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- Diversity & Climate Change

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A Note About Apple Values

- [Inclusion and Diversity](#)
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Image: Tesla Cybertruck, May 6, 2025,
Clear Lake Marketplace HEB Grocery Store



September 15–October 15
[National Hispanic Heritage Month](#)

Diversity – Necessary but not Sufficient

“African Americans”
“Environmental Impact”
“Fresh ideas & diverse points of view”
[We can’t do what we always did.]
“The Ultimate Pivot”
“Underrepresented Communities”
“Prime Objectives of the Institute”

- Diversity
- Inclusion
- Acceptance

“A Long Way to Go”
“Reflect Society’s Race & Gender”
“ALL of our Economic Futures”
“We must ALL work together.”

Only
7 Pages



George Floyd (10/14/1973-5/25/2020).
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AIAA Statement on Diversity, Equality, and Inclusion from AIAA Executive Director Dan Dumbacher

Written 2 June 2020

June 2, 2020 – Reston, Va. – This is a difficult and challenging time for citizens of the United States, as well as the global community. We are all dealing with a pandemic on a scale not seen for at least a century; we also are dealing with factions of our society unwilling to see the value of others, specifically African Americans, and anyone who looks different from them.

In the aerospace industry we work at the edge of the laws of physics. We are building aircraft that go higher, fly faster, carry more people, all while working to reduce the environmental impact. We are building spacecraft that go beyond our solar system, exploring the planets and asteroids, learning to live and work in space, commercializing low Earth orbit, and building rockets and spacecraft to take humans to the moon, Mars, and hopefully beyond. To solve these tough problems, we need fresh ideas and diverse points of view.

As a society, we can't continue to do what we have always done, wandering down the same well-trodden pathways, left to wonder why things haven't improved. We need to make the ultimate pivot and adopt a new approach that has us supporting, investing, and growing the untapped capacities and potential of African Americans and other underrepresented communities. We must bring those views, those perspectives, and those talents to address some of our most vexing challenges. Now is the time to become an inclusive and dynamic community at an historic moment in our nation's history.



AIAA Executive Director Dan
Dumbacher

The aerospace community must lead. Diversity, inclusion, and acceptance are prime objectives for the Institute.

AIAA is working every day to increase the diversity of the aerospace workforce. We're reaching out to K-12 students with STEM lessons, hosting Diversity Scholars at our forums, working to build a diverse speaking lineup for our events and activities, and collaborating with our local sections and student branches to assure the long-term sustainability of our industry. We know we have a long way to go. The aerospace community simply does not yet reflect society in terms of race and gender.

Aerospace helps shape the future of society in building and operating the aircraft, defense systems, and space systems needed for ALL of our economic futures, and the protection of our freedoms. And I promise, that while we have made some gains, we are just getting started.

The Human Genome Project in 2003 taught us that 99.9 percent of the human genetic code is the SAME for all humans. We must ALL work together so that those not typically seen participating in our challenging industry have the opportunity, and young people see themselves with a future.

The 2021-2023 AIAA Diversity & Inclusion Strategic Plan

Human-Induced Climate Change Requires Urgent Action

The American Geophysical Union

A position statement on climate change was previously adopted by the American Geophysical Union in

- 1. December 1998; A new version was adopted
- 2. December 2003; Revised and Reaffirmed
- 3. December 2007,
- 4. February 2012,
- 5. August 2013,
- 6. November 2019,
- 7. September 2024.

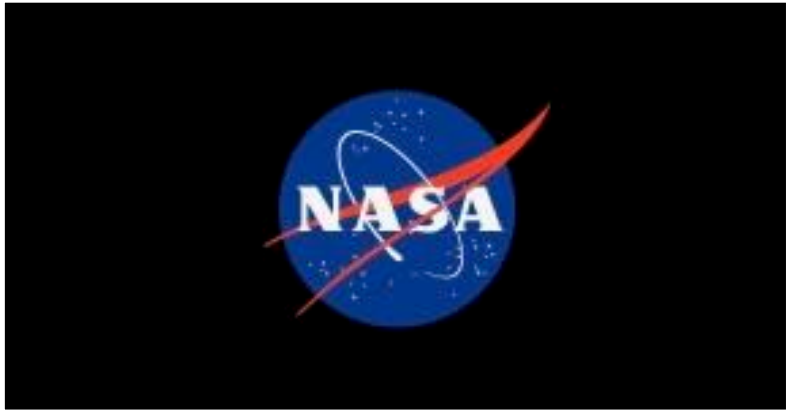
Climate Change

From the unique vantage point in space, NASA collects critical long-term observations of our changing planet.

