



## Regional Connectivity Forum for the Caribbean and Central America

Bavaro, Dominican Republic

1. of December 2014

### NEWSLETTER

**The Hotel Barceló Bávaro Beach Resort, Convention Center** will serve as a stage for two important events:

- *"Regional Connectivity Forum for the Caribbean and Central America"*, organized by the International Telecommunications Union (ITU), and
- *"XXIX meeting of the Committee of CITEI (COM/CITEI) Permanent Steering"*, organized by the Inter-American Commission of telecommunications, CITEI. Both activities are coordinated by the Dominican Institute of telecommunications (INDOTEL), regulator of telecommunications in the Dominican Republic. The purpose of this document is to provide participants with practical information to facilitate their attendance.

### 1. PLACE OF MEETING

#### **Convention Center of the Barceló Bávaro Beach Resort**

Carretera Bávaro, Km.1, Dominican Republic

Tel. + 1 (809) 686-5797

The hotel link:

[http://www.barcelo.com/BarceloHotels/es\\_ES/Hoteles/Republica-Dominicana/Punta-Cana-Playa-Bavaro/Hotel-Barcelo-Bavaro-Beach/](http://www.barcelo.com/BarceloHotels/es_ES/Hoteles/Republica-Dominicana/Punta-Cana-Playa-Bavaro/Hotel-Barcelo-Bavaro-Beach/)

The Convention Center link:

[http://www.barcelo.com/BarceloHotels/es\\_ES/hoteles/Republica-Dominicana/Punta-Cana-Playa-Bavaro/hotel-barcelo-bavaro-beach/reuniones-eventos.aspx](http://www.barcelo.com/BarceloHotels/es_ES/hoteles/Republica-Dominicana/Punta-Cana-Playa-Bavaro/hotel-barcelo-bavaro-beach/reuniones-eventos.aspx)

## 2. NATIONAL COORDINATOR

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## 3 ACCOMMODATION AND HOTEL RESERVATIONS:

INDOTEL, as host, has obtained special rates at the **Hotel Barceló Bávaro Beach Resort, Convention Centre**, is located within which is the event venue. Other hotels options have been included in the region, which are included in the following chart.

If you select a different hotel, the participant must move from their place of accommodation to the Convention Center and pay the equivalent amount to the "Day pass" (day pass): US\$ 55.00 per person. With this payment, they will be entitled to the use of the facilities of the resort and enjoy food and drinks until 5:30 p.m., according to established schedules.

It is important that you make your reservation as soon as possible. You must download the enclosed booking form: ([Please hyper link for part of CITEL](#)) and send it to mail to the e-mail address of each hotel and send a copy to INDOTEL: [msantos@indotel.gob.do](mailto:msantos@indotel.gob.do)

To take advantage of the special rates of the venue, it is necessary to make the reservation, before November 28, after that date will pay normal rates. You will receive a confirmation email when your order has been accepted by the hotel. If unable to attend the meeting, the booking must be cancelled in accordance with the policy of cancellation established by each hotel.





HOTELS	CATEG.	ROOM	RATE	OBSERVATIONS
<b>1. BARCELO BAVARO BEACH RESORT</b> Carretera Bávaro, km. 1, Bavaro Dominican Republic Tel. direct: + 1 (809) 682-7211 Call Center: + 1 (809) 563-5000, Ext. 7248 <a href="mailto:dominicana.comercial-gte@barcelo.com">dominicana.comercial-gte@barcelo.com</a> The hotel link: <a href="http://www.barcelo.com/BarceloHotels/es_ES/Hoteles/Republica-Dominicana/Punta-Cana-Playa-Bavaro/Hotel-Barcelo-Bavaro-Beach/">http://www.barcelo.com/BarceloHotels/es_ES/Hoteles/Republica-Dominicana/Punta-Cana-Playa-Bavaro/Hotel-Barcelo-Bavaro-Beach/</a>  <b>CONVENTION CENTER (Headquarters)</b> <a href="http://www.barcelo.com/BarceloHotels/es_ES/hoteles/Republica-Dominicana/Punta-Cana-Playa-Bavaro/hotel-barcelo-bavaro-beach/reuniones-eventos.aspx">http://www.barcelo.com/BarceloHotels/es_ES/hoteles/Republica-Dominicana/Punta-Cana-Playa-Bavaro/hotel-barcelo-bavaro-beach/reuniones-eventos.aspx</a>	*****	Simple  Double  3 or 4 pers.	<b>USD \$140.00</b>  <b>USD \$117.00</b>  <b>USD \$82.00</b>	With taxes, services, and diet included  * <b>Day Pass (day pass) \$55.00</b>
<b>2. PARADISUS PUNTA CANA</b> Dominican Republic Tel: + 1 (809) 687-9923 <a href="mailto:paradisus.punta.cana@melia.com">paradisus.punta.cana@melia.com</a>	****	Simple  Double  Triple	USD \$223.00  USD \$149.00  USD \$139.00	With taxes and everything included.

