

Colombia

Basic Addresses

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Swiss Colombian Chamber of Commerce

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Useful addresses in Colombia for Swiss Exporters

- Asociación Colombiana de Pequeñas y Medianas Empresas (Acopi)
(Small and Medium Companies Association)
Cra. 15 No. 36-70
Bogota
Phone: (+571) 320 47 83/ 84 / 85
E-mail: comunicaciones@acopi.org.co
<http://www.acopi.org.co>
- Umbrella organization for Small and Medium size companies, with branches in the majority of the cities in the country.
- Asociación Nacional de Comercio Exterior (Analdex)
(Foreign Trade National Association)
Calle 40 No. 13-09 P. 10
Bogota
Phone: (+571) 570 06 00
Fax: (+571) 570 06 00 (Ext. 11-29)
e-mail: analdex@analdex.org
<http://www.analdex.org>
- Umbrella organization for Colombian importers.
- Asociación Nacional de Industriales (Andi)
(National Entrepreneurs Association)
Edificio Federación Nacional de Cafeteros
Calle 73 No. 8-13 P. 8
Bogota
Phone: (+571) 326 85 00
Fax: (+571) 347 31 98
e-mail: comercial@andi.com.co
<http://www.andi.com.co>
- The most important entrepreneurs association in Colombia.
 - It is composed of over 650 affiliated companies from the industrial, financial, agro-industrial, confectionary, commercial, textile and services sectors.
- Banco de Comercio Exterior (Bancoldex)
(Foreign Trade Bank)
Calle 28 No. 13A-15 P. 38-42
Bogota
Phone: (+571) 382 15 15
Fax: (+571) 286 24 51
e-mail: bancoldex@bancoldex.com
<http://www.bancoldex.com>
- Governmental institution that works as a rediscount bank.
 - Second floor bank
 - Offers financial products and services to the companies involved in the Colombian foreign trade and abroad.

Banco de La República (Central Bank)
Cra. 7 No 14-78 / Cra. 6 No. 14-85 Bogota
Bogota
Phone: (+571) 343 01 90
e-mail: webmaster@banrep.gov.co
<http://www.banrep.gov.co>

CAF
(Andean Development Corporation)
Cra. 9 No. 76-49 Piso 7
Bogota
Phone: (+571) 313 23 11
Fax: (+571) 313 27 21 / 87
e-mail: colombia@caf.com
<http://www.caf.com>

Cámara de Comercio de Bogotá
(Bogotá's Chamber of Commerce)
Av. El Dorado No. 68D-35
Bogota
Phone: (+571) 383 03 00
E-mail: webmaster@ccb.org.co
<http://www.ccb.org.co>

Confecámaras
(Confederation of Colombian
Chambers of Commerce)
Cra. 13 No. 27-47 Of. 502
Bogota
Phone: (+571) 381 41 00
E-mail: confecamaras@confecamaras.org.co
<http://www.confecamaras.org.co>

Corporación de Ferias y Exposiciones
(Corferias)
Cra. 37 No. 24-67
Bogota
Phone: (+571) 381 00 00
Fax: (+571) 428 26 22
e-mail: info@corferias.com
<http://www.corferias.com>

• Central Bank

- Supports the sustainable development of its shareholder countries and the region.
- Shareholder countries: Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Venezuela, Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Spain, Jamaica, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Dominican Republic, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay.

- Most important local chamber of commerce.
- It has a huge data base which enables them to provide specific information on the company's economic activities.
- Supplies information about all companies registered in Bogota.
- Every company in Bogota has to subscribe itself in this entity and that subscription contains important data as social object, capital, legal representation, etc.
- Promotes and organizes training for entrepreneurs, especially from Smes.
- Supports and promotes projects and programs to encourage the city development.

- Umbrella organization that joins all the local Colombian Chambers of Commerce.
- Each big city in the country has its own chamber of commerce. The most important are Medellín's, Cali's, Barranquilla's and Bucaramanga's.
- Each company has to be subscribed in its city chamber.

- Trade fairs corporation.
- It has all the information related to Bogota's fairs in different sectors.
- Organizes and performs the majority and the biggest fairs of the country each year.
- There are 20 fixed fairs each year.

Departamento Nacional de Estadísticas (DANE)
(Statistical National Department)

Cra. 59 No. 26-70 Int. 1 Can

Bogota

Phone: (+571) 597 83 00

Fax (571) 597 83 99

e-mail: dane@dane.gov.co

http: www.dane.gov.co

- Provides and handle all statistical information.
- Different publications related to statistics in the country, surveys, etc.

