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Winternational Expands with Performances and New Awards as Embassies Showcase the World in Washington

12th Annual Embassy Event Brings Together Dozens of Countries in a Global Marketplace at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center (RRB/ITC) will host the **Winternational – 12**th **Annual Embassy Showcase on Tuesday, December 9, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

Presented by the <u>World Trade Center Washington</u>, <u>DC (WTCDC)</u>, the celebration highlights the cultural and culinary traditions of Washington's global diplomatic community as dozens of embassies showcase their nations through a one-of-a-kind global marketplace, featuring displays of visual art, cuisine, handcrafted goods, and insights into travel and tourism. Event registration is free.

The event continues to grow each year—this edition will offer an additional hour, due to its popular demand, and exciting new features, including an international performance stage and two "Best Embassy Exhibit" awards, selected by both a panel of judges and the public.

"Since 2011, we have had the privilege of partnering with one of the world's largest diplomatic communities to celebrate and share their rich cultural heritage and traditions," said Allyson Browne McKithen, Executive Director of the World Trade Center Washington, DC, and founder of the event. "While our mission is rooted in advancing global trade, we recognize that cultural understanding is the foundation for building trust, fostering meaningful relationships, and creating the conditions where international commerce can thrive."

WHAT: Winternational – 12th Annual Embassy Showcase

WHEN: Tuesday, December 9, 2025, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

WHO: Participating Embassies and Organizations:

Algeria, Argentina, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Barbados, Bolivia, Cameroon, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cote d'Ivoire, Cyprus, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Ibero-American Cultural Attachés Association, Iraq, Jamaica, Kenya, Kuwait, League

of Arab States, Lebanon, Libya, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mauritania, Mexico, Moldova, Morocco, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, Slovenia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Tanzania, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Uganda, Ukraine, Yemen, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.

Presenting Sponsors:

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Platinum Sponsors: Giant Food and League of Arab States

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Silver Sponsors: Ibero-American Cultural Attaché Association

Media Partners: El Tiempo Latino and The Washington Diplomat

WHERE: Atrium, Atrium Hall, and Atrium Ballroom Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C.

MEDIA: Interviews with diplomats, embassy exhibitors, sponsors, and attendees can be arranged by contacting Sheena Pegarido at media@linksp.com or 202-805-2638. For more information, please visit https://rrbitc.com/winternational/.

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