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With the slogan "United on the Path for Peace," Venezuelan Foreign Minister Delcy Rodríguez gave the inaugural speech as her country assumes the organization's rotating presidency for the next three years after taking over from Iran.

With 120 member states, the NAM is the second largest international body after the United Nations. It has 53 members from Africa, 39 from Asia, 26 from Latin America and the Caribbean, 17 observer countries and 10 observer organizations.

The summit, which ends on Sept. 18, will have meetings scheduled in three consecutive segments: meeting of senior officials, foreign ministers meeting, and a conference of heads of state and government. The global body has been instrumental in the fight against colonialism, imperialism, racism and oppression.

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### **Non-Aligned Movement 2016 Summit**

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anti-colonial and anti-imperialist group seem more relevant than ever as Western neo-colonial policies continue to affect people around the world.

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