



## Santiago Canton

Santiago Canton currently serves as Secretary of Human Rights for the Province of Buenos Aires. In 2017, he was appointed by the Organization of American States' Secretary General, Luis Almagro, as one of three experts to join an independent panel to examine the human rights situation in Venezuela. In their final report, released in 2018, they determined that there were "reasonable grounds" to believe crimes against humanity were

committed by the Maduro regime in Venezuela.

Canton was formerly Director of RFK Partners for Human Rights at the Robert F. Kennedy Center for Justice and Human Rights. Before joining the RFK Center, Mr. Canton was the Executive Secretary of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights for eleven years after serving as the first Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression in the Inter American System. From 1994 to 1998 Mr. Canton was Director for Latin America and the Caribbean for the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI). He has also served as a political assistant to former United States President Jimmy Carter in democratic development programs in countries in Latin America. Mr. Canton holds a law degree from the University of Buenos Aires and a Master degree in International Law from the Washington College of Law of American University.