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A NEWSLETTER OF THE U.S. EMBASSY AND CONSULATE GENERAL FOR THE U.S. COMMUNITY IN ECUADOR

2019 - A YEAR IN REVIEW

U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and Ecuadorian President Lenin Moreno

U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE MIKE POMPEO VISITED ECUADOR TO MEET WITH ECUADORIAN PRESIDENT LENIN MORENO

Mike Pompeo, U.S. Secretary of State, visited Ecuador and other countries in the region July 19 - 21 to expand cooperation on security and economic issues. Pompeo landed in Guayaquil July 20 and met with President Lenin Moreno and Foreign Minister José Valencia. In their meeting, they discussed strategies to "strengthen alliances in the Western Hemisphere on regional and global challenges" and "strengthen support for the people of Cuba, Nicaragua, and Venezuela in their struggle for democracy and freedom." The Secretary, during his three-day trip, also visited Argentina, Mexico, and El Salvador.

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A New Year Message from Ambassador Michael J. Fitzpatrick

Warmest greetings from the U.S. Embassy and Consulate General in Ecuador. 2019 was quite the year for the U.S. Mission in Ecuador. On behalf of my colleagues in Quito and Guayaquil, allow me to wish you and yours a Happy New Year and prosperous 2020.

The United States and Ecuador share the same dream of building a safe and more prosperous future for all the people in our hemisphere. In the last few years, we have seen great advances in our bilateral cooperation to advance these goals. This past year, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo met with President Lenin Moreno in Guayaquil and discussed regional challenges. USAID Administrator Mark Green met with Vice President Otto Sonnenholzner and signed an agreement that will enable us to expand cooperation and reopen a USAID presence in Ecuador after a five-year lapse. U.S. Southern Command's Admiral Craig Faller met with Minister of Defense Oswaldo Jarrin, and the U.S. Navy Hospital Ship USNS COMFORT docked for a week in Manta, providing medical attention to more than 8,000 Ecuadorians.

Ambassador Michael J. Fitzpatrick and Minister of Government Romo Sign Agreement on a Border Control System

I have been working hard to deepen the ties that historically have united our peoples. In the past few months, we signed agreements with Ecuador to protect against the trafficking of cultural artifacts, increase Ecuador's capacity to protect its citizens from transnational criminal organizations, and improve the quality of English-language teaching in public schools.

We are expanding our Peace Corps presence, both in numbers and reach, placing our first Volunteers in the Galapagos by mid-year to support English-language teaching.

We continue to increase our assistance to Venezuelan and Colombian migrants and refugees in Ecuador, with U.S. assistance channeled through UN organizations and NGOs totaling $72 million over the past two years.

We all weathered the challenges during October, and I particularly want to thank our Community Liaison Volunteers as well as the U.S. Mission's Consular team, who kept us informed and safe throughout that difficult period. We all learned from this experience – to be better prepared, to stay in touch, and to know that the U.S. Mission in Ecuador is ready and able to assist.

This year we have much to look forward to as we continue to build our commercial relationship, expand our joint fight against narcotrafficking and other transnational crime, and support Ecuador's democratic institutions and processes.

But it hasn't been all work for me since I first arrived in June as your new Ambassador. I have also enjoyed getting to know the Ecuadorian people and exploring Ecuador's rich culture and beauty. I just returned from my first visit to the Galapagos, where, like so many other American tourists, I marveled at its natural wonders. And while I have already successfully summited Cotopaxi, Illiniza Norte and Sur, Rumiñahui and Rucu Pichincha, among other peaks, there are so many more mountains left to climb and bike in this amazingly rich and diverse country. I encourage everyone to likewise explore this nation, with each of us finding our own way to contribute to Ecuador's advancement on behalf of its 17 million citizens who so graciously host us all.

Ambassador Michael J. Fitzpatrick Climbs Rumiñahui with U.S. Veterans from the Range of Motion Project

It is already obvious why so many U.S. citizens now choose to call Ecuador home, and I look forward to meeting many of you as we in U.S. Mission Ecuador continue to work on your behalf in the coming year. Happy 2020 to all!

