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The seventh annual CineMigrante Colombia arrives in Bogotá from November 14 to 18



At an historic moment in which Colombia is receiving more and more people from multiple places of origin for a wealth of reasons, the Seventh Annual CineMigrante Colombia – cinema for cultural diversity, migration, and human rights – has arrived in the country. There were 21 showings in Bogotá between November 14 and 18, with 19 movies from various countries around the world.

On Tuesday, November 14, it opened at the Center for Memory, Peace and Reconciliation, with the national premier of the Danish movie *La Permanence* by director Alice Diop. The evening closed with a concert by Burning Caravan, a successful band made up of members of various nationalities that recently returned from touring in Mexico and will present a new acoustic style.

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IOM support for the peace process in Colombia

National Center for Historical Memory launches new report on sexual violence in the armed conflict

On Friday, November 25 in Bogotá, the National Center for Historical Memory (CNMH) launched the report “The war inscribed on the body” (“La guerra inscrita en el cuerpo,” in Spanish) which reveals 57 years of sexual violence committed in the armed conflict.



According to the CNMH's Observatory on Memory and Conflict, through September 20, 2017, 15,076 people were registered as victims of sexual violence in the armed conflict. 53 percent of victims were minors when the crimes occurred. Moreover, 91 percent of victims are women and girls.

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240 women and men from the FARC graduate from Diploma Training Program on Gender Based Violence

On at the Universidad Nacional de Colombia in Bogotá, 240 women and men of transiting to civilian life graduated from this diploma training process, which qualified their skills in participation, communication, and prevention of gender based violence (GBV), promoting the materialization of the gender approach in the implementation of the peace accord.



The program “Training trainers for the prevention of GBV” is the result of a joint development and implementation strategy with the Commission for Follow-Up, Impulse, and Verification of the Implementation of the

Final Accord (CSIVI, in Spanish), the Presidential Adviser for Women's Equality, the Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Sweden, and the IOM.

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Socialization of the pedagogical guidebook to promote cultural protection, exaltation, and dominion of cave paintings in San José del Guaviare

On Sunday, November 12 in the district of Nuevo Tolima in the municipality of San José del Guaviare, the guidebook on cave paintings located in the district was socialized. A presentation was led with the community and the local educational sector and information was provided on aspects related to geology, fauna, flowers, landscapes, physiographic elements, climate, and culture. The local population and neighboring districts participated, as well as an important group of students from the Universidad Nacional de Colombia's Anthropology Department.



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El cacao, a motor for reintegration

San Vicente de Chucurí is the municipality with the highest production of cacao in Colombia. Now, it is also the place where 23 people who have left armed group behind and are advancing their reintegration into society are being trained on cultivating and producing cacao, which is increasingly in demand – in large part because of the substitution of illegal crops that Colombia is promoting in the post-conflict.



As part of innovative proposals for reintegration processes, the National Agency for Reincorporation and Normalization (ARN), together with the National Federation of Cacao Growers (Fedecacao), the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and IOM, are developing this new version of the Model for Reintegration in Environments of Productive Training.

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IOM in the news

Government launches strategy to commercialize farmers' harvests

Thanks to the Land Formalization Program led by the Land Agency with support from USAID and IOM, 153 land titles were handed over to the same number of families, who are now formally property owners.

With this program, the government provides legal security to farmers who work on their land but do not have a land title that formally accredits them as owners. In the department of Tolima, rural land informality is 56 percent (of 181,934 rural lots, 102,581 do not have titles).



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Source: Presidencia.gov.co

Coffee Brand Baquiano launches in Nunchía

Thanks to the efforts of the Coffee Producers' Association of Nunchía and Paya (Asoprocafenpa), which is made up of 129 families, the new brand of coffee Baquiano was born. This coffee has passed by important tasters who have highlighted the high quality of the Nunchía product, which was born thanks to an initiative supported by the Canadian Embassy, IOM, and Equión Energía.



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Source: Lareporteria.com

The first Afro LGBTI network in Latin America and the Caribbean is born

Barranquilla was the site of the First International Encounter of the Afro LGBTI Community in Latin America. The encounter came about in response to the historic discrimination that Afro-Descendant communities have faced, in addition to other factors that have resulted in more pronounced exclusion, like sexual orientation.

Given this, the Colombian organization Caribe Afirmativo, the IOM, and the Institute for Race, Equality, and Human Rights from the United States called together the leaders of over 30 Afro LGBTI communities from Colombia, Brazil, Cuba, Peru, the United States, and the Dominican Republic to articulate efforts for the recognition of their rights.



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Source: El Tiempo

Council on Attention to Migrants is Reactivated

With the presence of various public and private entities from the national and departmental levels, the Departmental Council for Comprehensive Attention to Migrant Populations in Norte de Santander was reactivated. This council aims to develop actions that improve living conditions for migrant populations. “Today we were able to respond to the concerns of the community that was present in the reactivation and clarify their doubts regarding the attention that migrants must receive in health, education, and other processes with different institutions,” indicated acting governor Sonia Arango Medina.



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Source: AsíEsCúcuta

Other news from Colombia

The 11 who will start-up the Truth Commission

A week earlier than expected, the Selection Committee published the list of the candidates selected to make up the Truth Commission created under the peace accords between the government and FARC. The Truth Commission is a key piece of the complex architecture designed to make viable the transition from armed conflict to legal political activities, based on principles of justice, reparation and non-repetition.



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Source: Semana

New publications

A process of attention and comprehensive reparation for disengaged children and adolescents

Provides theoretical, conceptual and methodological guidance on the victimizing act that is forced recruitment of children by illegal armed groups, making it a key instrument for the daily labors carried out by Victims Unit



public servants and collaborators, as well as the other national and local level entities that require this information.

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