary objective is to provide legal certainty, transparency and uniform technical conditions for market participants.

ASEA Executive Director Appointment. Andrea González Hernández is now serving as executive director of the Agency for Safety, Energy and Environment (ASEA) as of March 17, 2026. ASEA is the regulatory body overseeing the hydrocarbons sector. She has extensive experience in regulatory enforcement and public administration, including her tenure at the Federal Consumer Protection Agency (PROFECO), where she served as deputy attorney for verification and trust enforcement.

88th Anniversary of the Oil Expropriation. During a commemoration led by President Sheinbaum on March 18, 2026, the government reaffirmed its commitment to energy sovereignty, highlighting a new model centered on strengthening Petróleos Mexicanos (Pemex) and public energy companies. Authorities reported progress in increasing crude production, strengthening refining capacity, reducing fuel imports and lowering Pemex's debt, alongside the operational reintegration of the company. The administration emphasized goals to sustain and expand oil production, boost natural gas output and advance energy transition efforts while maintaining hydrocarbons as a strategic pillar of national development.

Banking Convention in Cancún. During the Banking Convention held in Cancún on March 19, 2026, President Sheinbaum highlighted the banking sector's commitment to increase private sector credit from 38 percent to 45 percent of gross domestic product (GDP) by 2030 to boost economic growth. She emphasized stronger public-private coordination to expand financing and unlock the full potential of Mexico's financial system. President Sheinbaum also underscored progress in financial digitalization, including the simplification of digital payment (CoDi) by the Bank of Mexico (Banxico) to enable free, mobile-based payments nationwide. These efforts aim to deepen financial inclusion, streamline transactions and support investment, productivity and domestic market growth.

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