"LOOK AFTER YOUR BELONGINGS" CAMPAIGN PART TWO: ECUADOR DESTINO SEGURO

On July 25, the U.S. Embassy, along with the Ministry of Tourism (MINTOUR) and representatives of the British and Canadian Embassies, launched the next phase of the "Look After Your Belongings" campaign that began in 2018. This second phase of the campaign is entitled "Ecuador Destino Seguro" (Ecuador Safe Destination).

The new phase of the campaign involves a series of five videos (with all five available in English, French, and Spanish) that seek to promote Ecuador as a safe destination while also providing safety and security tips for foreign travelers. The videos were filmed by the MINTOUR and include: 1. General Video, 2. Galapagos Islands, 3. Andes Region, 4. Amazon Region, and 5. Coastal Region, each with specific safety and security tips to address each region's needs.

Ambassador Michael J. Fitzpatrick participated in the official launch of the "Ecuador Destino Seguro" campaign.

Should you wish to view the videos, links to the campaign are available at:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1P5XD5DJg0_4V21WNeU9syDmnGCbQoIbE?usp=sharing

2019 AMERICAN LIAISON NETWORK (ALN) WORKSHOP

Consular Mission Ecuador maintains a network of Citizen Liaison Volunteers (CLVs) throughout Ecuador. These volunteers provide invaluable assistance during emergencies or crisis situations, particularly when physical distance makes it difficult for the Embassy or Consulate to provide timely support. For example, CLVs helped tourists stranded during the October protests and also provided the Embassy with on-the-ground insight into how blockades were affecting cities away from the capital.

The U.S. Embassy in Quito held an American Liaison Network workshop on September 26, 2019, with the participation of 15 CLVs from the Quito Consular district.

ACS provided information about its services and CLV responsibilities, and conducted three case studies to prepare volunteers to assist in some of the most common types of cases: deaths, arrests, and medical emergencies.

Participants in the 2019 American Liaison Workshop in Quito, Ecuador.

FUNERAL HOME TOWN HALL

The death of a family member marks a time of crisis for one's family and friends no matter where it takes place. When death occurs overseas, the experience can be even more traumatic, especially if the procedures involved are not clearly understood.

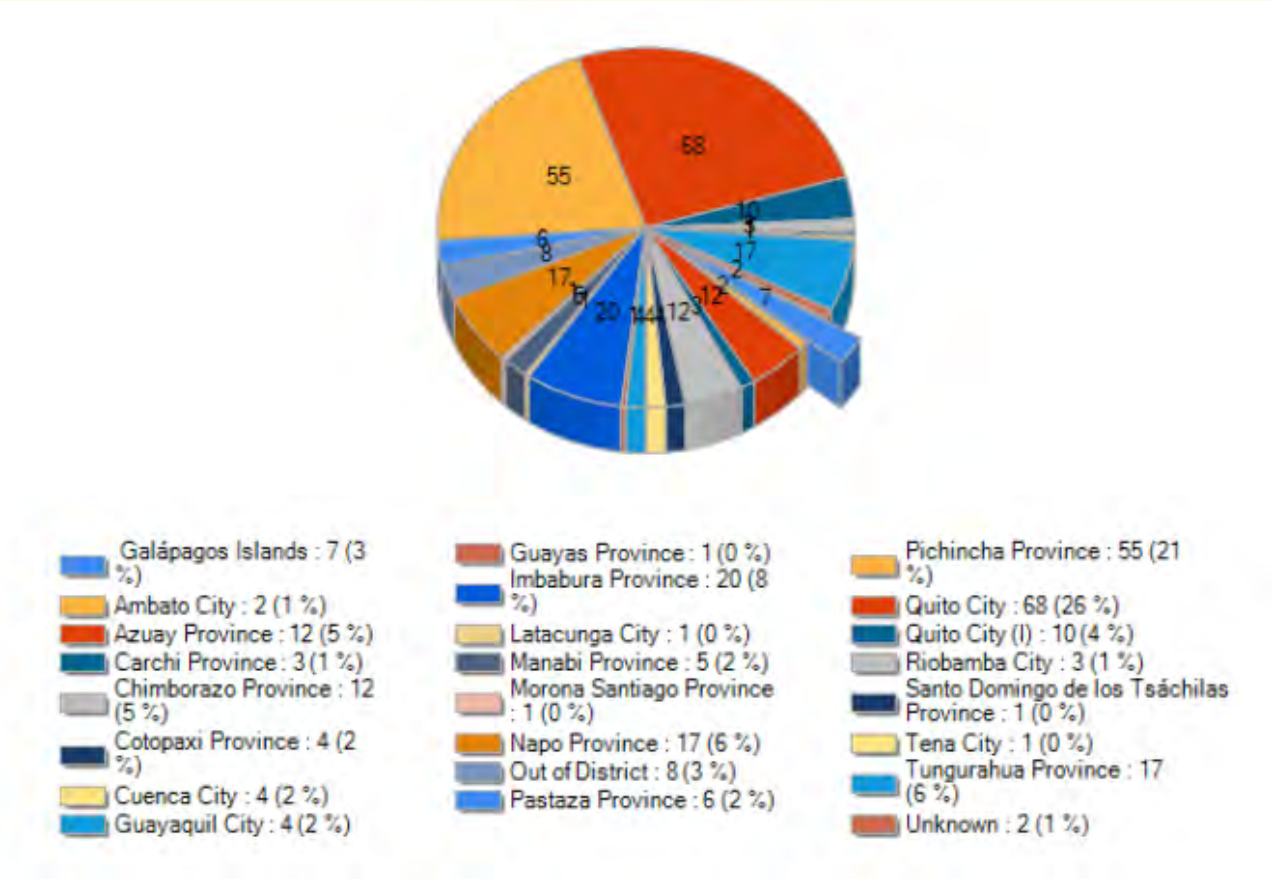
ACS hosted a funeral home town hall September 13 with the participation of seven of the major funeral homes in Quito's Consular District. ACS provided training on Consular Report of Death Abroad (CRODA) and Consular Mortuary Certificate procedures and gathered information to update the triennial disposition of remains report.

