

Director General Participates in Historical Peace Agreement Signing in Colombia



IOM Director General William Lacy Swing yesterday took part in an historic ceremony in Cartagena marking the formal signing of a peace agreement between the Government of Colombia and the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC.)

With the signing of this agreement, Colombia brings an end to a 52-year-long internal armed conflict, considered to be the longest running in the Western hemisphere.

"We reaffirm our commitment to continue collaborating with the Government of Colombia in its efforts to put an end to decades of armed conflict, consolidate peace and provide reparations for victims of the violence," said Ambassador Swing..

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Colombia participates in Teenage Pregnancy Prevention Week

"For sexuality without mysteries, break myths and exercise your rights." With this phrase, Colombia marked its participation in a new teenage pregnancy prevention week, which looks to mobilize social and political actors to address this social challenge and reverse worrying trends in teenage pregnancy, mitigate its effects, and enable adolescents to articulate and achieve their desires, goals, and expectations.



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Constitutional Court recognizes advances in the registration and participation of victims

Beginning in 2012 with the implementation of the Victims Law, and with the support of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), and the International Organization for Migrations (IOM) Program for Institutional Strengthening for Victims (VISP), the Victims Unit has advanced actions that improve the registration and participation rates of victims.



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Pasos de Héroe movie shown in special paralympic team function

In an exclusive screening, the Colombian representatives of the Paralympic Team in Brazil found themselves among the heroes of the movie that tells the story of 'Eduardo,' the protagonist of the movie Pasos de Héroe.



In between the laughter, hugs, and even some tears, these professional athletes became one of the first audiences to see the story of 'Eduardo,' a child who lost one of his legs and some of the fingers on his hand through an antipersonnel mine incident, but who still dreamed of having a soccer team. This story showcases the adventures of several children who are dreamers - resourceful and united - who achieve their dreams with the help of one dedicated professor.

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IOM supports the peace process in Colombia

200 Years in Peace Scholarship: Storytelling for the postconflict era

Between October 21- and November 5, 2016 in Estocolmo and Kalmar, the Swiss Government, together with the El Tiempo Journalism School, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), and the International Organization for Migrations (IOM) will develop the course "storytelling for the postconflict era."



The course targets journalists and representatives of communications collectives of victims, demobilized, and former minors in illegal armed groups.

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Rural development improves the quality of life in seven municipalities in Nariño

The governor's office of Nariño, Colombia, the Canadian Embassy, and the International Organization for Migrations (IOM) signed an agreement for the implementation of Rural Development with a Territorial Focus for the Postconflict Scenario in the sub region of Río Mayo (DRET).



This project will benefit more than 2,700 small producers in the municipalities of Tablón de Gómez, San José de Albán, San Bernardo, Belén, La Cruz, San Pablo, and Colón – Génova in the Nariño department.

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Young people count on tools for their new ventures

A new tool-kit was presented called "PAZos, Peacemaking Entrepreneurs." This tool kit was designed to promote a culture of entrepreneurship among youth, ultimately offering the mechanisms necessary to evaluate ideas and innovative projects, and looking to generate environments and communities that protect these youth from violence through new venture ideas.



Multimedia: <http://www.oim.org.co/pazos>

App: Appstore y Google Play

More information about PAZos: <https://youtu.be/IL168lhFKIo>

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IOM in the media

Departure of minors from FARC ranks

On Tuesday, September 6th, The GOC and the FARC explained how the exit process for minors within the FARC would function - they will begin September 19th – and how the transitory plan for hosting them will function, as these children and adolescents prepare for their reintegration into society.



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Source: El Espectador

Canada signs an agreement that will benefit seven regions

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Source: Diario del Sur

New publications

Brains for Peace: parenting guidelines as a mechanism for non-violence and protection of children. The experience of the radio program "The Fantastic Time" Foundation Child Care-FAN



The document compiles the experience of the radio program "The Fantastic Time" Foundation Care of Children (FAN). The Fantastic Time is a pedagogical economic proposal that aims to reach everywhere and overcome, economic, academic and language barriers that parents, babysitters, grandparents, uncles, older siblings, educators, community leaders, authorities and other actors that influence the care and nurturing early, so through this training device, prepare to be humanized parenting qualified caregivers.

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