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## The Embassy

### Celebration of the Mexican National Holiday at Schönburg Palace in Vienna



On the occasion of the Mexican Independence Day, the Embassy hosted a reception for the diplomatic corps accredited in Austria, as well as a celebration with the Mexican community and friends of Mexico, in the garden of Schönburg Palace in Vienna, on September 15th. The diplomatic event took place at lunchtime with the participation of ambassadors and senior officials of the Permanent Missions and International Organizations in Vienna, as well as entrepreneurs, academics, and representatives of the Viennese society.



The celebration with the Mexican community and friends of Mexico started at 19:00 p.m. with the traditional "Cry of Independence" and the Mexican national anthem. In her words of welcome to the guests of the event, the Ambassador pointed out that "it



is a privilege to represent our great country and continue upholding the name of Mexico." She stated that her main responsibility as Ambassador of Mexico was to "protect the interests and rights of Mexicans abroad". The celebration concluded with typical Mexican dishes

offered by the Mexican restaurants in Vienna and mariachi music.



## Ambassador Alicia Buenrostro Massieu presented copies of Credential Letters in Slovenia and originals to the Slovak President Kiska



On September 5th, 2016, Ambassador Buenrostro Massieu presented copies of her Credential Letters in Ljubljana to the Foreign Vice Minister of Slovenia, Daria Bavdaz Kuret.

During the meeting, they addressed the economic, educational, cultural and investment potential between Mexico and Slovenia, as well as topics of the global agenda that allow both countries to work together.



Also, on September 12th, she presented her Credential Letters in Bratislava to the Slovak President Andrej Kiska, which accredit her as Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador in the Slovak Republic. The Ambassador and the Slovak President highlighted their willingness to continue strengthening the bilateral relationship at all levels, and mentioned the possibility of a visit of President Kiska to Mexico in 2017.

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## Instituto Cultural



### Exhibitions of Mexican photographer Flor Garduño in Vienna and Bratislava

Flor Garduno, considered one of the most important contemporary photographers in the world, was born in Mexico City in 1957. She studied at the Antigua Academia de San Carlos of the UNAM University with Kati Horna, and later for two years as darkroom assistant with Manuel Alvarez Bravo. She lives and works in Tepoztlan, Mexico. [Homepage of Flor Garduño >>](#)



Tortuga-Azul (MX 2004)

On the occasion of the festival *Eyes On*, the Embassy of Mexico, by means of the Mexican Cultural Institute in Vienna, will present the exhibition "**Mujeres Fantásticas**" of the renowned photographer Flor Garduño. The inauguration will take place in the presence of the artist at the ICM (**Türkenstrasse 15, 1090 Vienna**) on Friday, **October 28th, 2016, at 19:00 p.m.** The exhibition will be open from 10/31/2016 to 06/01/2017 at the following times: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday from 15:00 to 18:00 p.m.



Taita-Marcos (Ecuador 1988)

Also in the presence of the photographer, the exhibition "**Witnesses of Time**" will be inaugurated at the **Central European House of Photography in Bratislava** (Prepoštská 4 81499 Bratislava) on **November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016, at 18:00 p.m.** and will be open to the public from 11/02/2016 to 12/11/2016.

### Guitar concert of Mexican musician Jorge Alberto Birrueta Rubio



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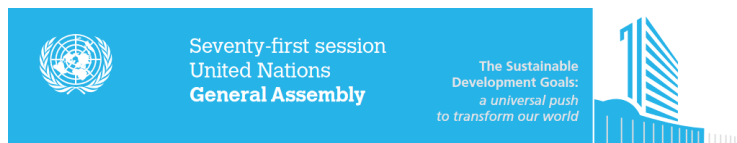
The Mexican musician Jorge Alberto Birrueta Rubio, member of the CONTEMPORATA Ensemble and scholar of PECIDAS 2015 (Fostering Programme for Artistic Creation and Development), will give a guitar concert titled "*Latin American Landscape with Guitar*" on **September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016, at 19:00 p.m. at the Mexican Cultural Institute**, with pieces of Leo Brouwer, Alberto Ginastera, Armando Luna, Arturo Fuentes, and Mario Lavista.

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## Permanent Mission

### Mexican position document of the 71st period of sessions of the United Nations General Assembly



The **71<sup>st</sup> period of sessions of the United Nations General Assembly** started on September 13, 2016. The general debate will be devoted to

the topic "**Sustainable Development Goals: A global impulse to transform our world**". Heads of State and Government, as well as Ministers and high level representatives of Member States, will deliberate the entry into force of the 17 goals adopted by the international community in September 2015 in the framework of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Mexico will be represented by President Enrique Peña Nieto.