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<b>3. OCCIDENTAL GRAND PUNTA CANA FALAMENCO</b> <i>Avenida Spain, Bavaro, Dominican Republic</i> Tel.: + 1 (809) - 221-8787 / 829-954-8152 <a href="mailto:GrandPuntaCana@occidentalhotels.com">GrandPuntaCana@occidentalhotels.com</a>	****	Simple Double Triple	USD \$92.00 USD \$69.00 USD \$44.00	With taxes and all inclusive
<b>4. BAVARO PRINCESS ALL SUITES RESORT, SPA &amp; CASINO</b> Playas de Bavaro, Higuey, Punta Cana, Dominican Republic Tel.: + 1 (809) 221-2311 Fax: + 1 (809) 686-5427 <a href="mailto:reservas.bavaro@princess-hotels.com">reservas.bavaro@princess-hotels.com</a>	****	Simple Double Triple	USD \$115.00 USD \$88.00 USD \$81.00	With taxes and all inclusive
<b>5. TROPICAL PRINCESS BEACH RESORT &amp; SPA</b> Playas de Bavaro, Pantanal, Dominican Republic Tel.: + 1 (809) 687-7788 <a href="mailto:caribclub@princess-hotels.com">caribclub@princess-hotels.com</a>	****	Simple Double Triple	USD \$88.00 USD \$61.00 USD \$56.00	With taxes and all inclusive

#### 4. LANGUAGES OF THE EVENTS:

Both Regional connectivity of the Caribbean and Central America Forum and the COM/CITEL meeting XXIX will be in English and Spanish, with simultaneous translation.

#### 5. TRANSPORT:

Airport-Hotel - Airport participating foreigners entering only by the Punta Cana airport which is located 25 minutes from the headquarters will be offered. For other airports, below are some approximate fares:

INFORMATION OF TRANSPORT COSTS FROM DIFFERENT AIRPORTS TO THE BAVARIAN REGION AND PUNTA CANA			
AIRPORTS AND DESTINATIONS	APPROXIMATE TIME	COST \$ IDA	TRIP COST AND RETURN \$
From the La Romana airport to Bavaro hotels	1 hour	120.00	240.00
Since the international Americas hotels in Bávaro	2 hours	170.00	300.00

## 6. GENERAL INFORMATION:

### ( to) Entry requirements

In the file annex are, all information relating to the requirements for a visa to enter Dominican Republic; we also recommend to consult the Embassy or Consulate in their country for greater security. For additional information, you may visit the sites of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Dominican Republic [www.mirex.gov.do](http://www.mirex.gov.do) and consular service portal: [www.consuladord.com](http://www.consuladord.com) .

### ( b) Airports:

**From Punta Cana International Airport** is an airport located east of Dominican Republic. Located on the Carretera Higuey - Punta Cana Km. 45, Punta Cana 23000. **Phone:** + 1 (809) 959-2376. ***We recommend using this airport due to its proximity with the headquarters of the event and will offer free service transfer Airport-Hotel - Airport.***

**From Las Américas International Airport** , is located in Punta Caucedo, approximately 20 minutes from the city of Santo Domingo and 2.0 hours to Punta Cana. It is the main airport of the Dominican Republic. Phones for information to the passenger: + 1 (809) 947-2225 / + 1 (809) 947-2297

Operations Center and emergency + 1 (809) 947-2220.

