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«NGN y Banda Larga, Oportunidades y Desafíos»
Santo Domingo, República Dominicana
Del 25 al 27 de noviembre de 2009

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

1. Venue:

Hotel Santo Domingo

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3. Registration of participants:

Registration will begin on 25 November 2009 at 8:30 AM at the forum venue.

4. Working language:

The meeting will be carried out in English and Spanish and simultaneous interpretation will be available in both languages.

5. Visa requirements for Dominican Republic:

To enter the Dominican Republic as a tourist it is required a visa or just a tourist card, depending on your nationality. If your are nationality allows you to enter the Dominican Republic, you only have to be aware that you will have to buy the tourist card in the Dominican customs inspection for the price of US\$ 10.00. Also keep in mind that to leave the country you must pay US\$ 20,00 no matter the nationality and the reason why you are in the Dominican Republic. There are some airlines such as Iberia and Air Europa that include the US\$ 20.00 fee in the fare to leave the Dominican Republic. It is recommended to arrive in the country with these US\$ 30.00; otherwise you will have to change the currency in the same office with a very high commission. Please find bellow a list of countries whose citizens need a visa or a tourist card to visit the Dominican Republic. The citizens of the countries that are not mentioned in the list need visa to enter Dominican Republic. The official or diplomatic passports of the Latin American countries may enter without a visa. According to the Law N° 875, all foreigners that need a visa and wish to enter the Dominican Republic must hold a visa in his passport, obtained through a Dominican consulate. Citizens of countries allowed to travel to Dominican Republic in possession of a tourist card must not worry about anything. In every case the entry to the Dominican Republic as a tourist should not exceed 90 days. If you are a citizen of a country that needs a visa and if you are also a legal resident of the United States, Holland, Italy, Canada, Germany, Venezuela, Spain, Portugal, Britain, France, Greece, Ireland and Denmark, with some exceptions, you can enter Dominican Republic with your passport, residence permit and a tourist card.

The tourist visas are granted for **tourism and cultural purpose and attendance to congress or meetings.** The visa will be valid for 60 days and will be valid for only one entrance or multiple entrances. The beneficiaries are not allowed to perform profitable activities in Dominican territory. All citizens from the world may request a tourist visa to Dominican Republic and one of the Dominican consulates.

Requirements:

1. Form Visa duly completed in legible typing writer. Available in the consulate or in the portal of the consulate services: www.consuladord.com to be filled online.
2. Two (2) pictures size 4 x 5 – front face and white background.
3. Original passport valid at minimum 6 months.
4. Parents or guardian authorization for minors when not required by the parents.
5. Documents that demonstrate the economic status (bank account, attestation of employment, bank statement, etc). If any document is issued in Dominican Republic it should be stamped by a town hall and legalized by the “*Procuraduría General de la República*”.
6. Legible copy of the National ID and legible copy of Resident Proof if reside in another country.
7. Legible copy of hotel reservation (if available)
8. Legible copy of flight reservation (if available)
9. Legible copy of prior Dominican visa or Residence Card (if it suppose to be renew or the person has traveled before to Dominican Republic).

Time for acquisition: between 1 or 10 days from the day of the request depending on the urgency, nationality of the requester, previous requests and personnel availability.

Cost:

1. Multiple entrances: the amount is more than 80,00
2. Single entrance: more than 70,00

Remarks:

1. The amounts to be paid are in American Dollars (USD) and in the Euro zone will be charged in Euros.
2. The amount to be paid may varies depending of the life cost in the city where the consulate is located.
3. All documents must be legalized by the consulate offices from the Dominican Republic before being legalized by the local Ministry of Foreign Affairs Offices or the country origin document.
4. All documents must be, if corresponds, to be translated into Spanish by a official translator accredited by the local authorities.
5. In some consulates there are photography services.
6. The multiple entrances foreseen for Cruises tourists or those who wish to enter and leave by plan more than one time during the visa duration.