Participants in the 2019 Funeral Home Townhall Quito, Ecuador.

RESPONSE TO 2019 ECUADOR CIVIL UNREST

The Consular Section orchestrated 24-hour coverage for inquiries from U.S. citizens during the 12 days of demonstrations. The Section staffed telephones in the Consular Section throughout the day, while implementing a rotating duty roster to handle calls overnight. Colleagues in Guayaquil provided invaluable assistance to U.S. citizens when Embassy staff were unable to reach the Embassy at the height of the protests (thanks Consulate General Guayaquil!). ACS transmitted daily messages to Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) registrants. Calls and emails handled by Consular personnel resulted in direct assistance to more than 260 U.S. citizens in Ecuador.

The Consular Section tracked inquiries throughout the unrest using the Department of State's proprietary Consular Task Force software. Quito itself and wider Pichincha province accounted for approximately half of all inquiries, with others scattered throughout the country. The chart below demonstrates how widely the impacts were felt.



ACS GALAPAGOS OUTREACH TRIP

ACS representatives from Quito and Guayaquil conducted an outreach visit to the Galapagos Islands on October 21 - 25. They spent five days in this remote province meeting with local and national government representatives, including hospital directors, Navy and Coast Guard commanders, emergency services personnel, Tourism Ministry representatives, local and provincial officials, university and research center personnel, and Citizen Liaison Volunteers. The team conducted two town halls with the local population and a radio interview.

The outreach trip allowed the Mission's consular team to gain a better understanding of the potential challenges faced by U.S. citizen tourists in the Galapagos, particularly in regards to medical emergencies, while providing reassurances that for the vast majority of Americans, traveling to the Galapagos Islands remains a safe and worthwhile experience.

Medical services are adequate for many potential needs of American tourists, the islands are safe, and its authorities engaged and committed to providing the best possible care to their visitors. Serious medical emergencies remain a potential threat, however, as such situations may well require aerial evacuation by commercial flight or air ambulance.

HAGUE JUDGE TRAINING IN ECUADOR FOCUSED ON CHILD ABDUCTIONS

International parental child abduction is the removal or retention of a child outside his or her country of habitual residence in breach of another parent or guardian's custody rights. The Office of Children's Issues within the U.S. Department of State is a leader in U.S. government efforts to prevent international parental child abduction (both from the United States and to the United States), help children and families involved in abduction cases, and promote the objectives of the Hague Abduction Convention.

Members of the ACS unit of the U.S. Embassy assisted U.S. Hague Network Judge Scott Gordon as he trained local judges through the Corte Nacional de Justicia as part of a seminar entitled "La problemática de la Sustracción de Niños y su Vínculo con la Protección de Derechos Humanos" (The Issue of the Abduction of Children and the Connection with the Protection of Human Rights).