In order to prepare the participation of Mexico, the government prepares each year a position paper reflecting the trends, issues and/or concerns of Mexico and the international community, which will be discussed in the United Nations General Assembly and which will guide the work of its subsidiary organs and specialized agencies at the different UN offices, including Vienna. Priority topics, such as renewable energy, disarmament and nuclear non-proliferation, arms trade, or promoting gender equality and empowerment of women and girls, are part of the daily deliberations of the agencies based in Austria. Regarding issues like huge refugees and migrant movements, the world drug problem, crime and corruption, the negotiations in Vienna contribute to the discussions in the General Assembly.

Read the Mexican position document [here >>](#)

## Consular Section

### How many Mexicans live in Austria and who is the Mexican community?



The Institute for Mexicans Abroad (IME) provides figures on Mexicans living abroad, which are elaborated with information provided by the diplomatic and consular representations of Mexico. Mexican citizens are not required to register with the diplomatic or consular representation at the time of moving abroad, so these figures only reflect the number of registered Mexicans. According to the IME, in 2015 there lived 1,773 Mexicans registered in Austria (68% women and 38% men). At the end of 2015, Austria had 8,700,471 inhabitants.

Read more figures about [Mexicans living in Austria \(in Spanish\) here>>](#)  
[Worldwide statistics on Mexicans living abroad \(in Spanish\) here>>](#)

You can contribute to these updated figures and benefit from the advantages of the Registration System for Mexicans Abroad. The most important benefit certainly is the facilitation of consular assistance and protection. In an emergency or the event of a natural disaster, this tool helps to localize Mexican citizens abroad in order to transmit notifications, warnings and recommendations. Registration also enables contact with relatives in Mexico, with whom the Embassy or the Ministry of Foreign Affairs can coordinate actions regarding a family member abroad, if necessary. The registry database is completely confidential. For registration follow the link: <https://sirme.sre.gob.mx/>

## REGÍSTRATE Y RECIBE INFORMACIÓN PERIÓDICA SOBRE:

- Eventos y actividades culturales para la comunidad mexicana
- Trámites y servicios del consulado
- Notificaciones, alertas y recomendaciones en casos de emergencia y desastres naturales
- Servicios de asistencia y protección consular



**Share this information with your Mexican friends!**

## Tourism

### Campaign “Let's travel through Mexico”: Guanajuato



In this number of our newsletter, we present our third destination that takes us to the city of Guanajuato, known as the "cradle of the Independence of Mexico".

[Guanajuato](#) ►



This city, state capital of Guanajuato, has been named as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Founded in 1559, Guanajuato is an ancient city and land of the silver mine La Valenciana. Silver was first discovered in Guanajuato mid-seventeenth century. La Valencia was explored a century later and quickly became one of the richest and most productive mines in the world.

The Temple of San Cayetano, side to side with the mine, was erected as a monument to the wealth of the silver mine.

Known as the [cradle of the Independence of Mexico](#), Guanajuato is an important stop on the Route of Independence, which also passes through Dolores Hidalgo and San Miguel de Allende. Alhóndiga de Granaditas is a building and historical monument in the centre of the city and the site where the first great victory over the Spaniards took place in 1810. The city annually hosts the [International Cervantino Festival](#). This year, it will be held from October 2nd to 23rd.

## News from Mexico

### Mexico implements the new criminal justice system



On June 18th, Mexico reformed its criminal justice system. The Penal System Reform is a real paradigm shift in the Mexican justice system, because it substantially modifies principles, processes, functions and structures. Its proper implementation offers great possibilities to expedite trials, solve more cases and the rights of the parties. Above all, it provides the necessary tools for Mexicans to receive prompt and expeditious justice, which is essential to restore public

faith in its institutions and authorities. It took eight years for the institutions of the Mexican State to be prepared for the entry into force of this new model of criminal justice. Therefore, it involved a major effort so that public servants, responsible for operating the system, are sufficiently trained and have the necessary skills. Learn more about the powers and duties of those involved in this new accusatory criminal system through the publication prepared by the Office of the Attorney General: [Read full text>>](#) (in Spanish)

### Mexico at the G-20 Summit



On September 5th, 2016, President **Enrique Peña Nieto** participated in the Summit of the G-20 leaders in China, where the actions to achieve a stronger and less crisis susceptible international financial system were presented. Mexico reaffirmed its firm and absolute support to maintain strong and well-capitalized international financial institutions such as the International Monetary Fund. Moreover, he called to

strengthen the commitment to the integration of the international economy. "It is not possible that the development is only for certain regions; development must be shared and should be equal for all regions", the president said.

