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AmCham Albania U.S. Delegation, May 31 - June 5, 2026

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Sunday, May 31, 2026

Arrivals at “*Club Quarters Hotel White House*”, Washington DC

Monday, June 01, 2026

Time	Organization	Location
10:00-10:15	<i>All participants are requested to gather at the hotel lobby</i>	
11:00-12:00	U.S. Chamber of Commerce	1615 H Street, NW, Washington, DC 20062-2000
14:00-15:30	CIPE (Centre for International Private Enterprise)	1401 I St NW #600, Washington, DC 20005, United States
19:00-21:00	Dinner at “Clyde’s of Gallery Place”	707 7th St NW, Washington, DC 20001

Tuesday, June 02, 2026

Time	Organization	Location
10:00-10:15	<i>All participants are requested to gather at the hotel lobby</i>	
11:00-12:00	DFC (U.S. International Development Finance Corporation)	1100 New York Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20527
14:00-15:00	U.S. Department of State <i>Note: Arrive 15 minutes early for security screening. Keep your passports with you.</i>	2201 C St NW, Washington, DC 20520 (Visitor's Main Entrance)
After 15:00	<i>Free time</i>	Suggestions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lincoln Memorial• Tidal Basin & Jefferson Memorial• Georgetown Waterfront

Wednesday, June 03, 2026

Time	Organization	Location
08:00-08:15	<i>All participants are requested to gather at the hotel lobby</i>	
09:00-11:00	Atlantic Council	WX39+92 Washington, District of Columbia, USA
12:00-13:00	<i>Group meeting to coordinate for the Business Reception</i>	
13:00-18:00	<i>Free time</i>	
18:30-21:00	Reception by AmCham Albania at National Press Club	529 14th St NW, Washington, DC 20045

Thursday, June 04, 2026

Time	Organization	Location
09:00-09:15	<i>All participants are requested to gather at the hotel lobby</i>	
10:00-11:30	United States Trade and Development Agency (USTDA)	1101 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 1100, Arlington, VA 22209
13:00-13.15	<i>All participants are requested to gather or meet directly at the next meeting location</i>	
14:00-15:00	U.S. Commercial Service	1501 Wilson Blvd., Suite 1225, Arlington, VA 22209
19:00-21:00	Dinner at "Ocean Prime"	1341 G St NW, Washington, DC 20005, United States

Friday, June 05, 2026

Time	Organization	Location
All Day - 19:00	<i>Free time</i>	Suggestions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Air & Space Museum (NASA)• National Gallery of Art• The Wharf DC• Capitol Hill & Library of Congress
19:00-20:00	Prepare for Departure / Arrive at Dulles International Airport	1 Saarinen Cir, Dulles, VA 20166, United States
22:20	<i>Flight Departure Time</i>	



Organizations Engaged During the Washington Delegation Visit



U.S. Chamber of Commerce (Washington, D.C.)

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce is the largest business federation in the world, representing companies of all sizes and sectors across the United States. Its mission is to advocate for pro-business policies that support economic growth, innovation, free enterprise, and job creation. The organization works closely with government institutions, policymakers, and international partners to influence legislation and strengthen the business environment. It also promotes global trade, investment, and entrepreneurship initiatives. Through research, advocacy, and networking, the Chamber helps improve the competitiveness of American businesses worldwide. Headquartered in Washington, D.C., it has a strong international presence and partnerships across many countries.

Person of contact:

- Sophia Rice, Manager for Europe
- Jassi Endler, Associate Manager

<https://www.uschamber.com>

Headquarters: 1615 H Street NW, Washington, DC 20062, USA

Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE)

CIPE is a nonprofit organization affiliated with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce that promotes democracy and economic development through private enterprise. The organization supports entrepreneurs, business associations, and policymakers in strengthening transparent markets and good governance. CIPE works globally by providing technical assistance, policy support, and training programs. Its activities focus on anti-corruption efforts, women and youth entrepreneurship, inclusive economic growth, and public-private dialogue. CIPE also helps improve the business climate in emerging and developing economies. Through its initiatives, it contributes to sustainable and market-oriented economic development.

