

GEORGIA COUNCIL FOR INTERNATIONAL VISITORS

CONNECTING GEORGIANS TO THE WORLD SINCE 1962

GCIV fosters professional, cultural and educational experiences that connect Georgia citizens and international leaders to cultivate positive global change. Our vision is to be the Georgia organization that allows every citizen the opportunity to be more globally engaged through people to people connections. Founded in 1962, GCIV is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that implements professional international exchange programs across

Georgia, including the U.S. Department of State's International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP). Launched in 1940, the IVLP seeks to build mutual understanding between the United States and other nations through thoughtful professional visits to the U.S. for current and emerging foreign leaders. U.S. ambassadors consistently rank the IVLP as the most effective in a lengthy list of public diplomacy tools.

2020 INTERNATIONAL VISITOR PROGRAMS

204

IVLP VISITORS

89

COUNTRIES & TERRITORIES

18

EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

9

VIRTUAL EXCHANGES

(GCIV did not host any fee-for-service (FFS) programs in FY 2020.)

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500+

INTERNATIONAL VISITOR LEADERSHIP PROGRAM (IVLP) PARTICIPANTS HAVE GONE ON TO SERVE AS HEADS OF STATE OR GOVERNMENT

GCIV welcomed **204** international visitors from **89** countries and territories to Georgia in FY 2020.

Country or Territory	#In-Person Visitors	# Virtual Visitors	Country or Territory	#In-Person Visitors	# Virtual Visitors
Afghanistan	4		Jordan		9
Albania		1	Kenya		1
Angola		8	Kuwait	5	
Argentina		1	Lebanon		10
Armenia	1	2	Liberia		1
Bahrain	1	1	Libya		1
Bangladesh		1	Madagascar	1	
Benin	2		Malaysia		1
Botswana		1	Malta		3
Brazil		7	Mauritania	2	
Bulgaria		1	Morocco	2	1
Burkina Faso	1		Nepal		2
Burma (Myanmar)		1	The Netherlands		1
Burundi	2		Nigeria	1	
Cambodia		1	Pakistan		1
Cameroon	1		Papua New Guinea		1
Central African Republic	1		The Philippines		1
Chad	1		Poland		1
China		2	Qatar	2	
Colombia		1	Romania		1
Côte d'Ivoire	2	1	Russia	8	
Croatia		1	Rwanda		2
Cyprus		1	Saudi Arabia		2
Democratic Republic of the Congo	1		Senegal	1	16
Djibouti	1		Serbia		2
Dominican Republic		1	Slovakia		1
Egypt		5	Slovenia		1
Eswatini	1		South Africa	9	
Ethiopia		2	South Sudan	1	1
Fiji		1	Spain		1
Finland		1	Sudan		1
France		1	Suriname		4
Gabon	1	7	Taiwan		1
The Gambia		1	Tanzania	1	
Germany		2	Thailand		1
Ghana	1	1	Trinidad and Tobago		1
Guinea	1		Uganda		3
Guyana		1	Ukraine		2
Haiti	1	1	United Arab Emirates	1	1
Hungary		2	United Kingdom		4
India		1	Uzbekistan		1
Iraq		1	Vietnam		2
Israel		1	West Bank		1
Jamaica		1	Zimbabwe		2

FY 2020 COMPLETE LIST OF DELEGATIONS

January 29 - February 2

Regional Africa
NGO Management

January 30 - February 4

Russia
Organizing Impactful Film Festivals

February 3-5

South Africa
Memorializing Cultural Heritage

February 11-15

Regional Africa
Empowering Youth through Workforce Development

February 12-15

Afghanistan
Elections

February 20-22

Gulf Cooperation Council
Crisis Management and Response Coordination

February 22-26

Burundi
Electoral Election Coverage

February 22-27

South Africa
Higher Education

March 10-14

Armenia
International Women of Courage Awardee

October 12, 14

Regional Near East
Community, Library and Youth Engagement

October 14

Jordan and Lebanon
Accessibility and Diversity in the Political Process

October 21

Multi-Regional
Youth and Civic Engagement

October 23, 29

Lusophone Regional
Accountability and Transparency in Government

October 26, 28, 30

Lusophone Regional
Developing University Partnerships

November 11, 13

Regional Europe
Current U.S. Social, Political and Economic Issues for Young European Leaders