Judge Gordon's visit marked an exciting step toward helping Ecuador become compliant with its responsibilities as a signatory to the Hague Abduction Convention.

For further information on parental/child abduction, including how to prevent child abduction, visit: **https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/International-Parental-Child-Abduction.html**

CHILDREN'S ISSUES EXPERTS FROM WASHINGTON VISIT REGARDING CHILD ABDUCTIONS

Department of State Abductions Division Chief Martin Oppus and Children's Issues (CI) Desk Officer for Ecuador Fernanda Sanchez visited Quito December 10 - 11 for meetings with Ecuadorian authorities who handle International Parental Child Abduction (IPCA) related matters to continue engagement on IPCA cases and improve compliance under the Hague Abduction Convention. Along with ACS Chief Ian Hayward and ACS Assistant Herminia, the visitors met with the President of the National Court of Justice, the Secretary of Human Rights, the Undersecretary of the Ecuadorian Migrant Community at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and the Director of Access to Justice from the Judiciary Council, among other Ecuadorian authorities.

During these meetings, the Department of State officials expressed their interest in offering more training opportunities to the Ecuadorian judiciary on the Hague Convention. The Office of Children's Issues and the Embassy will work with Ecuadorian counterparts during 2020 to implement these trainings.

FOLLOW THESE TIPS AND STAY SAFE

- Make two copies of all your travel documents in case of emergency. Keep one copy with you, separate from your documents, and leave the other copy with a trusted friend or relative.

- Enroll in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP). Subscribe to get up-to-date safety and security information and help us reach you in an emergency abroad. See the next page for more details.

- Before traveling, be sure to check out information on your destination available at www.travel.state.gov.

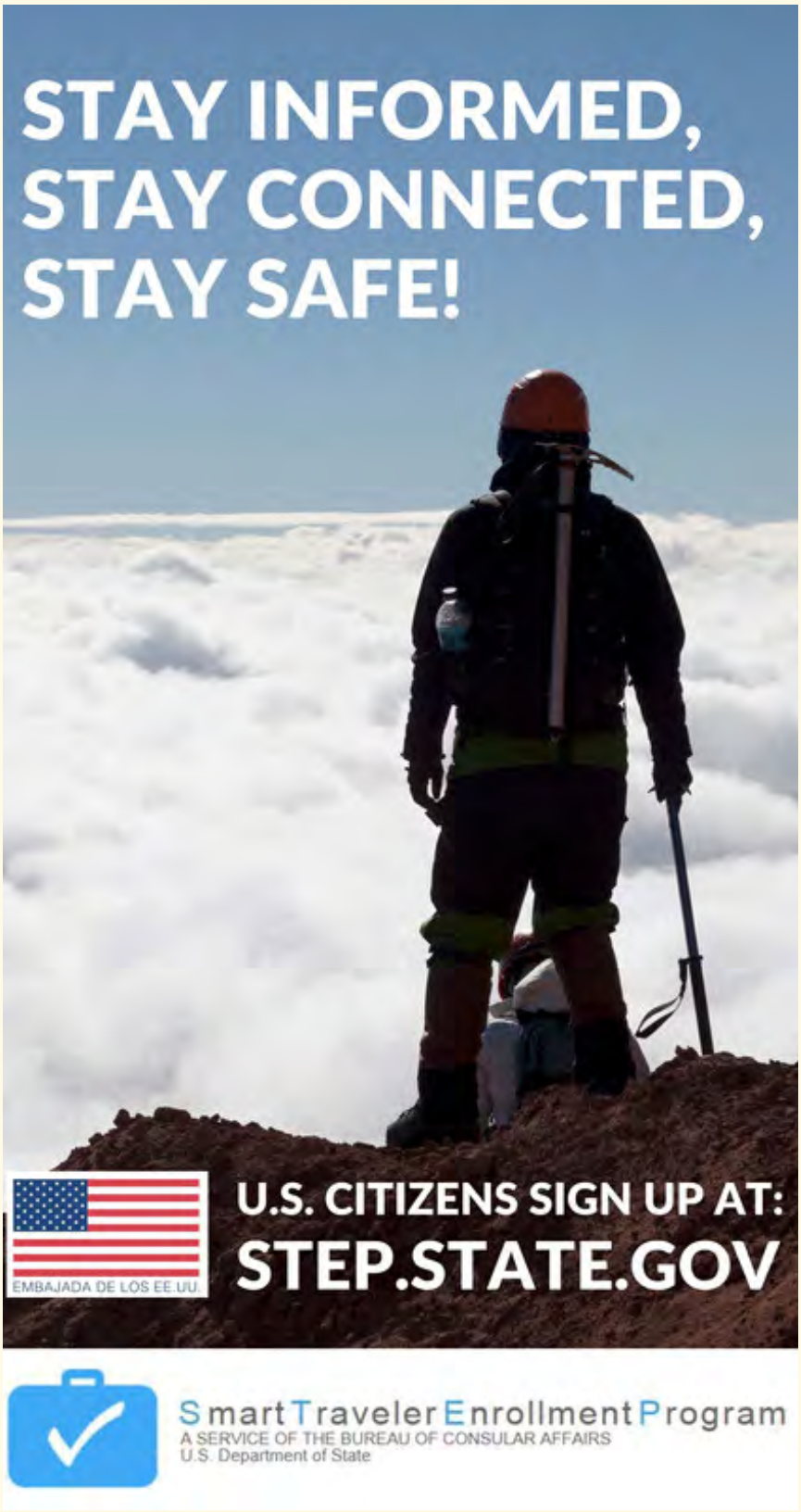
- Always call a radio cab or use common smart phone applications for summoning transportation.