Person of contact:

- Natalia Otel Belan, Director for Europe and Eurasia
- Elizabeth Lenz Jedwab, Deputy Director

<https://www.cipe.org>

Headquarters: 1211 Connecticut Avenue NW, Suite 700, Washington, DC 20036, USA

U.S. International Development Finance Corporation (DFC)

The U.S. International Development Finance Corporation (DFC) is the U.S. government's development finance institution. Its mission is to mobilize private capital to support sustainable economic development and advance U.S. foreign policy priorities in emerging markets.

Financial Instruments:

1. Debt: Direct loans for tenors as long as 25 years.
2. Guaranties: Repayment protection if the original loan borrower defaults.
3. Insurance: Coverage against losses due to currency inconvertibility, government interference, and political volatility, including terrorism.
4. Equity: Direct equity investments to support businesses committed to addressing global challenges and advancing American strategic interests.
5. Platforms & Funds: Debt and equity support for private equity funds to help address the shortfall of investment capital.
6. Project Development: Investment support to help projects reach bankability and deliver measurable outcomes. Springer

DFC provides financial and technical assistance for projects in infrastructure, healthcare, energy, technology, and small business development.

NOT focused in sectors like Defence and Tobacco and subsectors like Green Energy and Tourism. The organization aims to create jobs, encourage private sector growth, and improve living standards globally. DFC supports projects with strong economic and social impact while promoting transparent and sustainable investments.

Person of contact:

- Katherine Klaric, Director, Europe Policy
- Carlos De Juana, Managing Director

<https://www.dfc.gov>

Headquarters: 1100 New York Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20527, USA

U.S. Department of State

The United States Department of State is the federal executive department responsible for shaping and implementing U.S. foreign policy. It manages diplomatic relations, represents the United States at international organizations, and advises the president on global affairs. As the nation's oldest cabinet agency, it plays a central role in promoting American interests and protecting citizens abroad.

The Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs (EB) is the State Department division responsible for advancing U.S. economic and business interests globally.

Key services relevant to Albania include:

- **Investment Climate Statements** — annual assessments of the business environment in over 170 countries, prepared by U.S. Embassy economic officers
- **International Finance & Development** — promoting private sector growth, good governance, and transparent investment climates overseas
- **Commercial & Business Affairs** — supporting U.S. businesses pursuing opportunities abroad and promoting responsible business conduct
- **Trade, Investment & Transportation Policy** — expanding market access and bilateral trade frameworks
- **Counter Threat Finance & Sanctions** — shaping the investment environment through economic security tools
- **OECD Policy Harmonisation** — aligning best economic practices across member nations

United States Department of State works to advance U.S. foreign policy through diplomacy, international cooperation, and economic engagement. The Bureau's goal is to ensure the United States remains the world's strongest and most dynamic economy by deploying economic diplomacy as a core foreign policy tool. It also represents an important opportunity to highlight Albania's progress in improving its investment climate, address U.S. business concerns, and strengthen cooperation on shared economic, energy, and security priorities.

Person of contact:

- John W. Robbins, Albania Desk Officer
- Sam Rotenberg, Senior Regional Economic Officer
- Sarah Wells, Regional Economic Officer

www.state.gov

Atlantic Council

The Atlantic Council is a leading international think tank focused on global affairs, international security, economic development, and transatlantic cooperation. It works to strengthen relations between the United States, Europe, and international partners in addressing political, economic, and security challenges. The organization conducts policy research, hosts global forums, and engages world leaders, experts, and businesses.

