

INFORMATION NOTE

1. VENUE

Hotel Marriott Bogotá

Av. El Dorado # 69b – 53

Tel. (57) 1 485 1111

Fax. (57) 1 485 1112

Bogotá / Colombia

Site: <u>www.marriott.com/bogmc</u>

2. ACCOMMODATION

The following is the list of recommended hotels. Please remember that <u>Participants are requested to book</u> their hotel room directly to the hotel of their choice.

HOTEL NAMES	RATES US\$
Hotel Marriott Bogotá	
Av. El Dorado # 69b – 53	Single room US\$ 241
Tel. (57) 1 4851111 Fax. (57) 1 4851112	
Bogotá / Colombia	Includes: taxes, breakfast, Wi-Fi, and transport to/from the airport
www.espanol.marriott.com	
GHL Hotel Capital	
Calle 25B # 69A – 50 (located half a block away from the event venue)	Single room US\$ 203
Tel. (57) 1 4233001 Fax. (57) 1 4233002	Double room US\$ 222

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Bogotá / Colombia	Includes: taxes, breakfast, wi-Fi, and transport to/from the airport.
www.hotelcapital.com.co	
Holiday Inn Bogota Airport	
Calle 26 # 69D - 91 (located half a block away from the event venue)	Single room US\$ 233
Tel. (57) 1 4044141 Fax. (57) 1 4049525	Double room US\$ 269
Bogotá / Colombia <u>www.holidayinn.com</u>	Includes: taxes, breakfast, wiFi, and transport to/from the airport.
Hotel Sheraton	
Calle 25 B No 69C - 80 (located half a block away from the event venue)	Single room US\$ 225
Tel. (57) 1 2105001 Fax. (57) 1 2105003	Double room US\$ 252
Bogotá / Colombia	Includes: taxes, breakfast, wi-Fi, and transport to/from the airport
www.ghlhoteles.com	
Hotel AR Salitre	
Avenida Carrera 60 No. 22-99 (located 2 Km away from the event venue)	Single room US\$ 166
Tel. (57) 1 7477333 Fax. (57) 1 7436701	Double room US\$ 191
Bogotá / Colombia	Includes: taxes, breakfast, wi-Fi, and transport to/from the airport
www.hotelesar.com	

3. FLIGHTS AND TRANSPORTATION

El Dorado is the Colombian International Airport, which is situation with the city limits of the City of Bogota.

For the airport-hotel transfers it has been recommended by the Organizers, for security reasons, participants should only take the taxis located at the exit point of the airport, right after the arrivals and meeting point at the airport where both International and Domestic arrivals take place. For further information please visit: <u>http://www.elnuevodorado.com</u>

International Airlines with direct flights to Colombia are:

Aerogal, Aerolíneas Argentinas, Aeroméxico, Air Canada, Air France, Aires, American Airlines, AviancaTaca, Continental Airlines, Conviasa, Copa Airlines, DAE, Delta Airlines, Iberia, Insel Air, Jetblue Airways, LAN, Lufthansa, Oceanair, Spirit Airlines, TAME andTiara Air.

4. GENERAL INFORMATION

Colombia is a South American country, with the city of Bogotá as its capital. Bogotá is located in the center of the country at 2 600 metres above sea level. With a population of almost 8 million inhabitants, this city is considered as the most diverse and cultural place in the entire country, with many touristic sites to visit and activities to carry out.

For more information please visit: <u>http://www.bogotaturismo.gov.co</u>

✓ WEATHER

Bogotá has an average temperature of 14 °C, which may vary between 9°C and 22 °C. The dry and rainy seasons alternate throughout the year, the driest months are December, January, February, June, July and August, and the rainiest are March, April, May, September, October and November.

✓ TIME ZONE

Bogotá, Colombia is UTC/GMT -5 hours.

✓ CURRENCY

The official currency in Colombia is the Colombian peso COP \$, which is emitted by the Colombian Republic Bank. The Exchange rate fluctuates daily and as of 26 April 2012 1 USD = 1757.50 COP. The exchange of the currency must be done exclusively in the authorized exchange bureau, airports, hotels and banks, never in the streets.

✓ ELECTRICITY

Colombian appliances operate on 110 volts (60 Hz), which is identical to the US voltage. A universal adaptor is required for overseas electrical devices. Main wall sockets (or power outlets) and plugs for 110 volts are two parallel flat blades. If those sockets are different from the ones used in your country you will need a socket converter.

5. VISA REQUIREMENTS

All foreign visitors entering Colombia must be in possession of a valid passport. Delegates, from countries who do not have visa exemption agreements with Colombia, should contact the Consular Section of the Embassy or Consulate General of Colombia in their country (or closest to their location), or information and advice on how to apply for an entry visa for Colombia. Information on countries that have restriction to enter to Colombia can be found in the following link:

http://www.colombia.travel/es/descargas/documento_visas.pdf

6. OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

Spanish is the official language. English is spoken widely, especially in the tourist sites. Concerning tourist services facility exists to provide guides in English and Spanish.

7. USEFUL INFORMATION

For more information about Colombia and Bogotá, please visit: <u>http://www.colombia.travel/es</u> and <u>http://www.bogotaturismo.gov.co</u>