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El Salvador



Warm relations based on people-to-people links.

Key engagement

Large Salvadoran diaspora in Australia.

Outlook

Modest trade potential in clean energy and wastewater management.

Bilateral relations

Australia and El Salvador formally established diplomatic relations in 1983.

Australia's Ambassador to Mexico City holds non-resident accreditation to El Salvador. Australia has an Honorary Consul in San Salvador. El Salvador has an Embassy in Canberra, a Consul-General in Victoria and Honorary Consuls in Queensland and New South Wales.

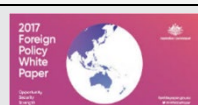
In response to the civil war in El Salvador, between 1983 and 1986 Australia accepted around 10,000 Salvadorans under the Special Humanitarian Program. The Salvadoran community in Australia is estimated at 20,000. Australia is home to the third largest Salvadoran community living abroad.

Foreign relations

Australia and El Salvador are members of the World Trade Organisation (WTO), World Bank, IMF and United Nations (UN).

El Salvador is a member of the Association of Caribbean States (ACS), the Organization of American States (OAS), the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC), the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and other regional organisations, including SICA.

Both Australia and El Salvador are observers of the Pacific Alliance. Australia is an observer of SICA.



Foreign Policy White Paper:
<https://www.fpwhitepaper.gov.au>

FAST FACTS



El Salvadoran visitors to Australia ([2020 Dept of Home Affairs](#)) # 100



Australian visitors to El Salvador (primary destination) ([2020 Dept of Home Affairs](#)) # * 500



Resident Australian population born in El Salvador ([2016 Census](#)) 9,570



Australian residents of El Salvadoran descent ([2016 Census](#)) 8,719



El Salvadoran students in Australia ([2020 Dept of Education](#)) 44

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* El Salvador reports the number of Australian visitors as 2,532 in 2018 (transparencia.gov.sv)

High level engagement

2017 Australia Special Envoy for Human Rights, the Hon Phillip Ruddock MP, visited El Salvador.



Agreements with El Salvador

No bilateral agreements between Australia and El Salvador

Public diplomacy

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

Through the [Direct Aid Program \(DAP\)](#), the Australian Government supports projects coordinated by civil society, which empower women and girls, and advocate for the rights of indigenous communities, persons with disabilities and LGBTIQ+ communities. DAP funds have also been used to help many of these disadvantaged groups recover from the economic impacts of COVID-19.

The Australian Embassy in Mexico has hosted a number of webinars in collaboration with sponsored NGOs to highlight the outcomes of these projects. In 2021-21, funding is being provided to support women's empowerment and prevent gender-based violence in vulnerable communities.

Economic diplomacy

The Australian Government supports Australian investors in El Salvador by providing support and advice on political, economic and regulatory environments.

Australia engages with El Salvador on agricultural trade, particularly in the dairy industry, and works to gain market access for Australian agricultural companies, particularly edible fats producers.

Further economic and trade information can be found in our [Economic Factsheet](#) for El Salvador.

Business

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