



★ 2016 Consular Affairs Congressional Conference ★

The U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Consular Affairs, invites you to the 2016 Consular Affairs Congressional Conference, April 19 - 21, 2016 in Washington, DC. This conference is in lieu of the annual DHS-DOS Immigration Conference, which will not be held this year.

The 3-day conference will provide an overview on visas, passports, and overseas citizen services led by subject matter experts, and offer tours of the Washington Passport Agency and the Foreign Service Institute.

Preliminary Conference Schedule (subject to change)*

Tuesday, April 19, 8:30 am - 4:15 pm

U.S. Capitol Visitor Center, Washington, DC

Topics: Working with the Executive Branch; Working with Bureau of Consular Affairs; How Embassies and Consulates Function; the Privacy Act; the Consular Information Program; Non-Immigrant Visa Overview.

Wednesday, April 20, 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

Bureau of Consular Affairs, 600 19th Street NW, Washington, DC

Topics: What's New in Overseas Citizens Services; American Citizens Services and Crises Abroad; International Parental Child Abduction; Intercountry Adoptions; Demand Surge in Passports; Panel on Adding Passport Acceptance Facilities/ Public Libraries; Submitting Citizenship and ID Evidence for U.S. Passports. A tour of the Washington Passport Agency is scheduled from 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm.

Thursday, April 21, 8:45 am - 5:00 pm

Bureau of Consular Affairs, 600 19th Street NW, Washington, DC

Topics: What's New in Visas; Petition-Based Non-Immigrant Visas; Immigrant Visas; Special Immigrant Visas; Follow-to-Join Case Processing; Parole Programs Overview. A tour of the Foreign Service Institute is scheduled from 12:45 pm - 4:30 pm, with return to Foggy Bottom by 5:00 pm. Transportation will be provided.

Your attendance and participation is important as we work together to strengthen relationships between your staff and the Department of State. We are limited to accommodating approximately 100 staff members and will accept attendees on a first come-first served basis. After receiving your RSVP, we will confirm your enrollment without delay so that you can make final travel plans. If we are oversubscribed, we will inform you. As we may have missed some staff, you are welcome to forward this invitation to any interested parties.

Please RSVP as quickly as possible, but not later than Friday, April 8, to CACongressionalConference@state.gov. Please provide your full name, the Member/Office for whom you work, and the best e-mail address and telephone number at which to reach you.

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