- If there is no option but to hail a cab, take note of the license plate — and the driver — before getting inside. If possible, text the plate number to a friend or family member. Always take a taxi with orange license plates.

- Do not walk alone at night. Walking in a group is far safer. Avoid unsafe short-cuts.

- Learn the location of local police stations, hospitals, and establishments that are open late. They may be a lifeline at night.

THE SMART TRAVELER ENROLLMENT PROGRAM(STEP)



STEP is a free service that allows U.S. citizens and nationals traveling and living abroad to enroll their trip with the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate.

Benefits to enrolling:

Receive important information from the Embassy about safety conditions in your destination country, helping you make informed decisions about your travel plans.

Help the U.S. Embassy contact you in an emergency, whether natural disaster, civil unrest, or family emergency.

Help family and friends get in touch with you in an emergency.

To register visit:
https://step.state.gov/step/

To unsubscribe visit:
https://step.state.gov/STEP/Pages/Common/Subscribe.aspx

CRIME STATISTICS IN ECUADOR

Like many countries, Ecuador has its share of pick-pocketing and other crime-related issues. Still, with a little common sense and a few tips, you can travel safely throughout much of the country. (See the travel advisory for Ecuador for parts of the country currently rated as "do not travel.") Valuables such as cell phones, laptops, tablets, cameras, and cash are lucrative prizes for petty thieves in any country - and Ecuador is no exception. Fortunately, in Ecuador the emphasis is generally on the "petty" part of petty crime. While frightening instances involving a knife or gun do occur, violent crime is generally rare.

Unlike some other Latin American countries where violent crime rates are higher, in Ecuador weapons are usually just a way of intimidating the victim. When a weapon is produced, the best response is compliance – don't fight back or resist, hand over your valuables, and live to tell the tale.

Mission Ecuador informally tracks data for U.S. citizens who either come to the Embassy in Quito or the U.S. Consulate General in Guayaquil for emergency passports or to whom we had to provide assistance as the result of their falling victim to crime. The data show pick-pocketing generally exceeds all other forms of crime combined.

BIRD POOP. IT ISN'T ALWAYS LUCKY!

Guano. Droppings. Doo-doo. There are many names for bird poop, but in Ecuador, and in downtown Quito in particular, certain nefarious actors have found a new use for the stuff. The ACS unit at Embassy Quito now regularly receives stories of stolen passports that share startlingly similar circumstances.

A man (or woman) is walking down the street when suddenly he feels liquid splash onto him and looks down to see a smear of something unpleasant soaking into his clothing. A kind stranger points out the poop, produces a tissue, and starts to dab at the offending mess. Another stranger – or perhaps two – joins in, apologizing on behalf of all of Ecuador for the unpleasantness. Jackets and backpacks are removed. More Kleenex are produced. All signs of that bird poop are eliminated. Thanks and apologies continue before everyone separates and goes on their way. The victim reassembles his clothing, only then to realize that certain personal items – the passport from the back pocket, the wallet, the purse, or that backpack – have vanished. Our kind strangers are nowhere to be seen and nor are the valuables they took.