Learn more about the declaration of G-20 leaders (in Spanish) [here>>](#)

[Press statement of President Peña Nieto on the occasion of the G20 Summit \(in Spanish\).](#)

## Mexico and Japan present a joint project to evaluate earthquake and tsunami risk



The Mexican Agency for International Development Cooperation (AMEXCID) participated in the launching of the international scientific cooperation project called "Evaluating the Risk of Earthquakes and Tsunamis in the Mexican Pacific Coast for Disaster Mitigation". The project will be implemented by the Institute of Geophysics of the National

Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM); the National Centre for Disaster Prevention (CENAPRED); and the universities of Tokyo and Kyoto, with funding from the Japanese Agencies for International Cooperation (JICA) and Science and Technology (JST). The objective is to generate risk information and educational materials, derived from observation and scientific methods to safeguard the Mexican population endangered by earthquakes and tsunamis in the Pacific Coast.

[More information \(in Spanish\) >>](#)

## Expansion of the gas pipeline network



The Secretary of Energy, Pedro Joaquín Coldwell, participated in the inauguration of the 5<sup>th</sup> Congress of the Mexican Industry, organized by the National Chamber of Steel Industry (CANACERO), and stated that Mexico is carrying out a major expansion of its pipelines to deliver natural gas to practically all industrial centres in the country, including steel companies. This expansion represents new opportunities for the steel industry in alignment with the energy reform that promotes competition between transportation companies. Expectations of sustained growth in Mexico predict that the

domestic steel industry remains the central pillar of the country's modernization, multiplying the positive impact on the regional economic growth and job creation. [Read more \(in Spanish\) >>](#)



## Viva Mexico!

### Mexico celebrates its Independence Day worldwide



The Independence Movement lasted 8 years in Mexico and we remember every year the beginning of the armed uprising in the morning of September 16<sup>th</sup>, 1810. The date became Mexico's National Holiday.



Standing on the balcony of the National Palace before thousands of people gathered in the Plaza de la Constitución, the President of Mexico, Enrique Peña Nieto, carried out the traditional ceremony of the “Cry of Independence” on the occasion of the 206<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Mexico's Independence.

[More pictures here >>](#)

The National Holiday is not only celebrated throughout the national territory. Mexicans and Mexico's Diplomatic Representations abroad also celebrate this anniversary each year.

### Third National Photography Contest 2016 “Sentimientos de México, Expresión de Orgullo”



Express your vision, experience and meaning of Mexico through a photo. What are your feelings and emotions with respect to your nationality and your fatherland's symbols? What makes you feel Mexican and proud of being Mexican?

Categories:

- Photos made with digital camera
- Photos made with cell phone camera

The contest is open to all Mexicans, including those presently living abroad. Deadline: September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Information on Terms and Conditions, prizes (in Spanish): [here >>](#)



## Recommendations

### Survey: How are Mexicans being attended abroad?

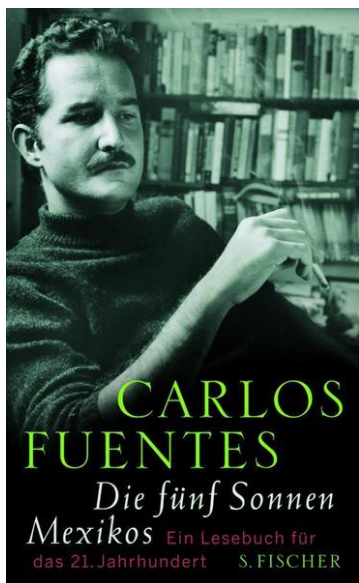


The Institute for Mexicans Abroad (IME) of the Mexican Ministry of Foreign Affairs invites all interested persons to participate and contribute their opinion, ideas and concerns regarding the attention that Mexican migrants receive abroad. Your participation will help to design the IME's Action Plan.

The survey will be available until September 30, 2016, and feedbacks will be used as an input of the IME's Action Plan for the next years. After the survey, the most outstanding results and derived recommendations or actions will be published.

[Participate and help designing IME's agenda for Mexicans abroad!](#)

### Los Cinco Soles de México / The Five Suns of Mexico By Carlos Fuentes (book)



The last book of Carlos Fuentes is not a novel or a history of Mexico, although it could be understood as a chronological "anthology" of his work. Through a series of excerpts from his novels and essays, Fuentes covers the period from the pre-conquest area to modern times, taking a look at the main historical events that define Mexico's culture. Characters as Chac Mool, Malinche and Hernán Cortés come to life. He reviews the time of Pancho Villa's generals, Benito Juárez and Porfirio Díaz, and includes stories of Ciudad Juárez, Chiapas and Mexico City. In the prologue, Fuentes explains that the goal of the book is to remember the extraordinary experiences of the past millennium in Mexico: "I hope that this anthology will serve to revive our memories, our imaginations and our questions about ourselves. The slogan of this Mexican memorial might be: 'Imagine the past, remember the future'".

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