

IOM Colombia, Communications Department

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IOM Trains South American Judicial Officials to Strengthen Human Trafficking Investigations and Prosecutions

A screenshot of a virtual course interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links: "My courses", "Soporte", "Tutoriales", "FAQ", "LINEAMIENTOS", "Biblioteca", "This course", and a user profile "Gaby". Below the navigation bar is a map of South America with labels for Colombia, Ecuador, Perú, Bolivia, Brasil, and Chile. A text box on the map reads: "Curso virtual para el fortalecimiento en investigación y judicialización del delito de trata de personas en Bolivia, Brasil, Colombia, Chile, Ecuador y Perú: intercambio de experiencias, buenas prácticas y lecciones aprendidas." Below the map are logos for the IOM, the Universidad de La Sabana, and the Universidad Nacional de Colombia. A breadcrumb trail shows: "Página Principal > CE > Pro > OIM-U". On the left is a "NAVEGACIÓN" sidebar with a tree structure: "Página Principal", "Área personal", "VirtualSabana", "Curso actual", "OIM-U" (with sub-items: Participantes, Insignias, General, Módulo 1, Módulo 2, Módulo 3, Módulo 4, Módulo 5), and "Mis cursos". The main content area is titled "OIM-U.Sabana" and "General". It features two buttons: "Ayuda técnica" and "Ayuda académica". Below are five module cards: "Módulo 1 Inducción", "Módulo 1 Bienvenida", "Módulo 2 Conociendo el Terreno" (marked as "New Activity"), "Módulo 3", "Módulo 4", and "Módulo 5".

This week (11/04), IOM, the UN Migration Agency, began a virtual course on the investigation and prosecution of human trafficking for 720 government officials from Brazil, Bolivia, Colombia, Chile, Ecuador and Peru. The virtual course seeks to promote the creation of a South American network of investigators, prosecutors, and judges working on human trafficking cases, reflecting regional trends and national capacity-building priorities.

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IOM support for the peace process in Colombia

National Government strengthens strategies for attention for returning Colombians

The Ministry of Labor, Griselda Janeth Restrepo Gallego, and the Venezuela border manager, Felipe Muñoz, released a series of measures the National Government adopted to provide better attention to Colombians returning to the country from different areas, in particular from Venezuela, and the support of the receiving community or region where our fellow citizens are arriving.

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Health for Peace, strengthening communities

On April 19, 2018, in the city of Popayán, the socialization of progress in the project “Health for Peace”, strengthening communities”, in interagency initiative of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO/WHO), the UN Population Fund (UNPF), the International Organization for Migration (IOM), and the Ministry of Health and Social Protection, with the support of the United Nations Multi-Partner Fund for Post-Conflict (MPTF).

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Victims abroad continue to strengthen their work before the Commission for the Clarification of the Truth, Coexistence, and Non-Repetition (CEV)

In Buenos Aires (Argentina), the Colombian Migrants and Exiles for Peace Collective (MECoPa) in Argentina, the Argentinean Commission for Refugees and Migrants (CAREF), the International Center for Transitional Justice (ICTJ), and the IOM held working sessions for the implementation of an extraterritorial approach in

the CEV.

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IOM in the news

United Nations Cooperation Agencies present their annual report on their work in Colombia during 2017

In fulfillment of commitments regarding follow up, monitoring, and evaluation contained in the 2014-2019 cooperation agreements of the United Nations Agencies with a presence in Colombia, the Directorate of International Cooperation led a meeting to present the annual report regarding progress each agency made during 2017.

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Source: Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores



Eyes on reconciliation, 24,000 Colombians

The Model of Community Reintegration (MRC) is an intervention regarding the coexistence and reconciliation between people in the reintegration process and the communities where they arrive to live or carry out their life projects. In 11 years, the process has benefited 24,000 Colombians.

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Source: HSB Noticias



Other news from Colombia

National Government begins Administrative Registration of Venezuelan Migrants

On April 6, the National Government began the Administrative Registration of Venezuelan Migrants (RAMV), which will go until June 8. Registration may be carried out for free in 51 municipalities and 21 departments. The information collected will be used to formulate and design a comprehensive policy for humanitarian attention, so that services offered are more appropriate, as established by Decree 542 of March 21, 2018.

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Source: Presidencia de la República



New publications



Informative pamphlet and labor guidance for returning Colombians

Based on the idea that the returning population can contribute significantly to the development of the country, taking advantage of their abilities and knowledge acquired abroad, this pamphlet informs Colombians residing abroad who wish or decide to voluntarily return about the relevant institutions, applicable norms, and steps they should take prior to their return, in order to make an objective decision based on the current context and reintegrate into their birth country. It presents information and guides returning Colombians regarding the entities and services available from the Administrative Sector of Labor (made up of the Ministry of

Labor and its associated and related entities), designed to facilitate their return and possibilities to obtain sources of income, entrepreneurship, and labor insertion, within the framework of legal benefits the Government of Colombia has established for this population.

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