For additional information please visit the website of the Secretary of Foreign Affairs: www.serex.gov.do, and also directly the portal of Consulate Services where complete and detailed information can be found: www.serex.gov.do/exterio/servicios/default.aspx

Visa required to enter the Dominican Republic

Abkhaz (a facto independent republic within Georgia), Afghanistan, Albania, Angola, Saudi Arabia, Algeria, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Benin, Byelorussia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Bhutan, Cape Verde, Cambodia, Cameroon, Chad, People's Republic of China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, (Brazzaville), Democratic Republic of Congo (Kinshasa), Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), Cote d'Ivory, Cuba, Djibouti, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Philippines, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Equatorial Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Iran, Jordan, Kenya, Kirguizistan, Kosovo (Serbia), Laos, Lesotho, Lebanon, Liberia, Libya, Macao (People's Republic of China), Madagascar, Malawi, Maldives, Mali, Morocco, Mauritania, Moldova, Mongolia, Montenegro, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nagorno-Karabakh (a de facto independent republic within Azerbaijan), Nepal, Niger, Nigeria, Norfolk Island, Oman, Pakistan, Palau, Palestine (National Authority of Palestine), Papua New Guinea, Central African Republic, Rwanda, Saint Thomas and Prince, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Somaliland (a de facto independent within Somalia), South Ossetia (a de facto independent republic within Georgia), Sri Lanka, Sudan, Syria, Swaziland, Tanzania, Tajikistan, East Timor, Togo, Transnistria (a de facto independent republic within Moldova), Tunis, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Uzbekistan, Vietnam, Yemen, Yibuti, Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Western Sahara.

General notes:

1. All nationals of countries legally able to enter the European Union, the United States of America, Canada and United Kingdom of Great Britain may enter the Dominican Republic just with a Tourist Card (Decree 691-07 dated December 18, 2007).
2. Business visas or any other type of it will be received and approved solely by the Foreign Ministry under the current mechanisms, established by the Consular Migration Department.
3. Should a person need a visa and there is no Dominican consulate in his/her country of residence, should be addressed to the Dominican consular mission in the country nearby.
4. Should a person want to extend his/her visit while in the Dominican Republic, he/she can go through the offices of the Directorate of Migration and solicit an extension.
5. All nationals from countries able to visit the Dominican Republic without visa, should be in possession of a valid passport, unless there's an agreement of Passport suppression with the Dominican Republic

Tourist card required to enter the Dominican Republic

Akrotiri and Dhekelia (UK); Andorra; Anguilla (UK); Antigua and Barbuda; Aruba; Austrália; Austria; Bahamas; Bahrain; Barbados; Belgium; Belize; Bermuda (UK); Bolivia; Botswana; Brazil; Brunei; Bulgaria; Canada; Cayman Islands (UK; Cocos Island (Australia); Cook Islands (New Zealand); Costa Rica; Croatia; Cyprus; Czech Republic; Denmark; Dominica; El Salvador; Estonia; Faroe Islands (Denmark); Fiji; Finland; France; French; Guiana (France); French Polynesia (France); Germany; Gibraltar (UK); Greece; Greenland (Denmark); Greenland (Norway); Grenada; Guadeloupe (France); Guam (USA); Guatemala; Guyana; Hawaii (United States); Honduras; Hong Kong (Valid for the special passports of the HKSAR of Hong Kong People's Republic of China); Hungary; Iceland; Ireland; Island American Samoa (U.S.); Italy; Jamaica; Kazakhstan; Kiribati; Kuwait; Liechtenstein; Lithuania; Luxembourg; Macau (Valid for the special passports of the Special Administrative Region of Macao People's Republic of China); Macedonia; Malaysia; Malta; Malvinas or Falkland Islands (UK); Marshall Islands; Martinique (France); Mauritius; Mayen (Norway); Mayotte (France;) Mexico; Micronesia; Monaco; Montserrat (UK); Namibia; Natividad Island (Australia); Nauru; Netherlands (Holland includes Curacao and St. Marteen;) Netherlands Antilles (Dutch Antilles); New Caledonia (France); New Zealand; Nicaragua; Niue (New Zealand); Norfolk Islands (Australia); Northern Ireland (UK); Northern; Marianas; Norway; Palau; Island I (USA); Panama; Papua; New Guinea; Paraguay; Poland; Portugal; Puerto Rico (USA); Qatar; Reunion (France); Romania; Russia; Saint Kitts and Nevis; San Marino; Sandwich Islands (UK); Santa Lucia; Scotland (UK); Serbia; Seychelles; Singapore; Slovak Republic; Slovakia; Slovenia; Solomon Islands; South Africa; Spain; St John (United States); St. Croix (United States); St. Helena (UK); St. Thomas (USA); St. Vincent and Grenadines; Suriname; Svalbard (Norway); Sweden; Switzerland; Taiwan; Thailand; Tokelau (New Zealand); Tokelau Islands; Tonga; Trinidad and Tobago; Turkey; Turks and Caicos Islands; Tuvalu; Ukraine; United Arab Emirates; United Kingdom of Great Britain; United States; Vanuatu; Vatican City (Holy See);Venezuela; Wales (UK); Wallis and Futuna (France).

