



AmCham Committees

AmCham's Committees provide members with an extraordinary opportunity to learn and contribute to the Chamber's overarching goal of improving the country's competitiveness and fomenting sustainable economic and social development.

CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY - CSR

Focus on the role and nature of business in bringing CSR issues center stage. Interest and concern on how companies respond to the agenda for corporate citizenship, the growing need to manage issues that affect their business reputation and to respond to the increasing needs and concerns of a range of different stakeholders.

Coordinator: María Eugenia Mesén

Meetings held in Spanish • 3rd Thu • 8:00 a.m.

DISASTER MITIGATION

- Establishment of a Disaster Response Protocol to coordinate private sector response to disasters
- Training and technical assistance on Emergency Management, Contingency Planning, Terrorism and Consequence Management (with the Association of Contingency Planners (ACP)); and
- Corporate Social Responsibility toward implementation of disaster mitigation projects in high-risk communities that protect assets and save lives and livelihoods in the event of a disaster.

Coordinator: Alfredo Guzmán

Meetings held in Spanish • 2nd Thu • 8:30 a.m.

ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION

- Monitors laws and proposed legislation that impact how local and international companies handle environmental related matters in Costa Rica.
- Encourages private sector involvement in ecologically-oriented programs that benefit the local community and Costa Rica.
- Disseminates information on environmental issues through forums, seminars and articles in Business Costa Rica.
- Assists companies implement AmCham's Environmental Audit.

Coordinator: María Eugenia Mesén

Meetings held in Spanish • 1st Wed • 8:00 a.m.

FINANCE & ECONOMICS

The country's business and investment climate and the economic and political policies that affect it are examined and discussed.

Coordinator: Alfredo Guzmán

Meetings held in English • 3rd Wed • 12:00 noon

HUMAN RESOURCES

- Monitors proposed reforms to Costa Rica's labor code and, when necessary, recommends course of action to Board of Directors.
- Evaluates Costa Rica's labor environment and specific labor issues that can potentially impact member companies.
- Provides an important forum for human resource managers to keep up to date on best practices and latest trends.
- Provides support in developing effective labor-management relations.
- Organizes training courses and seminars.

Coordinator: María Eugenia Mesén

Meetings held in Spanish • 2nd Wed • 12:00 noon

INFORMATION & TECHNOLOGY

- Members exchange views and discuss trends related to the global and constantly changing landscape of information and communication technologies and the challenges facing Costa Rica's growing information/technology sector.
- Monitors the climate for future growth and when deemed appropriate, recommends specific courses of action to the Board of Directors.
- The committee will examine and evaluate proposed legislation to open the telecommunications sector, strengthen the ICE, and establish a regulatory commission, and when necessary will make recommendations to Board of Directors and UCCAEP.

Coordinator: Alfredo Guzmán

Meetings held in English • 2nd Tue • 8:00 a.m.

LEGAL AFFAIRS

- Monitors matters related to the legal aspects of investing and doing business in Costa Rica.
- Advises and makes recommendations to the Board of Directors re any proposed legislation that can negatively impact the business and investment community.
- Collaborates with Costa Rican legislators by providing expertise on intellectual property rights, land titling, tax, insurance, environment and concessions.
- Will have a proactive role in reviewing and evaluating the proposed implementation legislation required for CAFTA's approval by USTR.
- Subcommittees: Tax, intellectual property rights, public works concessions.

Coordinator: María Eugenia Mesén

Meetings held in Spanish • Last Thu • 12:00 noon

TRADE AND INVESTMENT

- Provides members with current information on US and Costa Rican trade policy and related matters affecting the country's relationship with its strongest trading partners.
- Monitors the implementation process of CAFTA and the negotiations with between Central America and the European Union.
- Brings to the forefront the specific competitiveness issues facing member companies.
- Features international and local speakers with expertise on trade and investment related topics.

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2009 AGENDA

	CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY	ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION	FINANCE & ECONOMICS	HUMAN RESOURCES	INFORMATION & TECHNOLOGY	LEGAL AFFAIRS	TRADE & INVESTMENT
	3rd Thu 08:00 a.m.	1st Wed 08:00 a.m.	3rd Wed 12:00 noon	2nd Wed 12:00 noon	2nd Tue 08:00 a.m.	Last Thu 12:00 noon	1st Tue 12:00 noon
FEBRUARY	19	4	18	11	10	26	3
MARCH	19	4	18	11	10	26	3
APRIL	16	1	23	15	15	30	14
MAY	21	6	20	13	12	28	5
JUNE	18	3	17	10	9	25	2
JULY	16	1	15	8	7	30	1
AUGUST	20	5	19	12	11	27	4
SEPTEMBER	17	2	16	9	8	24	1
OCTOBER	15	7	21	14	13	29	6
NOVEMBER	19	4	18	11	10	26	3

COMMITTEE SIGN UP FORM

Please fill up and send via fax 2220-2300

Name: _____ Position: _____

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