Government & Commerce

Atlanta is home to the Consulate General of the Republic of Ecuador. Mr. Francisco Riofrio Maldonado serves as the Consul General. The Consulate serves the states of Georgia, Tennessee, North Carolina and South Carolina. In addition, Ms. Patricia Elena Boezio serves as Honorary Consul.

Georgia also hosts the Ecuadorian-American Chamber of Commerce. The chamber strives to promote and develop trade and investment opportunities for entrepreneurs in Georgia and Ecuador. Mr. Julio Moreno serves as president.

The Atlanta Botanical Gardens hosts students from Ecuador to learn horticulture skills during a three month program coordinated in collaboration with the Maquipucuna Foundation. This non-profit organization is dedicated to the conservation of Ecuador’s biodiversity and the sustainable use of natural resources.

The Lovett School in Atlanta purchased a piece of cloud forest property in Ecuador, named Siempre Verde, to create a protected nature reserve and establish a research center to support tropical conservation education. Siempre Verde offers opportunities for U.S. and Ecuadorian students to conduct research and exchange ideas.

The Georgia Institute of Technology, the University of Georgia, Georgia Southern University and Middle Georgia College all offer study abroad programs to various cities in Ecuador, including a conflict resolution program in Quito, a Spanish language program in Cuenca and a student teaching program in Quito.

Trade Relationship

EXPORTS: In 2013, Georgia exports to Ecuador totaled $169.3 million. Ecuador is currently the 42nd largest export market for Georgia.

Top exports from Georgia to Ecuador include soybean oilcake and other solid residues, automatic data processing machines, kraft paper, civilian aircraft engines and parts and wood pulp.

Georgia leads the nation in the export of the following goods to Ecuador: electrical generating sets and rotary converters (1st), wood pulp (1st), retreaded or used rubber tires (1st), cocoa (1st) and cotton (2nd).
IMPORTS: In 2013, Georgia’s imports from Ecuador totaled $82.3 million, a 32.7% increase from 2012. Ecuador ranks 57th among Georgia’s top importer nations.

Top imports from Ecuador include fish and crustaceans (prepared and raw), petroleum oils, electric storage batteries and edible fruits or nuts.

Capital Investment

There are approximately **9 Georgia companies that have operations in Ecuador**, including but not limited to:

- Alcon
- Crawford & Company
- Delta Air Lines
- Equifax Inc.
- Prime Global
- The Coca-Cola Company
- UPS Supply Chain Solutions

Transportation

Delta Air Lines offers daily direct flights from Atlanta to Quito, Ecuador.

The Georgia Ports Authority (GPA) in Savannah has an established relationship with two Ecuadorian ports. The GPA offers one weekly shipping service route to the Port of Guayaquil and two weekly shipping service routes to the port of Esmereldas.

About GDEcD

The Georgia Department of Economic Development (GDEcD) plans, manages and mobilizes state resources to attract new business investment to Georgia, drive the expansion of existing industry and small business, locate new markets for Georgia products, inspire tourists to visit Georgia and promote the state as a top destination for arts events and film, music and digital entertainment projects.

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