#### DISTRICT "MD "F" COLUMBIA







Colombia officially the Republic of Colombia, [a] is a country in South America with territories in North America. It is bounded on the north by the Caribbean Sea, the northwest by Panama, the south by Ecuador and Peru, the east by Venezuela, the southeast by Brazil, and the west by the Pacific Ocean. Colombia is composed of 32 departments and the Capital District of Bogotá, the country's largest city. It covers an area of 1,418,748 square kilometres (547,782 sq. mi), with a population of 50 million. Colombia's rich cultural heritage reflects influences by various Amerindian civilisations, European settlement, forced African labour, and immigration from Europe and the Middle East. Spanish is the nation's official language, besides which over 70 languages are spoken.

Colombia has been inhabited by various <u>indigenous peoples</u> since at least 12,000 BCE, including the <u>Muisca</u>, <u>Quimbaya</u>, and the <u>Tairona</u>. The Spanish landed first in La Guajira in 1499 and by the mid-16th century <u>colonized</u> parts of the region, establishing the <u>New Kingdom of Granada</u>, with <u>Santafé de Bogotá</u> as its capital. <u>Independence</u> from the <u>Spanish Empire</u> was achieved in 1810, with what is now Colombia emerging as the <u>United Provinces of New Granada</u>. The new nation experimented with federalism as the <u>Granadine Confederation</u> (1858), and then the <u>United States of Colombia</u> (1863), before the Republic of Colombia was finally declared in 1886. <u>Panama seceded</u> in 1903, leading to Colombia's present borders. Beginning in the 1960s, the country suffered from an asymmetric low-intensity <u>armed conflict</u> and political violence, both of which escalated in the 1990s. Since 2005, there has been significant improvement in security, stability, and rule of law, as well as unprecedented economic growth and development.

Colombia is one of the world's seventeen <u>megadiverse countries</u>, and has the second-highest level of <u>biodiversity</u> in the world. Its territory encompasses <u>Amazon rainforest</u>, <u>highlands</u>, <u>grasslands</u>, and <u>deserts</u>, and it is the only country in South America with coastlines and islands along both <u>Atlantic</u> and <u>Pacific</u> oceans. Colombia is a member of major global and regional organisations including the <u>United Nations</u>, the <u>WTO</u>, the <u>OECD</u>, the <u>OAS</u>, the <u>Pacific Alliance</u>, the <u>Andean Community</u>, and a <u>NATO</u> Global Partner. Its <u>diversified economy</u> is the third-largest in South America, with macroeconomic stability and favorable long-term growth prospects.

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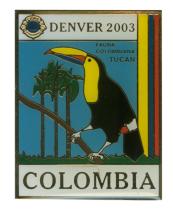
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