So beware of the poop scam. In certain parts of Ecuador the “poop” is far more likely to come from a squirt bottle - and those kind strangers are far more likely to relieve you of your possessions.

WHAT'S NEW FOR U.S. CITIZENS?

Many adult passport renewals will no longer require drop off at the U.S. Embassy in Quito or U.S. Consulate General in Guayaquil.

For detailed instructions on preparing and submitting a completed application, visit our website, ec.usembassy.gov.

If you are eligible to renew your passport using a DS-82, you may submit it using DHL. You must send your current passport with your completed application (DS-82), current passport photos, and a cashier's check for $110 issued in the name of U.S. Disbursing Officer (one check for each passport application). The U.S. Embassy's RUC is 1791845986001. For customers who also wish to receive a passport card, there is an additional $30 fee. All documents are submitted to DHL along with payment of the $15+VAT for delivery and the $15+VAT to receive the passport via DHL.

SWITCH TO DIRECT DEPOSIT FOR FEDERAL BENEFITS

Correos del Ecuador delivery requirements have recently become more stringent. While in the past Correos del Ecuador would attempt to deliver even with a partial address, now they confirm the validity of addresses before accepting checks and reject those that are undeliverable. The Embassy must return all rejected checks to the U.S. Department of the Treasury. To avoid problems with physical checks, the federal government strongly encourages federal benefit recipients to choose direct deposit. Please contact your corresponding federal agency for assistance:

Social Security benefits

Contact the Federal Benefits Unit in Santo Domingo at FBU.Santo.Domingo@ssa.gov
Still want to receive a physical check from the Social Security Administration, but have not been receiving yours recently? Please contact the Regional Federal Benefits Unit in Santo Domingo to ensure they have your full, deliverable mailing address listed.

VA benefits

Fill out the International Direct Deposit form https://www.vba.va.gov/pubs/forms/VBA-24-0296a-ARE.pdf and mail, email, or fax it to the address at the bottom of the form.

OPM benefits

You can make your change on your online retirement account at https://www.servicesonline.opm.gov

Internal Revenue Service

Also, consider selecting this option when filing your annual tax return, in order to expedite receipt of any refund. Information about direct deposit of tax refunds is available from the Internal Revenue Service.

Veteran's Affairs

Veterans may apply for benefits on-line from overseas using their home computer. Visit the Veterans Online Application (VONAPP) for more information. Where the VONAPP is not available, the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate can be of assistance. If you need to set up an appointment with the Federal Benefits Unit in Quito or Guayaquil to talk about Veteran Affairs, please e-mail us at fbuquito@state.gov.

You may obtain contact information for the VA at the following address: www.va.gov/landing2_contact.htm

If beneficiaries have questions: EMBASSY.VBAPIT@va.gov

For more information on VA Services and Benefits for U.S. Veterans Living Abroad: www.vba.va.gov/bln/21/foreign/index.htm

Veteran's New links

If you are in crisis and need immediate help, please call 1-800-273-8255 and (PRESS 1) or visit http://www.veteranscrisisline.net/.

If you have questions, please visit http://va.gov/explore and refer to "FAQs and Info" and "Get Assistance."

VA on Social Media

Facebook:

Department of Veteran's Affairs https://www.facebook.com/VeteransHealth

Veterans Health Administration https://www.facebook.com/VeteransHealth

Veteran Benefits Administration : https://www.facebook.com/VeteransBenefits

Twitter:

Department of Veteran Affairs: https://twitter.com/veteranshealth

Veteran Benefits Administration: https://twitter.com/vavetbenefits

Other:

Department of Veteran Affairs Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/deptvetaffairs/

VAntage Point Blog: http://blogs.va.gov/

MEET YOUR ACS QUITO TEAM

ACS Caseworker Herminia has worked in ACS for seven years. Prior to this she worked for the Drug Enforcement Agency in Quito for two years. Herminia holds a degree in business and finance from Universidad Católica del Ecuador.