For detailed information on domestic flights and international <http://www.aerodom.com/app/d> .

**From La Romana International Airport** is located on the southeast coast of the Dominican Republic, next to the resort town of La Romana and the resort of Casa de Campo. La Romana - 5.5 Higuey, La Romana highway. **Phone:** + 1(809) 813-9000

### ( c) Language:

The Spanish is the official language of the Dominican Republic.

### ( d) Climate:

The Dominican Republic has a humid tropical climate, with warm temperatures throughout the year, which can be soft and fresh with the height and with the breath of the trade winds to the North-East which are present throughout the year. The average temperatures vary between 28° C in the coastal plains and 21° C (72° f and 84° F) in the mountains of the Cordillera Central. For the dates of the event, temperatures ranging between 21° C and 23° C.

( e) **Dominican hour:**

For more information about time in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, you can enter:  
<http://timeanddate.com/worldclock/city.html?n=230>

( f) **Coin:**

The Dominican Peso (DOP) is the currency of the Dominican Republic. The currency symbol is DOP which is also written RD\$. The weight is divided into 100 cents and is the only currency accepted in trade. Purchase current average exchange rate is USD \$1.00 = RD\$ 43.90. To verify changes see: [www.bancentral.gov.do](http://www.bancentral.gov.do)

Banks and exchange houses are allowed to perform the conversion of foreign currency. Much of more international currencies can be changed by Pesos in banks or agents *of change*.

Coins easily changed at sites licensed in the Dominican Republic are American dollars, Canadian dollars and Euros. For other currencies, it is advisable to make the change to US dollars before his trip to the Dominican Republic.

Dominican Pesos banknotes in circulation are: 2000, 1000, 500, 100, 50 and 20 Pesos and coins of 25, 10, 5 and 1 weight. The credit cards that are accepted in the Dominican Republic are: Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Diners Club.



Coins of 1, 5, 10 and 25



pesos banknotes of 10, 20, 50, 100, 500, 1000 and 2000 pesos

( g) **Electric voltage:**

The electrical voltage in Santo Domingo is 110 Volts/60 Hz.



( h) **Clothing:**

By the climate that prevails in the region, summer clothing is recommended.

( i) **Business hours:**

Banks and exchange houses open from Monday to Friday from 08:00 am to 5:00 pm and Saturdays from 09:00 am to 12:00 m.

( j) **Tips:**

It is practical to leave 10% of the amount of service in cafes and restaurants and a skycap tipping.

( k) **Number of important phone numbers:**

Emergencies: 911

Hospiten Bavaro: Carretera Higuey, Punta Cana 2300, R.D. + 1 (809) 686-1414.

Tourist police in Bavarian: + 1 (809) 754-3082. [www.politur.gob.do](http://www.politur.gob.do) Email: [politur@gob.do](mailto:politur@gob.do)

National Police: + 1 (809) 682-2151

Firefighters in Punta Cana, Bavaro, phone: + 1 (809) 455-1551

National Directorate of emergency: + 1 (809) 566-6648

( l) **On the: Dominican Republic**

The Dominican Republic is a multicolored tapestry of Spanish, French, Haitian and African influences that are framed within a history of great wealth. Cristóbal Colón described this lush land as "a beautiful island paradise with high forested and large mountains valleys and rivers". This statement is as true today as in 1492 when it was discovered. In addition to comfortable sun, sea and sand, the Dominican Republic offers an exciting and exclusive cultural experience that captivates the senses.

This is one destination like no other, a sensory feast of dazzling landscapes, exotic cuisine, and a remarkable variety of art and entertainment options. The rhythmic excitement of merengue, intriguing relics of past centuries, tobacco's first and also world-class baseball, waiting for you. The Dominican Republic is a place of surprises that will delight even to the most experienced traveler.

Santo Domingo is the capital of the Dominican Republic