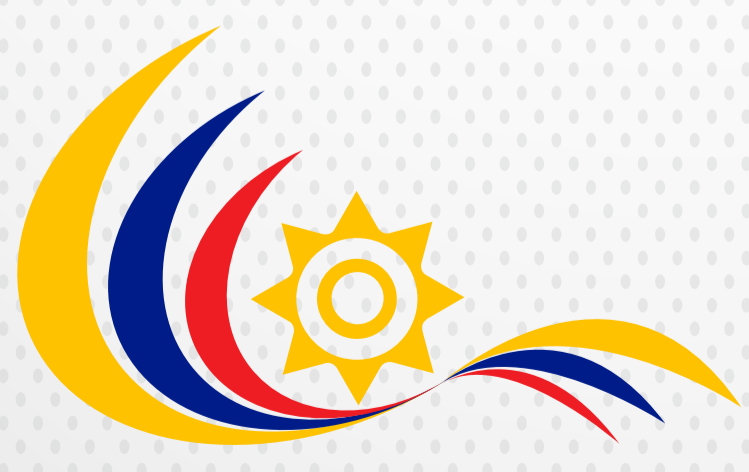
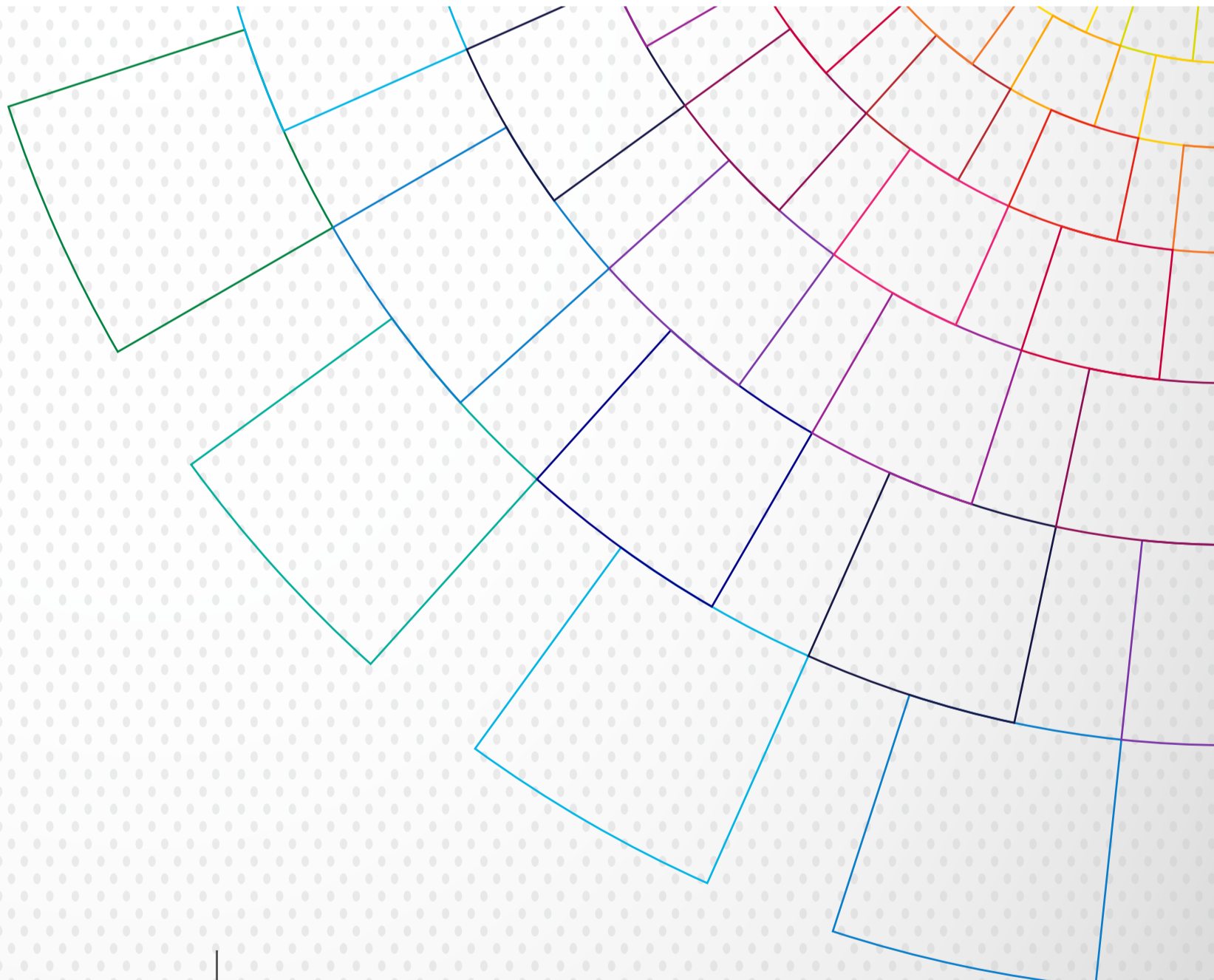