VITAL SIGNS

Carbon Dioxide

↑ 428 parts per million



Ice Sheets	Sea Level	Ocean Warming
↓ 401 billion metric tons per year	↑ 3.6 inches since January 1993	↑ 372 zettajoules since 1955

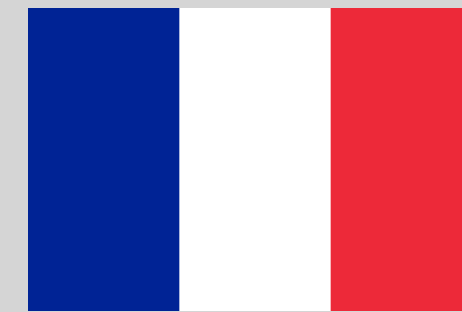
Global Temperature	Methane	Arctic Sea Ice Minimum Extent
↑ 1.5 °C since preindustrial	↑ 1935 parts per billion	↓ 12.2 percent per decade since 1979

<https://science.nasa.gov/climate-change>
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International Sister Sections of AIAA Houston

Since 2007

France



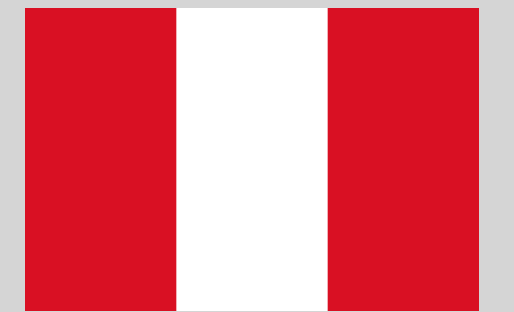
Since 2/7/2017

Ethiopia



Since 3/27/2017

Peru



A newsletter [article](#) about our 2015 dinner meeting honoring Ethiopia.

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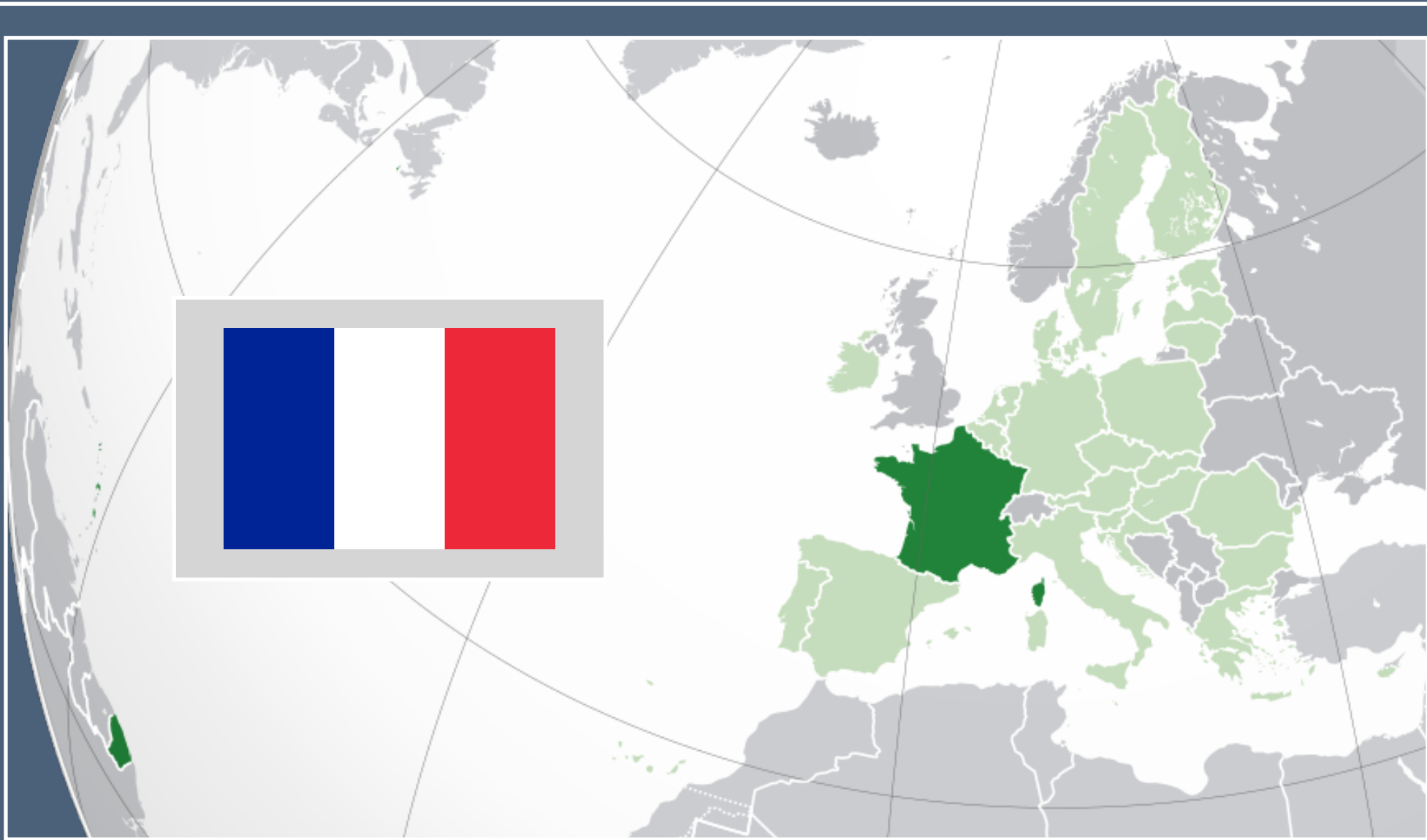
- France-USA: Association Aéronautique et Astronautique de France (3AF), Midi-Pyrénées, www.3af-mp.fr
 - France: Francis Guimera ([mail](#)), preceded by Alain Chevalier ([mail](#))
 - Houston: Douglas Yazell ([mail](#))
- Ethiopia-USA: Ethiopian Space Science Society, <https://www.ethiosss.org>
 - Ethiopia: Tulu Besha Bedada ([mail](#)), PhD and Berhan Gessesse, PhD
 - Houston: Thomas Haregot ([mail](#))
- Peru-USA
 - Houston: Jackelynn Silva-Martinez ([mail](#))
 - Peru: Julio Valdivia, Saul Perez

