

# Press Releases: Assistant Secretary of State for Consular Affairs Carl Risch Travels to Panama and Costa Rica

Media Note  
Office of the Spokesperson

Washington, DC  
February 8, 2019

---

Assistant Secretary of State for Consular Affairs Carl Risch will travel February 10-13 to Panama and Costa Rica to review consular operations and meet with foreign government counterparts.

The Assistant Secretary will underscore our deep and sustained commitment on a variety of consular issues, including the welfare and safety of U.S. citizens overseas, efficient and equitable visa processing, collaboration on intercountry adoptions, and the prevention and resolution of international parent child abduction cases.

For press inquiries please contact [CAPRESSREQUESTS@state.gov](mailto:CAPRESSREQUESTS@state.gov) or (202) 485-6150.

*The Office of Website Management, Bureau of Public Affairs, manages this site as a portal for information from the U.S. State Department. External links to other Internet sites should not be construed as an endorsement of the views or privacy policies contained therein.*