AUSTRALIA AND

Dominican Republic

Shared international and economic interests.

Key engagement
Pursuit of common interests in multilateral fora, particularly the UN and UN organisations. Australia has been a key player in development of the Dominican Republic’s mining sector.

Outlook
Trade and investment opportunities exist in Dominican Republic for Australian businesses. Changes to Dominican Republic’s tax legislation may affect companies that operate in the mining sector.

Bilateral relations
Australia and the Dominican Republic formally established diplomatic relations on 22 April 1997.

Australia’s Ambassador in Mexico City holds non-resident accreditation to the Dominican Republic.

The Dominican Republic has a consulate in Sydney, Adelaide and Melbourne and its Ambassador to the United Kingdom holds non-resident accreditation for Australia.

Foreign relations
Australia and the Dominican Republic are members of the World Bank, IMF, OECD, World Trade Organisation (WTO), United Nations (UN), and UN organisations.

The Dominican Republic is a member of the Africa, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) Group of States, Forum for East-Asia Latin America Cooperation (FEALAC), Association of Caribbean States (ACS), Organisation of American States (OAS) and other regional organisations.

It is a member of the Small Island Developing States (SIDS) grouping, which includes small island states in the Caribbean, Pacific and Indian Oceans.

It is an observer of the Pacific Alliance.

FAST FACTS

- Dominican Republic visitors to Australia (2019 Dept of Home Affairs) # 200
- Australian visitors to Dominican Republic (primary destination (2019 Dept of Home Affairs) # 200
- Resident Australian population born in Dominican Republic (2016 Census) 164
- Australian residents of Dominican Republic descent (2016 Census) 3,650
- Dominican Republic Working Holiday Makers visas granted (2019 Dept of Home Affairs) N/A
- Dominican Republic students in Australia (2019 Dept of Education) 7

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Public diplomacy

In 2020, the Australian Embassy hosted a webinar on Australia’s biosecurity expertise to combat Fusarium wilt in bananas. The event attracted over 180 participants from 13 different countries, including the Dominican Republic.

Through the Direct Aid Program, the Australian Government provides financial support to a range of projects in the Dominican Republic, including supporting the response to the COVID-19 pandemic through procuring PPE, food supplies and hygiene campaigns.

Economic diplomacy

The Australian Government supports Australian investors in the Dominican Republic by providing support and advice on political, economic and regulatory environments.

Further economic and trade information can be found in our Economic Factsheet for Dominican Republic.

Business

Austrade aims to attract foreign direct investment into Australia. It also identifies market opportunities and promotes the capabilities of Australian exporters and education providers.

Austrade’s Office aims to attract foreign direct investment into Australia, and promotes the Australian education sector.

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Travel

See Smartraveller for Information on travelling to Dominican Republic: smartraveller.gov.au