AIAA Houston International Activities Committee (IAC) ([link](#))
Chair: Douglas Yazell, douglas.yazell@me.com

Left: An Electric Bus in Montreux Switzerland at the Musée Fort de Chillon July 13, 2025.

Below: Our arrival in Lyon France from Houston July 9, 2025, for vacation until July 30, 2025.





France

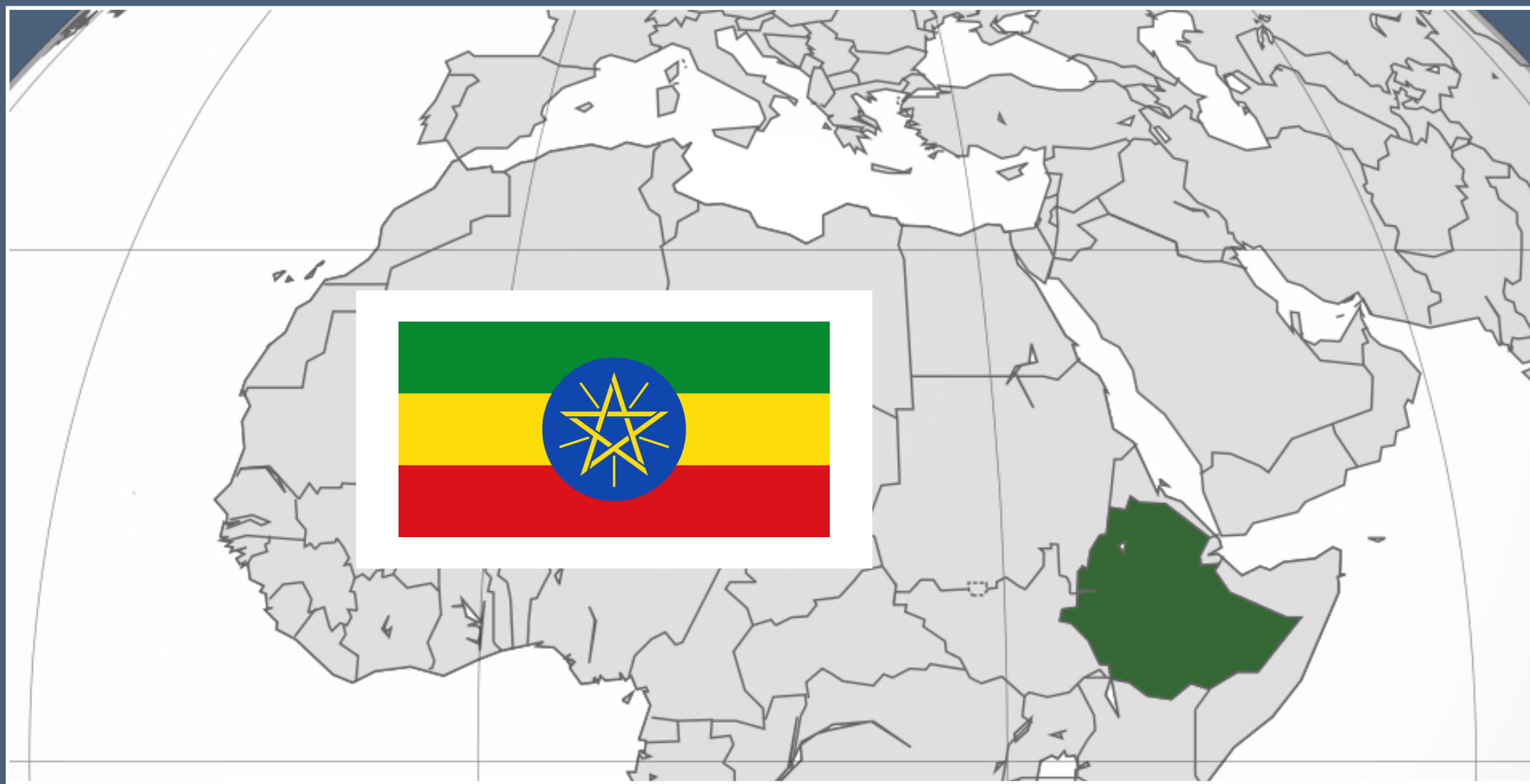
- Valérie Baraban, Consul General of France in Houston ([link](#))
- Denise Bauer, US Ambassador to France and Monaco ([link](#))
- US Embassy & Consulates in France ([link](#))



