

The International Association of Political Consultants (IAPC) warmly congratulates María Corina Machado on being awarded the 2025 Nobel Peace Prize in recognition of her tireless efforts to defend democracy and human rights in Venezuela.

Her leadership under extreme adversity embodies the very values of free expression, transparent governance, and peaceful political transition that our Association holds dear.

We also note with pride that [María Corina Machado was previously honored with the IAPC Democracy Medal](#), a testament to her sustained commitment to democratic principles. That earlier accolade recognized her courage and perseverance in advancing political participation and civic accountability under difficult conditions.


"When we honored María Corina Machado with the IAPC Democracy Medal in 2024, we recognized a leader who chooses conviction over convenience, courage over conformity. This Nobel Prize validates what political consultants in Latin America have long known: defending democracy is a moral imperative. The award belongs to every Venezuelan who refuses to surrender their voice, and to every citizen who understands that freedom is not granted, it is defended daily, at great personal cost. So we are proud María Corina Machado has now received one of the world's most distinguished awards", says IAPC President Carlos Fara.

This Nobel distinction not only honors her personal sacrifice, but also sends a powerful message to all advocates of democracy worldwide: that steadfast dedication to peaceful, inclusive politics can achieve global recognition and inspire lasting change. The IAPC reaffirms its solidarity with María Corina Machado and with all those who work — often at great risk — for democracy, transparency, and the rule of law.

We look forward to following her future contributions and stand ready to support wherever possible.



Carlos Fara
IAPC President



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