Should enter the Dominican Republic WITHOUT VISA holding DIPLOMATIC OR OFFICIAL Passport:

Belize, Brazil, Republic of China (Taiwan), Costa Rica, Colombia, El Salvador, Finland, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico (Except for official passports), Morocco, Nicaragua, Panama, Switzerland (Except for official passport), Vatican, Ukraine, Vietnam.

Should enter the Dominican Republic WITHOUT VISA or TOURIST CARD:

Argentina; Chile; Ecuador; Israel; Japan; Peru; South Korea; Uruguay

6. Hotels:

The list of hotels can be found in Annex.

7. Information on Airport:

The international airport "Las Américas" – JFPG (AILA) – is located in Punta Caucedo, approximately 30 minutes from Santo Domingo. For detailed information please visit the following website: <http://www.aerodom.com/app/do/lasamericas.aspx>.

8. Weather:

Maritime semitropical with an average yearly temperature of 80 F. At the time of the meeting, the temperature in Santo Domingo will range between 72° and 84° F (22° and 29° C).

9. Electric current:

The electric current is 110 volts/60Hz



10. Language:

Spanish is the official language of Dominican Republic.

11. Currency:

The Dominican Peso (DOP) is the currency in Dominican Republic. The symbol for DOP can be written RD\$. The Dominican Peso is divided into 100 centavos and is the only currency accepted at most businesses. The current average exchange rate for purchase is 1.00 = RD\$ 36.30 (20th October 2009).

Banks and authorized exchange houses convert foreign currency. Most major currencies can be easily exchanged into Pesos at banks or money exchange booths, called *Casa De Cambio*. After any exchange operation, it is recommended to retain the Receipt and keep it during your permanence in the country: it will allow you to exchange the remaining Pesos for US Dollars.

The list of currencies easily exchanged into Dominican Pesos by most money exchange counters includes the following: US Dollars, Canadian Dollars and Euros. If you are coming from a country that uses a currency not listed here you are recommended to consider converting that currency to US Dollars prior your travel to Dominican Republic.

Dominican Peso bills in general circulation: 2000, 1000, 500, 100, 50 and 20 Pesos and coins of 25, 10, 5 and 1Peso and 50, 25, 10, 5 and 1cent.

Credit cards accepted in Dominican Republic: MasterCard, American Express, Diners Club and Visa.

12. About Dominican Republic

The Dominican Republic is a colorful tapestry of Spanish, French, Haitian, and African influences woven by a rich and storied history. Christopher Columbus described this lush land as "a beautiful island paradise with high forested mountains and large river valleys". This statement is still as true today as it was in 1492. In addition to the comforts of sun, sea, and sand, the Dominican Republic offers an exciting and unique cultural experience that will captivate your senses.

