



***Meeting of SG3RG-LAC and associated BDT seminar  
Asuncion, Paraguay, 13-16 March 2012***

***Practical information***

**1. Venue of the meeting**

To be decided. All information on the venue will be published in due course as an addendum to this collective letter.

**2. Hotels**

The list of hotels will be provided once the venue has been decided (nearby hotels).

**3. Entrance to the country**

Visitors from the Mercosur countries, Chile and Bolivia require a valid ID card or passport. Citizens of other countries require a valid passport with or without visa. For additional information, please check the webpage of the Ministry of External Relations (<http://www.mre.gov.py>).

**4. Transportation airport/hotel and between hotels and venue of meeting**

Transport from the airport to the hotel will be provided if the itinerary has been sent to the host authority enough in advance.

Transportation from the hotel to the airport is also foreseen.

**5.**

The contact person in the host administration is:

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**6. Taxis**

Taxis may be found in any airport and main hotels.

**7. Local time**

The time zone is UTC-3.

**8. Climate**

The climate in Paraguay is tropical, warm and humid, with an air humidity of 80%. Temperature varies between 20° and 32°C and an average yearly temperature of 22 °C.

## 9. Precautions

It is recommended that during your stay in Paraguay you drink bottled water. It is also advisable to subscribe a medical insurance valid abroad to cover your stay.

## 10. Internet connectivity in the meeting venue

A wireless network will be available will be available in the meeting rooms during the event.

## 11. Currency and exchange rate

The currency is the Guarani. Following is the approximate exchange rate:

Purchase:	USD 1,00	4 300,00 guaranis
Sale:	USD 1,00	4 500,00 guaranis

## 12. Shopping

- Mariscal Lopez Shopping:  
Address: Quesada 5050 and Charles de Gaulle  
Telephone: 595 21 611 272  
Website: [www.mariscallopez.com.py](http://www.mariscallopez.com.py)
- Shopping del Sol  
Address: Aviadores del Chaco  
Telephone: 595 21 611780  
Website: [www.shoppingdelsol.com.py](http://www.shoppingdelsol.com.py)

## 13. Electricity and sockets

Electricity in Paraguay is 220 volts, alternating at 50 cycles per second. If you travel to Paraguay with an appliance that does not accept 220 volts at 50 Herz, you will need a voltage converter.

Type A and B sockets are available:



## 14. Languages

Spanish is the official language of Paraguay.

## 15. Tips

A tip of an amount equivalent to 10% of the price is appropriate in most places.

## 16. Prices and taxes

Most goods and services are taxed with a 10% VAT (Value Added Tax). In some cases, VAT is already included.

## 17. Flag and places to visit



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*[Represa de Itaipú](#)*



*[Palacio de los López](#)*



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