

Regional Seminar on the economic and financial aspects of telecommunications and Meeting of the Study Group 3 Regional Group for Latin America and Caribbean (SG3RG-LAC)

Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, 6-9 July 2010

Practical information

1. Venue of the meeting

The seminar and meeting will take place at the Hotel Santo Domingo, at the following address:

Avenida Independencia, Esquina Abraham Lincoln
Santo Domingo
República Dominicana

Tel: +1 809 221 3618

Fax: +1 809 533 8898

Web site: <http://www.hotelsantodomingo.com.do>

2. Hotels

Hotel Santo Domingo (venue of the meeting)			
	Single	Double	Observations
Deluxe room	USD 107.10	USD 119.70	Includes tax, breakfast and Internet
On executive floor	USD 126.00	USD 138.60	Includes tax, breakfast and Internet
To make the reservation, please contact Ms. Wendy ASTACIO (after the first contact, you will receive a form to fill in and return on which you will have to write your credit card number in order to formalize the reservation)		Tel: +1 809 221 3618 Cell: +1 809 747 1610 Email: w.astacio@hsd.com.do	

Hotel BQ Santo Domingo			
Av. Sarasota No. 53 Bella Vista Santo Domingo Tel: +1 809 535 9722 / 535 0800 ext. 2746 Email: info@bqsantodomingo.com Web: www.bqsantodomingo.com			
	Single	Double	Observations
Standard Room	USD 94.50	USD 107.10	Includes tax, breakfast and Internet
Superior	USD 107.10	USD 119.70	Includes tax, breakfast and

			Internet
Superior Suite	USD 138.60	USD 144.90	Includes tax, breakfast and Internet
This hotel is located at approximately 30 to 40 minutes by taxi from the venue of the meeting. When you make the reservation, please make sure you quote "INDOTEL/ITU event".		Contact: Carolina LUNA Tel: +1 809 535 0800 ext. 2720 Celular: +1 829 279 3732 Fax: +1 809 534 6251 Email: cluna@bqsantodomingo.com	

Hotel Intercontinental V Centenario Santo Domingo Av. G. Washington, 218 Santo Domingo Tel: +1 809 221 0000 Fax: +1 809 221 2020 Web: http://www.intercontinental.com/santodomingo Email: santodomingo@interconti.com		
	Single	Observations
Standard Room	USD 126.00	Includes tax and breakfast
Deluxe Room	USD 157.20	Includes tax and breakfast
Club Room	USD 200.34	Includes tax and breakfast
		Contact: Andry CALDERÓN Gerente de Ventas Comerciales Tel: +1 809 221 1567 Fax: +1 809 686 3576

Hotel Holiday Inn Santo Domingo Av. Abraham Lincoln, 856 Santo Domingo Tel: +1 809 621 0000 Fax: +1 809 985 1000 Web: www.holidayinn.com		
	Single	Observations
Standard Room	USD 137.34	Includes tax, NO breakfast
Deluxe Room	USD 162.54	Includes tax, NO breakfast
Club Room	USD 212.94	Includes tax, NO breakfast
		Contact: Andry CALDERÓN Gerente de Ventas Comerciales Tel: +1 809 221 1567 Fax: +1 809 686 3576

Hotel Hilton Santo Domingo Av. George Washington, No. 500 Santo Domingo Tel: +1 809 685 0000 Fax: +1 809 685 0202 Web: www.hiltoncaribbean.com/santodomingo		
	Single	Observations
Standard Room	USD 163.00	Includes tax and breakfast

3. Visa and departure tax

Depending on your nationality, you will either require a visa to enter the Dominican Republic, or simply a tourist card.

Citizens of the following countries require visas: Afghanistan, Angola, Saudi Arabia, Burundi, Chad, China, Colombia, Congo, Cuba, Egypt, Ethiopia, Philippines, Ghana, Guinea, Haiti, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao, Lebanon, Liberia, Mali, Namibia, Nepal, Niger, Nigeria, New Zealand, Pakistan, Panama, People's Republic of Congo, People's Republic of Korea, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Syria, Somalia, South Africa, Sudan, Thailand, Taiwan, Tanzania, Togo, Turkey, Uganda.

It is advisable to contact the Dominican Republic's consular representation in your country of residence before departure in order to ensure whether you need a visa.

For the remaining countries, a simple tourist card is necessary. This card can be purchased at the customs control upon arrival at the airport in Santo Domingo. The cost is USD 10,00.

Additionally, all travelers departing the Dominican Republic will be required to pay a tax of USD 20,00, regardless of their nationality or of their reason to visit the Dominican republic. Some airlines (Iberia or Air Europe) include this tax in the price of their tickets.

Please ensure that you have these USD 30,00 with you in US currency. Otherwise, you will have to exchange money at the airport and the rate is not favourable.

