

# MEETING SOON IN A BRAND NEW SPACE



  
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## FCPA

On Tuesday, July 26, 2016, AmCham held a membership meeting with the U.S. Embassy's invited expert, Mr. Peter Ainsworth. As part of Mr. Ainsworth's current position as the Senior Anti-Corruption Counsel, he advises the U.S. government officials, foreign governments, and representatives of multi-national organizations on anti-corruption enforcement issues. Consequently, the main topic of the presentation was the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA). Mr. Ainsworth considered two specific recent cases during his speech and explained the concept of FCPA along these cases.

AmCham members, around 30 participants, were greatly involved in the topic, so the Q&A session that followed the presentation was very interesting and thought-provoking, engaging every single participant in the room. AmCham is grateful to the U.S. Embassy and Mr. Ainsworth for such a remarkable meeting.



## Friday Night event at Cactus

On Friday, August 5, 2016, AmCham held yet another traditional Friday Night event at Cactus Mexican restaurant, a recent member of AmCham Armenia. This time, AmCham changed the format of regular Friday nights, organized in pubs, and shifted to an open-air setting.

Over 50 representatives of AmCham member companies participated in the event, engaging in various discussions and creating strong ties among the AmCham network.

As always, AmCham provided for some appetizers and beer for its members, to accompany the productive and dynamic networking process.



## AmCham Presentation on the Alternative Package to the Draft Tax Code

Following up on its advocacy agenda, AmCham held a presentation on September 8, 2016, where an alternative to the current draft tax code was presented.

Among other guests, invitations to participate in the event have been sent to a number of high level representatives of International Organizations, RA Government, National Assembly, Ministries of Finance and Economy, as well as to the press.

The presentation was organized in order to provide the Government with an alternative solution to the draft tax code to be adopted. Besides its main purpose, the event also served as an excellent networking opportunity over coffee break to AmCham members, representatives of various unions, Government officials, and the press.



## Breakfast Meeting with the U.S. Consul, Ms. Erin Eussen

On October 6, 2016, AmCham held a breakfast meeting with the newly appointed U.S. Consul, Ms. Erin Eussen. Representatives of around 20 member companies participated in the meeting at Armenia Marriott Hotel Yerevan's Cucina Restaurant.

As per many requests from AmCham member companies, the participants of the event received the opportunity to meet Ms. Erin Eussen and inquire regarding several issues of concern, specifically in regards to obtaining business visas to the United States of America.

Some of the main suggestions by the Consul and the Consular section included being prepared for the interviews and providing clarity through more details on the business trip. Furthermore, AmCham members were notified that meetings, discussions, and conferences are all considered valid reasons for business travel.

Overall, the breakfast meeting with Ms. Erin Eussen proved to be very informative, social, and productive - fulfilling AmCham's purpose of creating a successful networking environment for its members.



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