



IOM Deputy Chief of Cabinet visits Colombia



Clarissa Azkoul, IOM Deputy Chief of Cabinet at the international level, visited the country from June 12 to 16, 2017. During the week, she held meetings with Colombian Mission colleagues, as well as with representatives of the Colombian government and national and international organizations in the country.

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Swedish Embassy and IOM sign agreement for a pilot program with people transitioning to civilian life in the Transitional Veredal Zones



On June 21, the Swedish Embassy in Colombia and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) signed a technical and financial cooperation agreement for the development of the pilot program "Strategy for the Formation of Promoters of a Gender Approach in Transitional Veredal Zones and Normalization Points – Colombia".

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IOM support for the peace process in Colombia

Nasa indigenous people adopt audiovisuals as a setting for historical memory

Nasa Memory Reporters is one of the 25 initiatives of Historical Memory the National Center for Historical Memory (CNHM) selected in 2017 to strengthen and develop with the support of the government of Canada and the International Organization for Migration (IOM).

With the technical and methodological advice of the CNMH and their allies, this project seeks to make visible the different memories from their territories, so that they may reach the public sphere and contribute to the dignity of victims and the construction of democratic debate.



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The Third Chao Racism Forum was held in Cali

On June 1, the Third Chao Racism Forum was held in the city of Cali, with the support of the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and carried out by Chao Racismo, a leading organization in the fight against racism in Colombia. The goal of the Third Chao Racism Forum was to propose strategies of political participation for the Afro-Colombian population, promote representation, and support the implementation of policies that improve the quality of life in areas with a majority black population.



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IOM in the news

IOM Director General tells GFMD: 'Safe, orderly and regular migration is the migration we wish to have'

The UN Migration Agency (IOM) Director General, William Lacy Swing, has delivered remarks at the opening session of the Global Forum on Migration and Development today in Berlin, calling the Global Compact on Migration the next important milestone on the future of migration and a "rendezvous with history" that may not present itself again.



"The Global Compact on Migration invites the international community to move away from the reactive, unidimensional approaches to migration governance, and to reach consensus on a comprehensive framework which will enable migrants to move in a safe, orderly and dignified way," Ambassador Swing told the Forum.

[The full text of the speech can be read here](#)

Financial injection for the SENA Entrepreneurship Fund

The SENA Entrepreneurship Fund, the most important in Latin America, modernized its procedures to facilitate seed capital for new business ideas in the shortest amount of time possible. The National Executive Board of the SENA made the decision to modernize and change its regulations.



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Source: El Nuevo Siglo

Cali is celebrating the cosmic festival of Inti Raymi

"The celebration seeks to continue conserving the traditions of our ancestors and support inclusion for peace programs through coordination with traditional authorities, creating, in turn, a specific connection," Claudia Patricia Cano of the International Organization for Migration (IOM), accompanying the festivities that involve six indigenous cabildos in Cali.



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Source: El Tiempo

Other news from Colombia

Farc, officially unarmed

The guerrilla group began its transition toward legal, democratic politics after unarming. Jean Arnaut, UN Chief of Mission in Colombia, indicated that 700 guns will be used to provide security in veredal zones until August 1.



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Source: El Espectador

16,732 people have reintegrated into society

The Colombian Agency for Reintegration, which recently changed its name to Agency for Reincorporation and Normalization, issued its management report for 2016, highlighting relevant data regarding the reintegration of former combatants in the country.



The Agency, which has worked on this issue for 14 years, highlighted that 2,536 people completed their integration process during 2016 (by March 2017, 16,732 people have reintegrated into society); the Agency carried out 141 community interventions in 104 municipalities in the country. It also carried out 98 recruitment prevention interventions in 27 Colombian municipalities.

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Source: ARN

New publications



Community Health Agents as a Liaison between the Community and Health Services: An Experience toward the Elimination of Tuberculosis in Vulnerable Populations in Colombia 2012-2016

Although it has historically been catalogued as a country of origin for migrants, with recent phenomenon, Colombia is now increasingly becoming a transit and host country for migrants. From this perspective, the IOM has been working together with the Colombian Anti-tuberculosis and Respiratory Diseases League (LAC) as a Non-Governmental Principal Recipient of the project financed by the Global Fund: "Ending Tuberculosis in Priority Municipalities in Colombia" 2012-2017, contributing to the country's transition from the "Stop TB" strategy to the "Ending TB" strategy.

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