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From the French TV Show

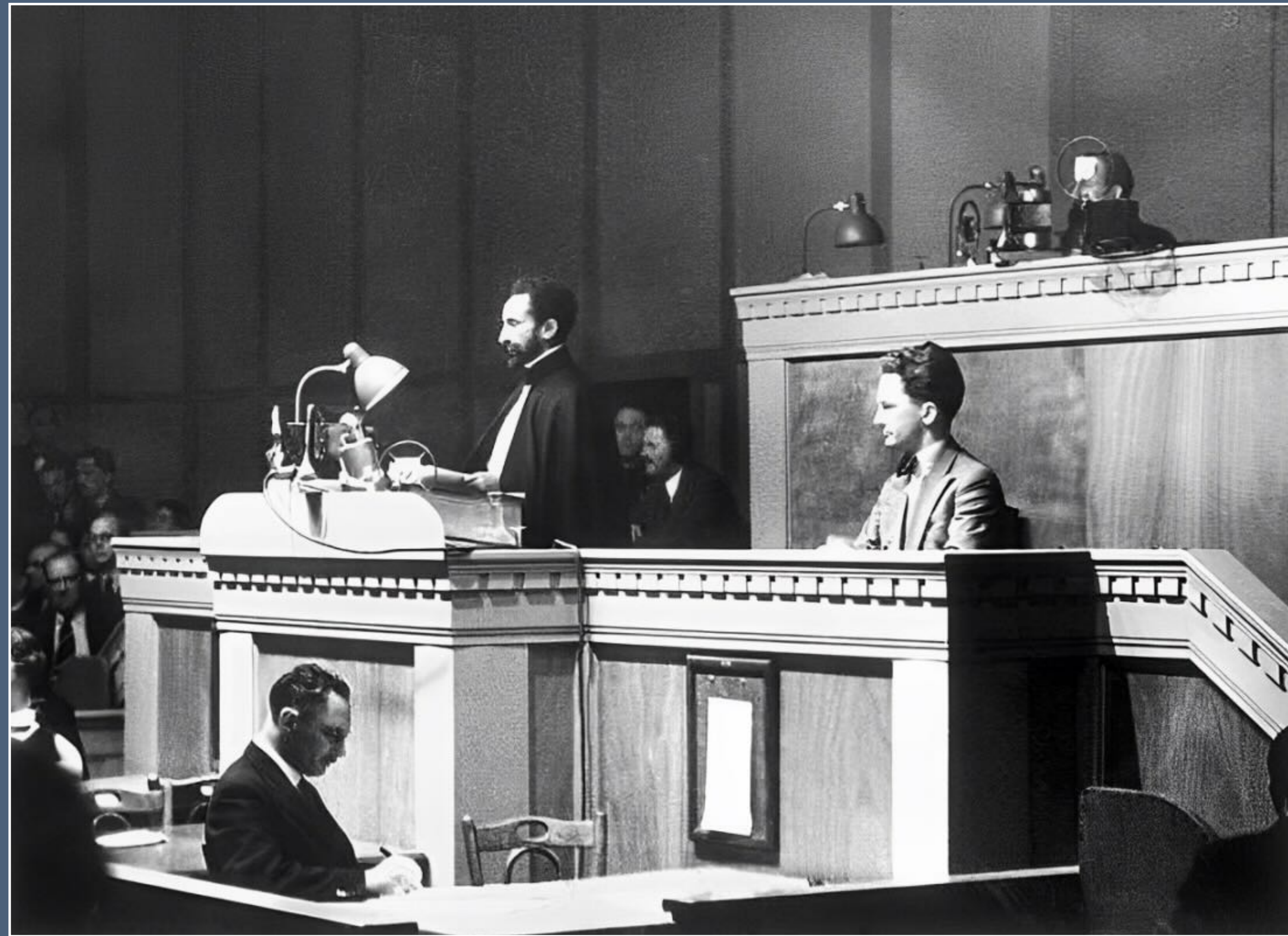


Shellfish, La Fumée Restaurant
Fouras France
From our Vacation, July 19, 2025

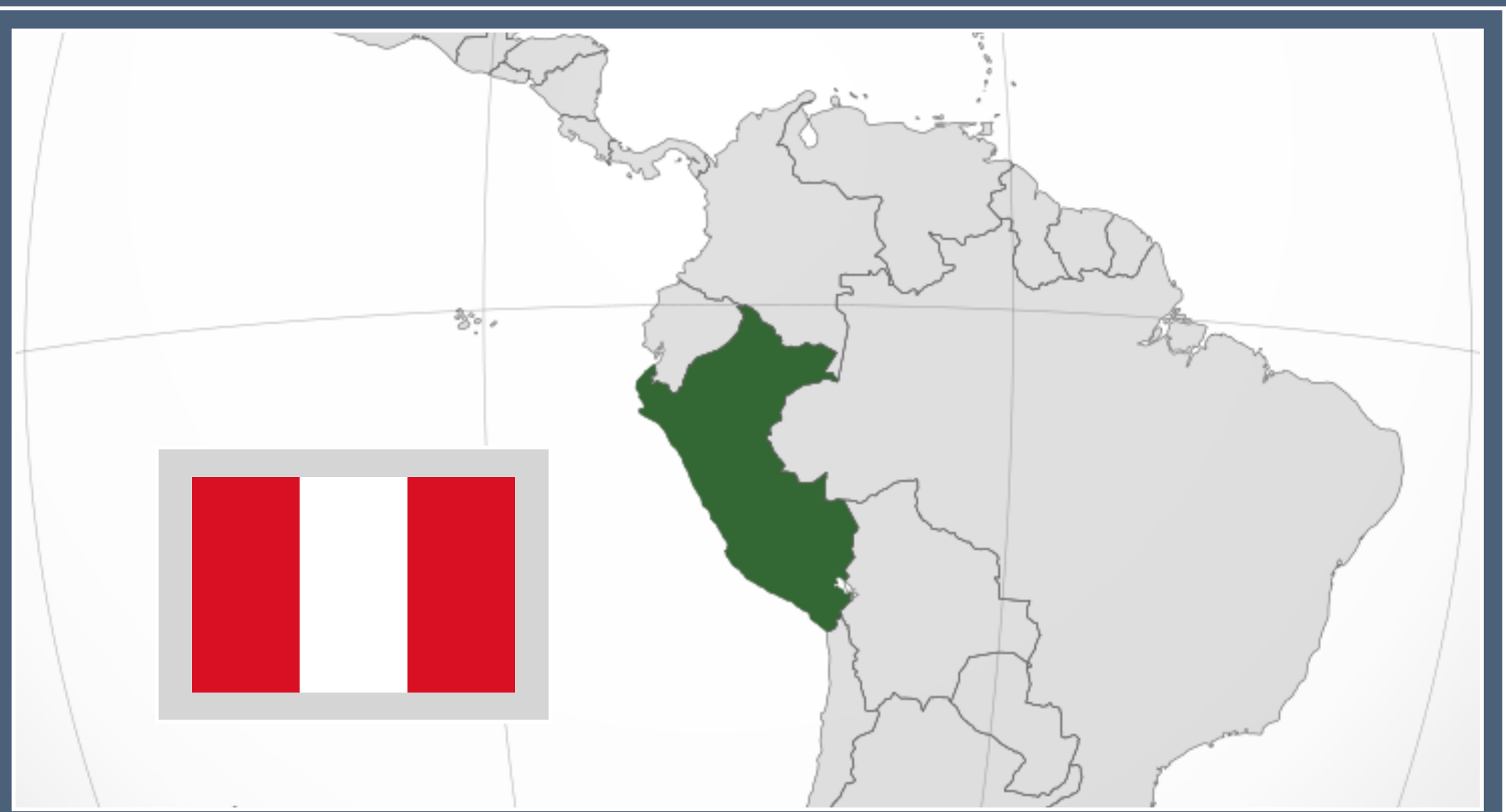


Ethiopia

- Ethiopian Space Science Society ([link](#))
- Mr. Gerzhegn Kebede, Honorary Consul, Head of Mission, Supervising Authority: Embassy of Ethiopia in Washington, D.C. ([link](#))
- Ethiopian Honorary Consulate in Houston ([link](#))
- US Embassy in Ethiopia ([link](#))
 - Tracey Ann Jacobson, Ambassador ([link](#))
 - Fiona Evans, Deputy Chief of Mission ([link](#))



Emperor Haile Selassie's League of Nations speech in 1936 against the Fascist Italian invasion. Date: 1936.
Source: Bettmann Archive, [Wikipedia](#)



Peru

- Peruvian Consulate in Houston ([link](#))
- Mr. Rodolfo Enrique Coronado Molina, Head of Mission, Supervising Authority: Embassy of Peru in Washington, D.C. ([link](#))
- US Embassy in Peru ([link](#))
 - Lisa Lenna, Ambassador ([link](#))



Coat of Arms. ([Wikipedia](#))

In the shadow of melting glaciers: life in the heartland of the Incas’ former empire - a photo essay