ZIKA



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ZIKA NOT A REASON TO CANCEL TRAVEL PLANS

NO PROBLEM TO TRAVEL

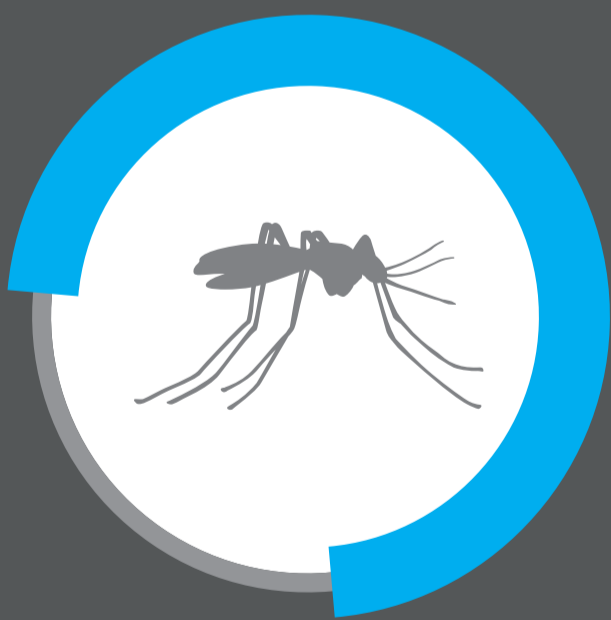
The **World Tourism Organization (WTO)** supports the declaration the World Health Organization (WHO) made on February 1st, 2016; that there should be no restrictions on travel or trade with countries, areas and/or territories with Zika virus transmission.

Ecuador's health and tourism authorities are working together to inform residents, tourists and the tourism sector on precautions to be taken. The tourism industry is working closely with health authorities to follow the WHO's preventative recommendations.

¿WHAT IS ZIKA?

Definition by the WHO

It is an infection caused by the bite of an *Aedes aegypti* mosquito which has been infected with the virus. According to the **World Health Organization (WHO)**, this insect, dark in color with silver spots, uses natural and artificial confined spaces as hatcheries.



The average altitude where the virus can develop is below **2,200 meters (7,200 feet)** above sea level. Past this point, bites no longer cause effects harmful to one's health.

Major cities and tourism sites along Ecuador's Andean region are located above this altitude, hence that there is minimal risk of contracting the virus.

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Ecuador's Ministry of Public Health (MSP), together with other state entities are continuously performing fumigation campaigns nationwide to eliminate breeding sites where the *Aedes aegypti* mosquito, transmitter of zika, yellow fever, dengue and chikungunya, reproduces. This action helps significantly reduce the spread of the virus, and very good results have been obtained.



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CONTROL MEASURES



Epidemiological surveillance
system nationwide



Communication of messages
regarding preventive measures



Information Campaigns and Training



Inter-institutional strategy
for the Destruction of Hatcheries



Fumigation

HOW TO PREVENT?

- The installation and use of insecticide treated nets is recommended.
- Repellents containing icaridin should be used.
- Clothing that covers extremities, such as long sleeves and pants, should be used to lessen the chance of being bitten.
- Stay informed regarding the latest news about the virus communicated by official health or travel authorities.





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