Key Programs (most relevant to Albania/Western Balkans)

- Europe Center — EU, Balkans, Eastern Europe policy
- Scowcroft Center for Strategy and Security — NATO, defence, security partnerships
- Global Energy Center — energy markets, geopolitics of energy, oil & gas, renewables
- Geo Economics Center — trade, macroeconomics, financial sanctions, economic statecraft
- Freedom and Prosperity Center — democratic governance and market reform
- Cyber Statecraft Initiative — cybersecurity policy
- Digital Forensic Research Lab — disinformation and information integrity

Its work covers areas such as:

- Politics & Diplomacy
- Security & Defence
- Economy & Business
- Energy & Environment
- Resilience & Society
- Technology & Innovation;

The Atlantic Council develops strategic recommendations and promotes international dialogue to support global stability and economic prosperity.

Person of contact:

- Stuart Jones, Program Assistant, Europe Center
- Ilva Tare, Resident Senior Fellow

<https://www.atlanticcouncil.org>

Headquarters: 1400 L Street NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20005, USA

U.S. Trade and Development Agency (USTDA)

The U.S. Trade and Development Agency (USTDA) is an independent U.S. government agency that promotes sustainable economic development and supports U.S. commercial interests abroad. It helps developing and emerging economies modernize infrastructure and connect with U.S. companies and expertise. USTDA funds:

- Feasibility Studies — mobilizing capital and financing
- Technical Assistance — engineering and science support
- Pilot Projects — high-tech and innovative technology deployment
- Transaction Incentives — supporting ROI and deal-making
- Reverse Trade Missions — bringing overseas decision-makers to meet U.S. companies
- Industry Events — connecting U.S. firms with international partners

Priority Industries: Critical Minerals · Digital Infrastructure · Energy · Transportation.

The agency's goal is to create opportunities for U.S. exports while supporting high-quality infrastructure development worldwide. Through its programs, USTDA strengthens international trade partnerships and encourages private sector participation.

Person of contact:

- Sara Leming, Country Manager for Europe & Eurasia
- Carl Kress, Regional Director for Europe & Eurasia

<https://www.ustda.gov>

Headquarters: 1000 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 1600, Arlington, VA 22209, USA (Washington Metropolitan Area)

U.S. Commercial Service

The U.S. Commercial Service (CS), part of the U.S. Department of Commerce's International Trade Administration, offers companies a full range of expertise in international trade.

Services Offered:

- Export Solutions — helping U.S. companies get ready to export and access international markets
- Research Center — industry, country, and regional research; trade data and analysis
- Regulations & Agreements — U.S. export regulations, foreign regulations, trade agreements
- Resolve a Trade Problem — addressing foreign trade barriers, antidumping & countervailing duties, intellectual property protection, and advocacy for U.S. business abroad
- Trade Events & Trade Missions — connecting U.S. exporters with buyers and decision-makers worldwide
- SelectUSA — Invest in the USA — attracting foreign direct investment into the United States
- Expert Assistance — tailored support for new exporters, experienced exporters, rural companies, and trade associations

U.S. Department of Commerce — managing global trade to promote trade and investment, strengthen the competitiveness of U.S. industry, and ensure fair trade and compliance with trade laws and agreements.

Person of contact:

- April Redmon, Director
- Pompeya Lambrecht, Senior International Trade Specialist

<https://www.trade.gov/>

Headquarters: U.S. Department of Commerce, 1501 Wilson Blvd., Suite 1225 Arlington, VA 22209

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

Emergency Services:

- Emergency: 911
- Police Non-Emergency: (202) 737-4404
- Albanian Embassy: (202) 223-4942
2100 S Street NW, Washington, DC 20008

Transportation:

- DC Metro: www.wmata.com
- Taxi/Rideshare: Uber, Lyft

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

- **Weather:** Early June 70-85°F (21-29°C)
- **Dress Code:** Business Formal
- **Security:** Keep your passports with you; Arrive 15-30 min early
- **Time Zone:** Eastern Daylight Time (EDT)

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