

U.S. - Mexico Consular Dialogue 2021

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Institutional context

The U.S. - Mexico Consular Dialogue was created in 2013 to strengthen bilateral cooperation regarding consular assistance and protection. Through this dialogue mechanism, the United States and Mexico exchange good consular practices, find areas of collaboration and address shared challenges.

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On October 28th, Mexico and the United States celebrated the binational Consular Dialogue. The American delegation was led by the Assistant Secretary Bureau of Consular Affairs, Rena Bitter, and the Mexican delegation, led by the General Director of Consular Protection and Strategic Planning of the Foreign Ministry, Maki Teramoto. Furthermore, the Mexican side was made up of officials from the National Population Registry (RENAPO in Spanish), from the Federal Attorney for the Protection of Children and Adolescents of the National System for the Integral Development of the Family (DIF in Spanish) and of several offices of the Foreign Ministry. During the dialogue, the main themes were the status of operations in both nations, in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, collaboration mechanisms, and exchange of information and experience in consular emergencies.