ACS Caseworker Adriana joined ACS in 2018. Adriana earned a B.S. in Liberal Arts with a Law & Paralegal Studies concentration. Previously she worked at the World Bank in Washington, D.C. and at an American multinational company in Ecuador. She is a devoted mother of two and avid reader.

ACS Caseworker Elizabeth worked in the U.S. Consulate in Recife, Brazil, for a total of eight years, six years as a Non-immigrant Visa Clerk, and two years as the NIV supervisor. In 2014, she moved to Quito, Ecuador, where she has been working for the U.S. Embassy in various consular-related roles. Prior to working for the State Department, she worked in the private sector and for the Brazilian Government.

ACS Caseworker Esteban has worked in ACS since 2009. He started as an ACS Clerk and the position evolved to an ACS Assistant. Previously, he worked with the construction company that built the U.S. Embassy in Quito as a Warehouse, Logistics, and IT Manager. He has an IT background and is very resourceful in different areas.

ACS Chief Ian Hayward joined the Department of State in 2007. Prior to his arrival in Quito in January 2017, he served at the U.S. Embassies in Manila, Philippines, and La Paz, Bolivia, as well as in the Bureau of Consular Affairs in Washington, DC.

New ACS Quito Team Members

ACS Officer Amelia Hintzen is a first tour officer with the Department of State. She previously served as a Presidential Management Fellow in Washington, D.C. She holds a Ph.D. in history and her research focuses on migration and birthright citizenship in the Americas. Before joining the Department of State she held academic appointments at Brown and Yale Universities.

ACS Consular Assistant Katy is originally from Cuenca, where she graduated from the University of Cuenca with a degree in dentistry. She has worked as a Laboratory Technician at the Interdisciplinary Center for Biotechnology Research at the University of Florida in Gainesville and as a Bilingual Paraprofessional with Hillsborough County Public Schools in Tampa, Florida. Katy has three years of consular experience, having worked in the U.S. Embassies in San Salvador, El Salvador, and Quito, Ecuador.

MEET YOUR ACS GUAYAQUIL TEAM

(from left to right)

ACS Officer Alejandro joined the Foreign Service in 2013. Alejandro is a former immigration lawyer and restaurant entrepreneur. This is Alejandro's third year in Guayaquil as a Consular Officer. He was previously assigned to Bogota, Colombia.

ACS Chief Philip Folkemer joined the Foreign Service in 2009. Prior to his arrival in Guayaquil in July 2018, he served at the U.S. Embassy in Belize, the U.S. Mission to NATO in Brussels, and the U.S. Embassy in Togo.

ACS Caseworker Adriano came back to settle in Ecuador after years in Europe and worked as a Business Consultant. He worked for the Consulate for two years before joining the ACS team in June 2018.

ACS Caseworker Annabelle has a degree in Business Administration and worked for 10 years in the banking sector prior to joining the State Department. She has worked for the Consulate for over 14 years in the Immigrant Visa unit and recently joined the ACS team in Guayaquil. She enjoys working in an ever-changing environment.

ACS Caseworker Elena joined the ACS Team in November 2019. She is a lawyer with a Master's Degree in Environmental Law and worked in both the public and private sectors for seven years prior to joining the State Department.

ACS Caseworker Carolina started working at the Consulate in 2006, first in the Non-immigrant Visa unit for four years, and then in the Immigrant Visa unit for nine years. She is very excited now to be a part of the ACS team and begin a new chapter in her career.

ACS Officer Lisa Anderson is serving her first tour in Guayaquil at the U.S. Consulate. She holds a degree in Spanish and a Master's Degree in Teaching.

ACS Local Supervisor Eduardo Jacome has worked for the Consulate for eight years. Previously, he served in the U.S. Army for seven years and was a police officer in Texas.

ACS QUITO AND ACS GUAYAQUIL

Our teams are ready to serve!

FOR INFORMATION ON SERVICES PLEASE VISIT EC.USEMBASSY.GOV

U.S. CITIZEN SERVICES IN QUITO

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MON – FRI | 08:00-12:00, 13:00-16:00 | EXCEPT U.S. AND ECUADORIAN HOLIDAYS

Routine Services by Appointment

First Time U.S. Passports or Minor Renewals (Under 16)

- Visit our website to learn more and to schedule an appointment.
- Passport photographs must comply with State Department photo standards listed on travel.state.gov.
- Consular Officers may request evolution photos and/or other supporting documents not mentioned on the website before approving a passport.

