Workshop on the Use of Telecommunications in Disaster Prevention and Mitigation ITU/CITEL

Mar del Plata, Argentina, 29 August 2011

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

1. **Venue**

**Costa Galana Hotel**
Bv. Marítimo Patricio Peralta Ramos 5725  
Tel/Fax +54 223-486-0000  
Mar del Plata / Provincia de Buenos Aires – República Argentina  
[www.hotelcostagalana.com](http://www.hotelcostagalana.com)

2. **Accommodation and hotel reservations**

Below are the special hotel accommodations rates negotiated for this event

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| **Costa Galana (venue)*******  
Bv. Marítimo Patricio Peralta Ramos 5725  
Tel/Fax: +54 223-486-0000  
fvalverde@hotelcostagalana.com  
[www.hotelcostagalana.com](http://www.hotelcostagalana.com)  
| Single or double standard  
US$145  
Taxes and breakfast buffet are included  
|  
| **Elegance ******  
Matheu 160  
Two blocks from venue  
Tel/Fax: +54 223-451-5295  
hotel@elegancemdp.com.ar  
| Single US$ 95  
Doble US$ 112  
Taxes and breakfast buffet are included  
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| **Benedetti *****  
Av. Colón 2198  
Downtown area hotel 2.4 miles from venue.  
Taxi to venue US$ 5  
Tel/Fax: +54 223-493-0031/33  
hotelbenedetti@speedy.com.ar  
| Single US$ 66  
Doble US$ 78  
Taxes and breakfast buffet are included  
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| **Hostal de Alem *****  
Rawson 233  
Nine block from venue  
Taxi to venue US$ 2  
Tel/Fax: +54 223-486-2265/4008  
complejo@elhostaldealen.com.ar  
| Standard  
Single US$ 30/Doble US$ 44  
Superior  
Single US$ 32/Doble  
Ocean View  
Single US$ 37/Doble US$ 52  
Taxes and breakfast buffet are included  

3. **Flights and Transportation**

Aerolineas Argentinas is the only airline flying to the city of Mar del Plata, with a frequency of 2 daily flights (except on Saturdays, when there is only 1 flight).

**Ezeiza Airport**
Located 40 minutes away from the city of Buenos Aires; used for international air traffic.

**Jorge Newbery Airport**
Domestic airport from which flights to the city of Mar del Plata depart.

**Car Service and private taxis**
Estimated value for Ezeiza-Jorge Newbery Airport US$ 42 ($170 Argentinean pesos)

**Minibuses:**
Estimated value for Ezeiza-Jorge Newbery Airport US$ 14 ( $55 Argentinean pesos)

**Mar del Plata Airport**
Car services and private taxis: Mar del Plata Airport is 12 km/7.5 miles away from the city; the estimated value of a taxi or private car fare is US$ 15 ($60 Argentinean pesos)

**Road transport option from Buenos Aires to mar del Plata:**
Upon arrival at Ezeiza International Airport, delegates may take a transfer from the Manuel Tienda de León Company ([www.tiendaleon.com.ar](http://www.tiendaleon.com.ar)) to the city of Mar del Plata. The distance from Buenos Aires to Mar del Plata is of 400 km/249 miles. A road trip takes approximately 6 hours and the cost of the fare is US$ 50 ($200 Argentinean pesos). This company offers seven daily trips from Ezeiza to Mar del Plata at the following times: 2.30 am; 5.30 am; 10.00 am; 12.30 pm; 9.30 pm y 11.30 pm.

For further information, please check the following link: [www.aa2000.com.ar](http://www.aa2000.com.ar)

4. **General Information**

The city of Mar del Plata is known as the "happy city", located in the province of Buenos Aires, is the most important touristic seaside in the center of Argentina. This vibrant coastal city combines the hospitality of its people, and the charm and beauty of its natural resources with a solid infrastructure and a wide range of services. Architectural landmarks such as the Casino and the Torreón del Monge (Monk’s Tower), together with other icons like Los Troncos district, the port and Punta Mogotes beach make it a unique destination.

5. **Entry formalities**

Most delegates do not require a visa to enter Argentina. To consult visa requirements, please go to [www.mrecic.gov.ar](http://www.mrecic.gov.ar) “temas consulares”. We suggest that those who do require a visa should contact Lic. Sr. Luis Carranza ([lcarranza@cnc.gov.ar](mailto:lcarranza@cnc.gov.ar)) in order to request a letter of invitation. This letter shall serve to be submitted before the Argentine Embassy of the requesting country to get the visa.

Argentina does not require any vaccination certificates, except for the case of vaccination against cholera and yellow fever for passengers coming from countries in which the aforementioned diseases are endemic.

6. **Official Language**
Spanish is the official language. English is widely spoken.

7. **Electric Voltage**

220 Volts. Power adapters are easy to obtain.

8. **Climate**

Mar del Plata’s climate is mild and humid, with plenty of precipitation all year round. The average normal values range between 5/25°C (41º/77ºF). The average temperature during the month of September is 5/15°C (41/60.8ºF).

9. **Currency**

Peso argentino ($) is the official currency. As of July 1st 2011, the dollar/peso rate is US$ 1 = $ 4.12

10. **Taxes**

There is 21% VAT (value added tax) on consumables, which in some cases is reimbursed on departure.

For further information, please go to:

For more data on the city of Mar del Plata we suggest you consult the following link:
http://www.mardelplata.gov.ar

www.mardelplata.com