4. Transportation airport-hotel and between the various hotels and the venue of the meeting

Information on transportation between airport and hotel and between the various hotels and the venue of the meeting will be sent out in due course by email to the distribution list of the group.

5. Taxis

You may hire a private taxi at all airports and main hotels. It is recommended that visitors agree on the fare before starting the trip, as not all taxis have meters.

6. Local time

Local time is UTC/GMT -4. There is no summer time.

7. Climate

The climate in the Dominican Republic is seaside semitropical, with average yearly temperature of 80°F (26.5°C). During the period when the event will take place, the temperature in Santo Domingo fluctuates between 78° and 91°F (26° and 33°C).

8. Medical requirements and vaccinations

No particular vaccination is obligatory to travel to the Dominican Republic. The most usual health complications are those derived from long unprotected exposure to the sun, sunstroke, bowel disorders and ear problems. It is recommended to drink bottled water during your stay in the Dominican Republic. It is also advisable to buy a valid health insurance to cover your stay, as well as to take the usual basic medicines (aspirine, antidiarrheal, various creams, plasters, etc.).

9. Internet connectivity in the meeting venue

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

10. Currency and Exchange rate

The Dominican peso (DOP) is the currency of the Dominican Republic. The acronym of the currency is DOP, sometimes also written RD\$.

The Dominican peso is divided into 100 cents and it is the only currency accepted in shops. The average current exchange rate is:

$$\text{USD } 1 = \text{DOP } 36.50$$

Legal tender notes are 2000, 1000, 500, 200, 100 and 50, while coins are 25, 10, 5 and 1 pesos.

Banks and currency exchange bureau are authorized to change foreign currency. The currencies that can be exchanged most easily are US dollars, Canadian dollars and Euro. It is recommended to keep the receipt of the exchange operation in order to be able to change the remaining pesos back to your currency upon departure.

11. Shopping hours

Shopping centres are usually open from 0900h or 1000h until 1900h or 2100h. Smaller shops often open around 0900h and close around 1800h or 1900h. Some of these smaller shops may take one or two hour breaks at lunchtime. In any case, most shops will be open to the public between 1000h and 1200h and between 1600h and 1800h. On Saturdays, many shops close at 1300h. All large supermarkets and shopping centres in Santo Domingo, except Supermercados Bravo, open on Sundays until 2000h. All other shops are closed on Sundays, except for grocery stores that remain open 24/7.

12. Electricity and sockets

Electrical voltaje in Santo Domingo is 110 Volts/60Hz.



13. Languages

Spanish is the official language of the Dominican Republic.

14. Tips

It is customary to leave tips in restaurants, hotels and services. Restaurants usually charge a 10% tax on the bill and it is customary to leave an additional tip of up to 10%. Tips are generally given to taxi drivers, bell boys, waiters, doormen, etc.

15. About the Dominican Republic

The Dominican Republic is a multicolour mosaic of Spanish, French, Haitian and African influences framed in extremely rich history. Christopher Columbus described this exuberant land as “a paradise-like island with high wooded mountains and large valleys and rivers”. This statement is as true today as it was in 1492. In addition to warm sun, sea and sand, the Dominican Republic offers an exciting and exclusive cultural experience that captivates the senses.

It is a tourist destination like none other – a festival for the senses with blinding scenery, exotic cuisine and a remarkable variety of art and entertainment options. The rhythmical emotion of the Merengue, intriguing relics of centuries past, first class tobacco and world class baseball are all waiting for you. The Dominican Republic is a place full of surprises that will prove enjoyable for even the most experienced of travelers.

Santo Domingo is the capital of the Dominican Republic.

Source: Official web site of the Ministry of Tourism of the Dominican Republic: www.godominicanrepublic.com



Flag of the Dominican Republic



Santo Domingo

Fuente: http://www.el-bohio.com/aerial_tour/photos/aerial_tour02.jpg

16. Should you require any additional clarification, please do not hesitate to contact either of the following persons:

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Formulario de reservación de hotel
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Sírvese rellenar este impreso y devolverlo al hotel de su elección:

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Name of the hotel:

Nombre del hotel: _____

Type and number of rooms required:

Tipo y número de habitaciones: _____

Dates and number of nights:

Fechas y número de noches: _____

Personal information/Información personal:

Name of participant:

Nombre del participante : _____

Organisation/Company:

Organización/Empresa: _____

Country:

País: _____

Flight number, time and date of arrival:

Número de vuelo, hora y fecha de llegada: _____

Flight number, time and date of departure:

Número de vuelo, hora y fecha de partida: _____

Payment/Pago

Name as it appears on credit card:

Nombre tal y como aparece en la tarjeta de pago: _____

Type of credit card:

Tipo de tarjeta de pago: _____

Credit card number:

Número de tarjeta de pago: _____

Valid until:

Válida hasta: _____

Date and signature/Fecha y firma: _____