Ancient rituals and a profound respect for ‘Mother Earth’ bolster fragile Andean communities as the climate crisis and unchecked mining take their toll



● Words and photographs by Giordano Simoncini

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During the ‘Compadres’ festival in the Sacred Valley of the Incas, a mother and her son evoke the ancestral bond that ties the Andean people to Pacha Mama, ‘Mother Earth’

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Mexico

- US Embassy & Consulates in Mexico ([link](#))
- Mexican Consulate General in Houston ([link](#))
- Alicia G. Keber Palma, Consul General, Supervising Authority: Embassy of Mexico in Washington, D.C. ([link](#))
- Ken Salazar, US Ambassador to Mexico ([link](#))



Tomás Urbina, Pancho Villa and Emiliano Zapata in the National Palace, Museum of the City of Mexico, Mexico City, Mexico, Date: 6 December 1914, Source: M. Ramos ([Wikipedia](#))



Mexico

Mexico

Analysis

The Guardian US ▾

Sheinbaum's expulsion of criminals is more about placating Trump than keeping Mexico safe

Oscar Lopez
in Mexico City

Perhaps not coincidentally, the timing of tariff discussions was closely followed by the transfer of wanted criminals

Thu 14 Aug 2025 07.00 EDT

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2020 AIAA AVIATION Forum Held 15–19 June
3 June 2020




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2 June 2020




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3 June 2020
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June 1, 2020 – Reston, Va. – The A
Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA)
AIAA Honorary Fellow Arnold D. Aldrich
NASA career encompassed the Me
and Space Shuttle missions. Aldrich
May 2020 after a brief battle with
Aldrich served

Changing
History?

Obeying in Advance? The White House Executive
Order of January 20, 2025 is not for AIAA.

“Ending Radical And Wasteful Government DEI Programs And Preferencing”

⚠ Usage of *Preference*

The term *preference* as used to refer to sexual orientation is widely considered offensive in its implied suggestion that a person can choose who they are sexually or romantically attracted to.

Merriam-Webster Dictionary