Notarial Services

- Visit our website to learn more and to schedule an appointment.
- Two forms of identification are required and customers must bring their own witnesses if the document requires.
- Each signature by a Consular Officer costs $50.
- Apostille: The U.S. Embassy or Consulate does not certify or apostille U.S. issued documents or diplomas. State issued documents can only be apostilled by the Secretary of State of the issuing state.

Consular Reports of Birth Abroad (CRBA)

- Visit our website to learn about more about the process.
- To schedule a CRBA appointment, please email ACSQuito@state.gov with the first two pages of the completed DS-2029 form and the Civil Registry birth record.

Routine Services on a Walk-In Basis

U.S. Passport Renewal (DS-82)

- Consult the schedule of services for times.
- Visit our website to determine if you meet the criteria for renewing a passport without an interview.
- Passport photographs must comply with State Department photo standards listed on travel.state.gov.

U.S. Passport, Passport Card, and CRBA Pick Up

- Consult the schedule of services for times.

Document Drop Off or In-Person Response to 90 Day Letters

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24 Hour Emergency Services

Robbery, Assault, Arrest, Welfare and Whereabouts, Medical Emergency, or Consular Reports of Death Abroad

- **During business hours:** Please ask the guards to call the ACS section to request entry.
- **Outside business hours:** Please call (02) 398-5000 to speak with the Marine Security Guard and ask to be connected with the Embassy's Duty Officer.
- Visit our website for lists of lawyers as well as information about translation services, medical facilities, and the judicial process.

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Federal Benefits/Social Security

The Social Security Administration Federal Benefits Unit located in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic handles all benefits-related issues.

- **For information on their services, visit:** https://do.usembassy.gov/us-citizen-services/social-security/.
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11:00-11:30	Passport Renewal Form DS-82/DS-5504		Passport Renewal Form DS-82/DS-5504		Passport Renew Form DS-82/DS-
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13:30-15:00	Passport Applications Form DS-11	Passport Applications Form DS-11	Passport Applications Form DS-11	Passport Applications Form DS-11	
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11:00-11:30	Passport Pick Up Voting Drop Off STEP Registration	Passport Pick Up Voting Drop Off STEP Registration	Passport Pick Up Voting Drop Off STEP Registration	Passport Pick Up Voting Drop Off STEP Registration	
By Appointment Only					
7:30-8:00	Notarial Services	Notarial Services	Notarial Services	Notarial Services	
8:00-10:30	Passport Applications Form DS-11/ DS-82	Passport Applications Form DS-11/ DS-82	Passport Applications Form DS-11/DS-82	Passport Applications Form DS-11/DS-82	
12:45-13:30	Consular Report of Birth Abroad	Consular Report of Birth Abroad	Consular Report of Birth Abroad	Consular Report of Birth Abroad	

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OFFICIAL HOLIDAY CALENDAR 2020

HOLIDAY	U.S./ ECUADORIAN	DAY OF OBSERVANCE	
New Year	U.S./Ecuadorian	January 1	(Wednesday)
Martin Luther King's Birthday	U.S.	January 20	(Monday)
Presidents' Day	U.S.	February 17	(Monday)
Carnival	Ecuadorian	February 24	(Monday)
Carnival	Ecuadorian	February 25	(Tuesday)
Good Friday	Ecuadorian	April 10	(Friday)
Labor Day	Ecuadorian	May 1	(Friday)
Memorial Day/ Battle of Pichincha	U.S./ Ecuadorian	May 25	(Monday)
Independence Day (U.S)	U.S.	July 3	(Friday)
Founding of Guayaquil (*)	Ecuadorian	July 24*	(Friday)
Independence Day (Ecuador)	Ecuadorian	August 10	(Monday)
Labor Day	U.S.	September 7	(Monday)
Guayaquil Independence Day	Ecuadorian	October 9	(Friday)
Columbus Day	U.S.	October 12	(Monday)
All Souls' Day	Ecuadorian	November 2	(Monday)
Cuenca Day	Ecuadorian	November 3	(Tuesday)
Veteran's Day	U.S.	November 11	(Wednesday)
Thanksgiving Day	U.S.	November 26	(Thursday)
Founding of Quito(**)	Ecuadorian	December 7**	(Monday)
Christmas Day	U.S.	December 25	(Friday)

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