



XIX

Meeting of the Regional Council for
Planning of the Latin American and
Caribbean Institute for Economic
and Social Planning (ILPES)

Santo Domingo, 7–9 November 2023

**NINETEENTH MEETING OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL FOR PLANNING OF THE LATIN AMERICAN AND
CARIBBEAN INSTITUTE FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PLANNING (ILPES)**

**EIGHTEENTH CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS AND HEADS OF PLANNING OF LATIN AMERICA AND THE
CARIBBEAN**

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Briefing note for participants



I. INTRODUCTION

The nineteenth meeting of the Regional Council for Planning of the Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning (ILPES) will be held in Santo Domingo from 7 to 9 November 2023. The Eighteenth Conference of Ministers and Heads of Planning of Latin America and the Caribbean will be held as a side event of the meeting.

This document is intended to provide delegations with useful information to facilitate their work at the meetings.

The meeting coordinators will be available to answer any questions concerning logistical or organizational matters, before or during the event.

II. GENERAL COVID-19 CONSIDERATIONS

As of April 2022, travellers entering the Dominican Republic are not required to present proof of vaccination against the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) or a negative PCR or antigen test. However, random testing may be carried out as necessary. Travellers who present their vaccine card will be exempt from random testing.

III. COUNTRY AND MEETING INFORMATION

1. General information on the Dominican Republic

Geographical location

The Dominican Republic comprises two thirds of the island of Hispaniola. Its geographical position between Cuba and Puerto Rico has made it one of the major tourist destinations of the Caribbean and an ideal location for investment and trade. The country is divided into 32 provinces and its capital is Santo Domingo.

Climate

The Dominican Republic has a warm tropical climate. In November, the temperature in Santo Domingo averages highs of 30°C (86°F) and lows of 23°C (73.4 °F).

Official website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs: <http://www.mirex.gob.do/>

Official website for travel to the Dominican Republic:
<https://www.godominicanrepublic.com/travel/faqs/>

Useful information for your stay

LOCAL CURRENCY	Dominican peso (RD\$) The unit of currency of the Dominican Republic is the Dominican peso. Its exchange rate with the United States dollar is approximately 55:1. Most commercial establishments accept international credit cards. Both dollars and euros can be exchanged for Dominican pesos at airport currency exchange offices and in all commercial banks.
LOCAL TIME	UTC/GMT-4
ELECTRICITY	The electrical current is 110 volts.
AIRPORT CHARGES	The airport charge (or tourist card fee) to enter the country is US\$ 10.
TIPPING	All taxes and tips are included in the price of accommodation. However, an additional tip may be given for particularly satisfactory service.
TAXIS/TRANSFERS	The use of taxis is encouraged, including those parked at the entrance to hotels. Fares are determined by distance. It is recommended that visitors ask for the fare when they call the taxi company or upon entering the taxi. In addition, chauffeur services can be hired by the trip or by the hour, and rideshare services are also available, including Uber, inDrive and DiDi.

2. Meeting venue

The nineteenth meeting of the Regional Council for Planning of ILPES and the Eighteenth Conference of Ministers and Heads of Planning of Latin America and the Caribbean will be held at the Hotel Crowne Plaza in Santo Domingo from 7 to 9 November 2023.

Hotel information is included below.

Crowne Plaza Santo Domingo

Av. George Washington 218, P.O. Box 2890, Santo Domingo 2890, Dominican Republic

Tel.: (809) 221-0000 | Email: santodomingo@ihgrd.com

Check-in: after 3 p.m.

Check-out: 12 p.m.

Website: <https://www.ihg.com/crowneplaza/hotels/us/es/santo-domingo/sdqha/hoteldetail>

3. Meeting coordination

The meetings are organized by ECLAC and by the Ministry of Economic Affairs, Planning and Development on behalf of the Government of the Dominican Republic.

Questions on substantive matters related to the meetings may be addressed to:

- Cielo Morales, Chief of ILPES
Email: cielo.morales@un.org; tel.: (+56) 2 2210 2489
- Valeria Torres, Head of the Public Management and Open Government Area of ILPES
Email: valeria.torres@un.org; tel.: (+56) 2 2210 2224

Enquiries concerning operational aspects of the meeting should be addressed to Daniela Gebhard (email: daniela.gebhard@un.org, tel.: (+56) 2 2210 2630).

4. Hotel reservations

The ECLAC Conference Services Unit has reserved a block of rooms with special rates at the following hotel (subject to availability):

- **HOTEL CROWNE PLAZA**

Standard room with one king bed: US\$ **109**

Standard room with two full beds: US\$ **119**

Deluxe room with one king bed: US\$ **119**

Deluxe room with two full beds: US\$ **129**

Executive room with one king bed: US\$ **145**

Executive room with two full beds: US\$ **155**

Reservations: andry.calderon@ihgrd.com, sales representative

These rates include a breakfast buffet and a Wi-Fi connection in the hotel room. Rates do not include the 10% government tax.

Members of delegations are responsible for making their own reservations and are advised to check that hotels have indeed processed requests and to obtain a reservation number or confirmation code.

