

VISION

To promote commercial trade, improve and expand business opportunities between Costa Rica and the UK by encouraging and diffusing best business practices, social responsibility and justice benefitting both markets and their societies.

MISSION

To become trade leaders in creating new opportunities that promote and increase business relations between Costa Rica and the UK within a socially responsible framework.



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What is our goal?

"This chamber allows us to have a collective voice, a network of contacts, and a platform that addresses the interests of our members, and a unique opportunity to develop new business opportunities between both countries" (Oscar Echeverría, President).



Opening Ceremony

15 March 2012

The British Embassy along with 15 successful British corporations that operate in Costa Rica have taken the lead and created the British Chamber of Commerce in Costa Rica to strengthen business relations between the UK and Costa Rica.

The Chamber was officially launched on 15 March 2012 at a private event at the Real InterContinental Hotel. Since the UK ranks as one of the world's top markets in Creative Industries, that sector was celebrating during the event.

Registration Process

One week after the opening ceremony, the the association's bylaws were submitted to Registro Nacional, the Costa Rican government department in charge of approving the registration of legal entities.

This process has met with delay because of the existence of a non-active association registered under a similar name.

The Board of Directors of the non-active association has been asked to cooperate with the legal process involved in overcoming this delay.



Next Steps

Since the Chamber's inception, the Board of Directors has met three times and decided to work alongside the British Embassy in Costa Rica organising different events for the remainder of 2012.



Early Activities

Media Induction Evening

12 July, British Residence

The Chamber along with the British Embassy organised a reception to inform the media of its upcoming events. More than 35 contacts from radio, TV and the press attended the event.

Bribery Act 2010 Seminar

31 July, Crowne Plaza Hotel

The British Embassy, along with the British Chamber and the AmCham organised a seminar about the importance of fighting corruption to achieve an optimal economic development. This seminar was conducted by British barrister John McKendrick.

Opening Ceremony of the Paralympic Games 2012

22 August 2012, British Motors, Santa Ana

In an event attended by Senior Officials of the Costa Rican government and Diplomatic Representatives, Oscar Echeverría, President of the Chamber, emphasised the importance of sharing the Olympic and Paralympic Games' universal values; being respect, excellence, and friendship.



Upcoming Events

RobotiFest

1 December, Antigua Embajada

The British Embassy along with the Ministry of Science and Technology organised a competition that challenges Costa Rican students to create a gadget that would help James Bond if he were going to conduct a secret mission in Costa Rica. The finalist will be invited to the film premiere.

Shaken Not Stirred: The Best of British

25 October, Avenida Escazú

This event will showcase the best of British and consists on the exclusive premier of the new James Bond film, Skyfall, an exhibition of British cars, and a reception for invitees at Product C restaurant.

European Union - Central American Association Agreement (AACUE)

BritCham will work with public and private sectors to promote the AACUE benefits for UK-CR trade.



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