November 12

Senegal
Fashion Ecosystems

November 23, 30

Multi-Regional
NGO Management

December 10, 11, 15

Multi-Regional
Global Health Security

In March, due to COVID-19 the U.S. Department of State temporarily suspended all in-person international exchange programs. However, GCIV and partner agencies pivoted to implement virtual international exchange programs starting in October, including virtual home hospitality.

Professional meetings involve the sharing of best practices and knowledge between emerging leaders from around the world and their counterparts in the state of Georgia.

Dinner or home hospitality gives international exchange participants the opportunity to share a meal in an American home and casually connect with everyday citizens to learn about the culture of the United States. International visitors frequently rate dinner hospitality as the experience that most clearly demonstrated true America as well as the highlight of their exchange program.

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**VOLUNTEER
PROFESSIONAL
RESOURCES**

9

**VOLUNTEER
HOME HOSPITALITY
HOSTS**

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Great Decisions

GCIV serves as the state coordinator for the Foreign Policy Association (FPA)'s Great Decisions program. GCIV helped coordinate 10 discussion groups across the state and a lecture series that gives participants the opportunity to expand their understanding of world affairs. The topics are based on the FPA's non-partisan briefing book and change annually. Nearly 200 people participated in the GCIV 2020 Dunwoody Great Decisions Foreign Policy Lecture Series.

Topic

The Philippines

India and Pakistan

Red Sea Security

Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking

U.S. Relations with the Northern Triangle

China's Road into Latin America

Climate Change and the Global Order

Artificial Intelligence and Data

Speaker

Dr. Katja Weber, Georgia Institute of Technology

Dr. Syed Rashid Naim, Georgia State University

Dr. Michael Herb, Georgia State University

Maja Hasic, Tapestri Inc.

Dr. J.T. Way, Georgia State University

Dr. Andrew Wedeman, Georgia State University

Dr. Daniel Matisoff, Georgia Institute of Technology

Daniel Schiff, Georgia Institute of Technology

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COMPLIMENTARY VIRTUAL PRESENTATIONS BY FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICERS

DIPLOMACY IN THE NATIONAL PARKS

FSO Christine Dal Bello

HOMETOWN DIPLOMATS

FSO Kelley Whitson

Internships

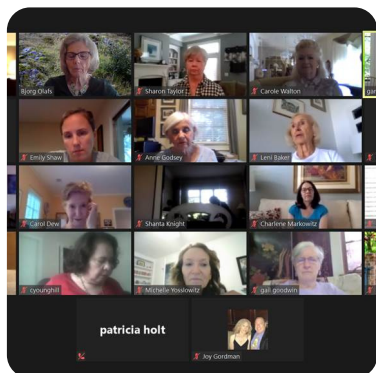
GCIV's internship program partners with universities to offer practical international affairs experience to students. In 2020, GCIV trained 1 intern, Andrew Gasperini, from Clemson University.

International Consular Ball

Due to COVID-19, the 2020 International Consular Ball has been rescheduled for **October 16, 2021** at Flourish Atlanta.

International Women Associates (IWA)

Formed in 1978, IWA brings together 100+ women from countries around the world and North Americans who have lived abroad or have interest in international affairs to build friendships and cultural enrichment. Monthly cultural and educational programs enhance the personal and professional growth of IWA members and promote awareness and goodwill. IWA in-person meetings were cancelled in the spring and resumed virtually in September 2020.



Virtual IWA Meeting



International Woman of Courage Awardee
at Global Village Project



Great Decisions 2020