To hold a reservation, hotels will require a credit card number. Free cancellation applies up to five days prior to check-in. A credit card number is required to hold the reservation. In the event of a no-show, guests will be charged for the first night. Early check-in and late check-out are available for US\$ 50 plus tax.

5. Requirements for entering the Dominican Republic

Ordinary, diplomatic and official passport holders should contact the Embassy or Consulate of the Dominican Republic in their countries to request information about entry requirements. Citizens of certain States do not require a visa to visit the country.

Please visit <http://consuladord.com/contenidos.aspx?cid=82&lang=ES> for information on visa requirements for entering the Dominican Republic.

Participants are responsible for applying for visas to enter the Dominican Republic, as applicable.

E-ticket

Members of delegations visiting the Dominican Republic must fill out an e-ticket upon arrival and departure, and the system will generate two QR codes.

It is mandatory that the information provided by travellers be true and accurate when completing the e-ticket of the General Migration Administration, the General Customs Administration and the Ministry of Public Health, pursuant to Acts Nos. 285-04, 115-17, 72-02 y 226-06.

To complete the e-tickets for entering and exiting the Dominican Republic, please use the link below.

<https://eticket.migracion.gob.do/>

All airports in the Dominican Republic provide free Internet access, enabling travellers who have not completed the form in advance to do so upon arrival.

6. Local transport

Participants are responsible for their own roundtrip transport between the airport and their hotels.

7. Registration

An online registration system for participants will be available on the ECLAC website (<https://www.cepal.org/en/events/xix-meeting-regional-council-planning-latin-american-and-caribbean-institute-economic-and-social-planning>) as from 10 October 2023.

Participants can collect their credentials in Las Americas rooms A and B of the Hotel Crowne Plaza on Tuesday, 7 November, beginning at 8 a.m. Each participant will receive an identification badge, which, for security purposes, must be shown to enter all meetings.

For further information, please contact Luis Flores (email: luis.flores@cepal.org, tel.: (+56) 2 2210 2520) or Daniela Gebhard (email: 5aniela.gebhard@cepal.org, tel.: (+56) 2 2210 2630).

Registering through the online system **does not exempt** delegations from the requirement to provide official notification indicating the name of the head of delegation and all accompanying members.

8. Opening session

The opening session will be held at in **Las Americas rooms A and B of the Hotel Crowne Plaza at 9.00 a.m. on Tuesday, 7 November.**

9. Internet

Participants will have access to Wi-Fi in the offices and conference rooms reserved for the meetings.

10. Languages

The official language of the meeting will be Spanish. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided into English.

11. Medical services

The Government of the Dominican Republic will provide first aid services if emergency medical assistance is required at the meeting venue.

12. Documents

This will be a paper-smart meeting. All official documents and statements will be made available to read or download at the website (<https://www.cepal.org/en/events/xix-meeting-regional-council-planning-latin-american-and-caribbean-institute-economic-and-social-planning>). Participants are advised to bring their laptop computer, tablet or other mobile device to the meeting, since only a limited number of printed documents will be available.



FORMATO REGISTRO DE HOTEL / REGISTRATION FORM

NOMBRE / NAME : _____

ACOMPANANTE : _____

INSTITUCION / COMPANY : _____ Evento CEPAL - MEPYD _____

CIUDAD Y PAIS / CITY & COUNTRY : _____

FECHA DE LLEGADA / CHECK IN : _____

FECHA DE SALIDA / CHECK OUT : _____

TARJETA DE CREDITO / CREDIT CARD : _____

FECHA DE EXPIRACION : _____

TELEFONO No. / PHONE : _____

E-MAIL : _____

COMENTARIOS : _____

Type of Rooms, Please Select /hacer seleccion

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|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| <i>Standard Room</i> | <i>US\$109.00</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1 King Size Bed |
| <i>Standard Room</i> | <i>US\$119.00</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 Full Size Bed |
| <i>DELUXE Room</i> | <i>US\$119.00</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1 King Size Bed |
| <i>DELUXE Room</i> | <i>US\$129.00</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 Full beds |
| <i>EXECUTIVE Room</i> | <i>US\$145.00</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1 King Size Bed |
| <i>EXECUTIVE Room</i> | <i>US\$155.00</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 Full beds |

Desayuno incluido para 1 o 2 personas /Tercera persona US\$30.00, Tarifas Sujetas al 28% de impuestos y servicio legal.

P.D.: Política de cancelación sin cargo 5 días antes de la fecha de llegada. Necesitamos un número de Tarjeta de crédito para garantizar su reservación. En caso de No show le cargamos 1 noche como penalidad. Early Check in y Late Check out tiene un costo de US\$50.00+imps

P.D : Cancellation policy without charge 5 days before the arrival date. We need a credit card number to guarantee your reservation. In case of No show we charge 1 night as a penalty. Early Check in and Late Check out US\$50.00+taxes

Algun requerimiento contactar vía email: andry.calderon@ihgrd.com Tel: 809-221-1181 y 809-221-0000 ext 2011