Departamento Nacional de Planeación (DNP)

Calle 26 No. 13 -19 Pisos 1 Al 17

Bogota

Phone: (+ 571) 596 03 00 / 566 36 66

Fax (571) 596 03 14

http: www.dnp.gov.co

- Prepares, follows up and assess the policies, general plans, programs and projects of the public sector.
- Follows up the national and international economy and design plans and programs for economic, social and environmental development of the country.

Dirección de Impuestos y Aduanas Nacionales (Dian)

Cra. 7 No. 6-64 / Cra. 7 No. 34-65

Bogota

Phone: (+571) 297 12 20 / 333 81 54/607 99 99

http: www.dian.gov.co

- Manages and controls everything related to taxes, customs and exchanging topics, as well as foreign trade.

Federación Nacional de Comerciantes (Fenalco)
(Traders National Federation)

Cra. 4 No. 19-85 P. 6, 7, 8

Bogota

Phone: (+571) 336 78 00

Fax: (+571) 350 94 24

e-mail: fenalco@fenalco.com.co

http: www.fenalco.com.co

- Umbrella organization for traders from all sectors.
- It has more than 3000 traders companies as members and one branch in the most important cities.
- Performs a lot of studies related to specific areas that involves traders concerns.

Instituto Colombiano Agropecuario (ICA)

Calle 37 No. 8-43 Pisos 5

Bogota

Phone: (+571) 332 37 00 / 29 / 285 55 20

e-mail: info@ica.gov.co

http: www.ica.gov.co

- Advises the Agriculture Ministry to design policies and agricultural research plans.
- Plans and performs actions to protect agricultural and pertaining to farming and animal husbandry production.
- Controls technically production and trading (imports-exports) and origin as well as sanitary quality of agricultural and pertaining to farming and animal husbandry products.

Instituto Colombiano de normas Técnicas y Certificación (Icontec)

(Colombian Institute for Technical Standards and Certification)

Cra. 37 No. 52-95

Bogota

Phone: (+571) 607 88 88

Fax: (+571) 222 14 35

e-mail: cliente@calidad.icontec.org.co

http: www.icontec.org.co

- Certification and standards institute.

Instituto de Investigaciones e Información Geocientífico Minero Ambiental y Nuclear (Ingeominas)
Diag. 53 No. 34-53
Bogota
Phone: (+571) 222 18 11/ 220 01 00 / 220 02 00
[http: www.ingeominas.gov.co](http://www.ingeominas.gov.co)

- Manages everything related to mining, cartography and geology in the country.

Invima
Cra. 68D No. 17-11/21
Bogota
Phone: (+571) 249 87 00
[http: www.invima.gov.co](http://www.invima.gov.co)

- Controls and looks after the quality and safety of medical products, cosmetics and food, in everything related to production, import, trading and consumption.
- Makes studies to establish policies and standards for quality control and sanitary vigilance.

Ministerio de Agricultura y Desarrollo Rural
Avenida Jiménez No. 7- 65
Bogota
Phone: (+571) 334 11 99
e-mail: contactenos@minagricultura.gov.co
[http: www.minagricultura.gov.co](http://www.minagricultura.gov.co)

- Makes pertaining to farming and animal husbandry, fishing and rural development plans and programs.
- Coordinates, promotes, looks after and assess the performance of the governmental policies related to the pertaining to farming and animal husbandry, fishing and rural development rural sector.

Ministerio de Ambiente, Vivienda y Desarrollo Territorial
Calle 37 No. 8-40
Bogota
Phone: (+571) 332 34 00 / 332 34 34
[http: www.minambiente.gov.co](http://www.minambiente.gov.co)

- Coordinates the National Environmental System to guarantee a sustainable development.
- Creates ecosystems conservation and renewal policies and regulations.
- Everything related environment, housing and territorial development in the country.

Ministerio de Comercio, Industria y Turismo (Foreign Trade, Industry and Tourism Ministry)
Calle 28 No. 13A-15
Bogota
Phone: (+571) 606 76 76
Fax: (+571) 696 75 21
e-mail: webmaster@mincomercio.gov.co
[http: www.mincomercio.gov.co](http://www.mincomercio.gov.co)

- Point of contact for all matters related to Colombian foreign trade legislation and regulations.
- Matters related to import/export list and general information.
- Promotes foreign trade, foreign investment and tourism.
- Everything related to economic and social development of the country: competitiveness, integration and development of industry productive sectors.

