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Minister of Foreign Affairs María Ángela Holguín and IOM presented the campaign #EndTrafficking



As part of commemorations of World Day against Trafficking in Persons on July 30, Colombia's Minister of Foreign Affairs, María Ángela Holguín, and International Organization for Migration Chief of Mission in Colombia Alejandro Guidi presented the initiative #EndTrafficking (#OjoALaTrata in Spanish) on July 26.

Minister Holguín highlighted the importance of creating global initiatives to mitigate the impact of this crime. "When you look at what human trafficking has become, it is striking. It is the third most lucrative crime after drug trafficking and arms trafficking," she said at an act presenting the initiative.

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Presentation of the recognition “Repairing at the Regional Level,” acknowledging best experiences by the Victims Institutional Strengthening Program

On July 27, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), IOM, and the organization Colombia Líder gave out the recognition “Repairing at the Regional Level: Best Experiences by the Victims Institutional Strengthening Program” to selected local governments.



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IOM supports the peace process in Colombia

USAID and IOM support international Reintegration, Reconciliation, and Peacebuilding Summit

From July 11 to 15, the “Summit of International Experts: Reintegration, Reconciliation and Peacebuilding” was held in Bogotá and Pasto (Nariño).



Experts from Kenya, El Salvador, Guatemala, Azerbaijan, Germany, the United States, the Philippines, England, and Northern Ireland participated. The summit was organized by the Colombian Agency for Reintegration (ACR, in Spanish), the Victims Unit, and the Presidential Agency for Cooperation, with support from IOM and USAID.

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Women peacebuilders, a space for leadership

On July 15, the “Women peacebuilders” project began holding encounters that will benefit about 109 women who lead development processes in their communities.



The project is being carried out by the IOM-implemented and USAID-funded Reintegration and Prevention of Recruitment (RPR) program in Santa Fe de Antioquia (Antioquia), Palmira (Valle de Cauca), and Bogotá, in alliance with the ACR and the House of Memory Museum (*Museo Casa de la Memoria*).

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IOM in the media

FARC and IOM verify crop substitution in Briceño, Antioquia

The IOM and the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) will be guarantors for the process to verify and support illegal crop substitution, under accords reached by negotiators in Havana.

This was announced on July 10, following the creation of a regional support group made up of the Colombian government, the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC), the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), and community spokespeople.



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Source: *El Informador*

Peace is built in the regions

Mayors and governors will take on significant responsibilities once peace is signed. A group of organizations is preparing them for this challenge, hand-in-hand with the organization Colombia Líder.



Very soon, a complex process will begin in Colombia that will take many years to complete: building peace in every department, municipality, and district in the country. Alan Jara, winner of Colombia’s Líder’s prize for best governor for reconciliation and the new director of the Victims Unit, explains, “the regions, particularly the most isolated ones, most directly suffered the harshness of the conflict. This is where the foundation for the post-conflict must be laid.”

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Source: *Semana* magazine

Colombia looks to fight human trafficking

In four years, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has attended to 199 Colombian victims of human trafficking. In the past year, 7% of victims had been sexually exploited.



Since last year, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and IOM have been implementing a program to fight human trafficking. Last year, Colombia was rebuked by a U.S. State Department report, which noted that the country did not meet minimum protocols to confront human trafficking. It is not known how many victims of human trafficking exist because, as the Minister of Foreign Affairs said last year, it is a “silent crime.”

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Source: *El Espectador*

New publications



Toolbox to implement public policies for conflict victims

The toolbox provides technical guidance to regional institutions and governments to design, implement, evaluate, and follow-up public policies to provide attention, assistance, and comprehensive reparation to conflict victims. It also provides guidelines to coordinate follow-up spaces, including regional transitional justice committees and sub-committees and working tables.

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