This is a destination like no other - a sensual feast of dazzling landscapes, exotic cuisine, and a remarkable variety of arts and entertainment options. The pulse-pounding thrill of the *Merengue*, intriguing relics from centuries past, premium cigars, and even world-class baseball await you. The Dominican Republic is a surprising place that will delight even the most experienced traveler.

Santo Domingo is the capital of Dominican Republic.

Source: Dominican Republic Ministry of Tourism Official Site:
www.godominicanrepublic.com



Flag of Dominican Republic



Santo Domingo

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

Hotels

[Hotel Santo Domingo \(★★★★★\)](#)

Venue of the Forum (Negotiated rates for forum participants)

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Contact: Penélope Rivera, Sales Manager
T: 1 809 221 3618
F: 1 809 533 8898
email: p.rivera@hsd.com.do

	US\$
Single	80.00
Double	90.00

The above rates include room per night, American breakfast (buffet) and are subject to Governmental tax (16%) and service charge (10%).

[Hotel Hilton \(★★★★★\)](#)

Av. George Washington No. 500
Santo Domingo
República Dominicana
Código Postal 10104
Tel: 1 809 685 0000
Fax: 1 809 685 0202
www.hiltoncaribbean.com/santodomingo

Contact: Virginia Gómez, Sales Manager
T: 1 809 731 4116
F: 1 809 731 4143
M: 1 809 669 4975
email: virginia.gomez@hilton.com

		US\$
Hilton Guest Room	Single /Double	149.00 / 199 .00
Executive Room	Single /Double	199.00 / 229 .00

- The above rates are subject to Governmental tax (16%) and service charge (10%)
- Executive room rate include breakfast (buffet) in Restaurant Sol y Sombra
- Additional guest in room: US\$30.00

Hotel Hodelpa Caribe Colonial (★★★★★)

Isabel La Católica No. 159
Zona Colonial, Santo Domingo
República Dominicana.
Tel.: 1 809 688 7799 / 1 809 221 7980
Fax: 1 809 685 8128
www.hodelpa.com/es/hotel_hcc.php

Contact: Eduard Muñoz, Reception and bookings Manager.

Tel.: 1 809 688 7799 / 1 809 221 7980
Fax: 1 809 685 8128
email: ccolonial@hodelpa.com

	USD\$			
	Standard	Superior	Superior de Luxe	Suite
Single	75.00	85.00	107.00	135.00
Double	85.00	95.00	117.00	145.00
Extra Pax	N/A	25.00	25.00	N/A

- The above rates are subject to Governmental tax (16%) and service charge (10%).
- Breakfast inclusive.

Hotel BQ Santo Domingo (★★★★★)

Av. Sarasota No. 53
Bella Vista, Santo Domingo
República Dominicana
Tel. 1 809 535 9722 / 1 809 535-0800
www.bqsantodomingo.com/

Contact: Carolina Luna, Sales Manager

Tel. 1 809 535 0800 x 2720
Fax 1 809 534 6251
e-mail: cluna@bqsantodomingo.com

	USD\$
Single	59.00
Double	69.00

- The above rates are subject to Governmental tax (16%) and service charge (10%).
- Breakfast inclusive.

Apart-Hotel Plaza Colonial

Julio Verne esq. Luisa Ozema Pellerano No. 2

Gazcue, Santo Domingo

Dominican Republic

Tel.: 809 687-9111

Fax: 809 686-2877

www.plazacolonial.com

Contact: Yngrid Castillo de Grassals, Operations Manager

Tel. 1 809 687 9111

Fax 1 809 686 2877

e-mail: yngridgrassals@gmail.com

	USD\$
Standard (for 2 persons)	54.00
Studio (for 2 persons)	63.00

- The above rates are subject to Governmental tax (16%) and service charge (10%).
- Breakfast inclusive.