Ministerio de Comunicaciones
Edificio Murillo Toro Cra. 8a entre calles 12 y 13
Bogota
Phone: (+571) 344 34 60
[http: www.mincomunicaciones.gov.co](http://www.mincomunicaciones.gov.co)

- Plans, regulates and controls the services of the telecommunications sectors

Ministerio de Cultura
Cra. 8 No. 8-09
Bogotá
Phone: 342 41 00
[http: www.mincultura.gov.co](http://www.mincultura.gov.co)

- Rules the Colombian cultural sector.
- Formulates, coordinates, executes and overlooks, the State Policy in culture, sports, recreation and entertaining subjects.

Ministerio de Defensa Nacional
Avenida El Dorado Carrera 52 CAN
Bogota
Phone: (+571) 315 01 11
[http: www.mindefensa.gov.co](http://www.mindefensa.gov.co)

- Defines, develops and executes the defense and national security policies

Ministerio de Educación Nacional
Calle 43 No. 57-14 CAN
Bogotá
Phone: (+571) 222 28 00
[http: www.mineducacion.gov.co](http://www.mineducacion.gov.co)

- Formulates the national education policy, regulates and set up the criteria and technical parameters to improve the access, quality and equity of the education in all its levels and modalities.

Ministerio de Hacienda y Crédito Público
Carrera 8 No. 6-64
Bogotá
Phone: (+571) 282 19 00
[http: www.minhacienda.gov.co](http://www.minhacienda.gov.co)

- Participates in the definition and leads the execution of the economical and fiscal State policies.
- Coordinates along with the Central Bank the government policies in financial, monetary, pertaining to public or private credit, exchange and fiscal subjects.

Ministerio del Interior y Justicia
Carrera 9 No. 14-10
Bogotá
Phone: (+571) 444 31 00
[http: www.mininteriorjusticia.gov.co](http://www.mininteriorjusticia.gov.co)

- Formulates, coordinates, assesses, and promotes policies to strengthen the democracy, politics and legislative matters and the citizens' participation in the social and political organization of the Nation.
- Formulates, coordinates, assess and promotes the State policy in everything related to the public order conservation along with the Minister of National Defense, the citizen cohabitation and the protection of Human rights.

Ministerio de Minas y Energía
Calle 43 No. 57-31. Can
Bogota
Phone: (+571) 220 03 00
[http: www.minminas.gov.co](http://www.minminas.gov.co)

- Everything related to national mining and energy policies, activities and developments.

Ministerio de la Protección Social
Cra. 13 No. 32-76 Bogotá D.C.
Bogota
Phone: (+571) 330 50 00
Fax: (+571) 330 50 50
[http: www.minproteccionsocial.gov.co](http://www.minproteccionsocial.gov.co)

- Coordinates and regulates everything related to the population's health, work and living conditions.

Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores
Calle 10 No. 5-51 Palacio de San Carlos
Bogota
Phone: (+571) 381 40 00
Fax: (+571) 381 47 47
e-mail: cancilleria@minrelext.gov.co
<http://www.cancilleria.gov.co>

- Proposes, guides, coordinates and executes the Colombian foreign policy.

Ministerio de Transporte
Edificio Insfopal Can Cra. 52
Bogota
Phone: (+ 571) 324 08 00
e-mail: mintrans@mintransporte.gov.co
<http://www.mintransporte.gov.co>

- Coordinates and regulates everything related transport in the country.

Superintendencia de Industria y Comercio
Cra. 13 No. 27-00 P. 5 y 10 y Mezzanine
Bogota
Phone: (+571) 350 52 20
Sede Can Cra. 50 No. 26-55 Int. 2
Phone: (+571) 315 32 65
<http://www.sic.gov.co>

- Oversees and strengthens the entrepreneurial development processes and the Colombian consumer satisfaction levels.
- Issues patents, certificates, licenses and technical rules.

Superintendencia General de Puertos
Calle 13 No. 18- 24
Edificio Estación de la Sabana Piso 3
Bogota
Phone: (+571) 352 67 00
<http://www.supertransporte.gov.co>

- Oversees and controls the port activity in the country.

Proexport Colombia
Calle 28 No. 13A-15
Bogota
Phone: (+571) 560 01 00
Fax: (+571) 560 01 36
<http://www.proexport.com.co>

- Promotes Colombian non-traditional exports.
- Provides domestic companies with support and integral advisory services for their international trade activities facilitating the design and execution of their export strategies, looking for the generation, development and closing of business opportunities.

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