



**AMCHAM**  
Costa Rican - American  
Chamber of Commerce®

# COMMITTEES & FORUMS



The Costa Rican-American Chamber of Commerce of Costa Rica (AmCham) has installed a system of committees and forums that provide a space for updating relevant aspects of different industry, better company practices. Members can channel their interests and concerns to define positions and develop strategies regarding public policy and projects that seek to improve the economic and social environment where they operate.

## What's the difference between a committee and a forum

### Committee



This is a permanent work group with specific objectives in response to member's interests.



Its tasks include defining positions of the Chamber and technical reports on the topics and cases it deals with.



Meeting frequency:  
**Monthly.**

### Forum



It is a group of members from particular common work areas or sectors that promote information sharing and better practices among its members.



The normal dynamics of forums consist of introducing a national or international speaker on a topic of interest, plus Question and Answer period.



Meeting frequency:  
**Bimonthly**



## Committees

- Trade
- Education
- Regulatory Improvement
- Fiscal Policy
- Legal Matters
- Anti-Illicit Trade

## Forums

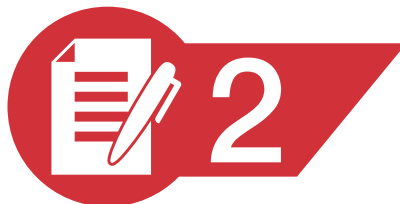
- Economics and Finance ○
- D Factor ○
- Human Resources ○
- Corporate Social Responsibility ○
- Telecommunications ○
- Tourism ○

## REGISTRATION



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AmCham Committees and Forums**

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Executive**

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## TRADE COMMITTEE

- Analyzes and monitors Costa Rica's foreign trade policy, and its impact on developing business with our members.
- Keeps members updated on latest events and the most relevant aspects of international trade.
- Develops positions on international trade matters.



## COMMITTEE ON FISCAL POLICY

- Monitors topics related to fiscal policy, including the application of laws on fiscal and tax matters, containing public spending and state and corporate economic stability.
- Analyzes Bills of Law submitted to the General Assembly on fiscal and tax topics.
- Makes contributions to regulations to align fiscal policy with corporate activity.



## COMMITTEE ON LEGAL MATTERS

- Monitors legal aspects related to the development of investment in Costa Rica and the country's institutional and legal stability.
- Analyzes Bills of Law submitted to the General Assembly that may have an impact on the business and investments of its members.
- Collaborates with Costa Rican legislators to provide knowledge and specialized legal recommendations on topics of interest to AmCham.
- It is composed of the following **Subcommittees**: Competition, Energy, Infrastructure, Labor and Free Zones.





## EDUCATION COMMITTEE

- Monitors Bills of Law and initiatives to strengthen the quality of public and private education in Costa Rica, dual education, CONESUP reforms, and others.
- Serves as a forum for analysis and discussion on the promotion of career advancement consistent with the needs of the labor market.



## COMMITTEE ANTI-ILLEGAL TRADE \*

- Seeks to reduce the impact produced on the country by the different forms of illegal trade.
- Advocates for spaces for public analysis and discussions on the problem of illegal trade and its evolution towards organized crime networks.
- Creates awareness in the different sector on the effects of illegal trade, from a fiscal, health, public, citizen security and job production perspective
- Fosters coordinated action between public authorities and the private sector to combat smuggling and other unfair trade practices to seek solutions to this problem.

\*Special entrance conditions: Invitation only.



## REGULATORY IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

- Identifies legislation, including, laws, regulations, guidelines and circulars that can be improved to expedite processing to increase the country's competitiveness.
- Channels the interests and concerns of members with respect to regulatory topics, such as health registration and biomedical research.
- Defines positions and projects to advocate for regulatory improvement on the main topics of interest to members.
- Defines AmCham's positions and prepares technical reports.



## ECONOMY AND FINANCE FORUM

- Provides analysis and interpretation of the national and international economic and financial situation.
- Generates spaces for discussion and analysis of macroeconomic policy: exchange rate fluctuations, inflation, interest rates, taxes, international trade and market policies.
- Serves as a forum for analysis and discussion of Central Bank Policies.



## TELECOMMUNICATIONS FORUM\*

- Brings sector companies together to discuss proposals for improvement, challenges and analysis of the current market situation.
- Monitors legislation applicable to the sector.

**\*Special entrance conditions:** Participation limited to companies from the telecommunications sector.



## FORUM ON USA TOURISM \*

- Promotes the United States as a tourist destination, as well as the services of national and foreign companies in this business.
- Serves as a forum for discussion of topics of interest, such as Global Entry.

**\*Special entrance conditions:** Participation limited to companies from the tourism sector.



## D FACTOR FORUM

- Provides a platform to share best practices in leadership, diversity and balanced work group management.



## CSR FORUM

- Generates spaces for dialog between member companies on Social Responsibility as a business strategy.
- Provides a platform for sharing best practices in Social Responsibility.
- Facilitates spaces to enrich the training of member companies on the application of the latest techniques and trends on social responsibility.



## HUMAN RESOURCES FORUM

- Generates spaces for analysis and discussion on the latest trends in management of human resources through talks with national and international experts
- Shares “legal tips” to keep members updated on labor legislation and regulations.
- Monitors initiatives that may affect labor legislation in Costa Rica.



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