

INFORMATION BULLETIN

**ITU Regional Development Forum for the Americas Region (RDF-AMS)
(September 30, 2019)
and**

**35 MEETING OF THE PERMANENT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE I:
TELECOMMUNICATION/ICT (PCC.I) OF CITEL
(CITEL)
(October 1 to 4, 2019)
(Asuncion, Paraguay)**

1. SITE AND DATES

The **ITU Regional Development Forum for the Americas Region (RDF-AMS)** of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), and the **35 Meeting of the Permanent Consultative Committee I: Telecommunication/ICT (PCC.I)** of the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEL) will be held in Asunción, Paraguay under the auspices of the National Telecommunications Commission (CONATEL) of Paraguay.

The RDF-AMS will be held on September 30 and PCC.I from October 1 to 4, 2019, having as venue of the events the Convention Center at Paseo La Galeria Hotel & Suites. (Avenida Santa Teresa entre Aviadores del Chaco and Herminio Maldonado, Asunción <https://www.paseolagaleriacentrodeeventos.com>)

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3. HOTELS

As a reference, prices (per room, per night) obtained on hotel websites:

HOTEL	REFERENCE COSTS (PER NIGHT)
Sheraton Asunción Hotel 5 Stars Avenida Aviadores Del Chaco 2066 +595 21 6177000 https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/asusi-sheraton-asuncion-hotel/	Simple: US\$ 150 + IVA (10%) Double: US\$ 220 + IVA (10%) Suite: US\$ 275 + IVA (10%)
Paseo La Galería Hotel&Suites 4,5 Stars Avenida Santa Teresa e/ Aviadores del Chaco y Herminio Maldonado +595 986 198303 https://paseo-la-galeria-hotel-suites.business.site/	Double: US\$ 101
Esplendor by Wyndham Asunción 4 Stars Avenida Aviadores del Chaco 2822 +595 21 601626 https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/es-xl/esplendor/asuncion-paraguay/esplendor-by-wyndham-asuncion/	Simple & Double: US\$ 93 + IVA Suite: US\$ 123 + IVA
Dazzler by Wyndham Asunción 4 Stars Avenida Aviadores del Chaco y Profesor Vasconcellos +595 21 600399 https://www.dazzlerasuncion.com/es/	Simple: US\$ 88 Double: US\$ 95 Suite: US\$ 124 (All with VAT included)
Aloft Asunción 4 Stars Avenida Aviadores del Chaco 1761 +595 21 2477000 https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/asual-aloft-asuncion/	Simple y double: US\$ 99 with VAT included. In case there is a third guest there are US\$ 30.00 extra_charge
Hotel Ibis Asunción 3 Stars Avenida Aviadores del Chaco 2060 +595 21 6201000 https://www.accorhotels.com/es/hotel-7324-ibis-asuncion/	Sundays to Thursdays: US\$ 74 and Friday & Saturday: US\$ 64 (Breakfast not included)

4. PASSPORTS AND VISAS.

We recommend to all delegations the verification of the conditions of entry to Paraguay, at the embassy or consulate of their country of origin, for greater security. Information can also be obtained on the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Paraguay (<https://www.mre.gov.py>).

Additional requirement for participants from Brazil at entry and departure from Paraguay:

The General Directorate of Migration of Paraguay requires the mandatory presentation of **the International Certificate of Vaccination against “Yellow Fever”** to authorize entry to domestic and foreign travelers, from 1 to 59 years of age, for entry and departing from **Brazil** or from certain risk areas by PAHO/WHO. For more detail, please visit the following link: <https://bit.ly/2LwNpW8>

We suggest travelers to ensure that they know the requirements to which they are travelling by checking with the relevant consulate or embassy. For more details, please refer to the attached information bulletin.

5. CURRENCY AND BANKS.

Guaraní (₲) is the official currency of the Republic of Paraguay. Detailed information on banknotes and coins in circulation are available on the page of the Central Bank of Paraguay (<https://www.bpc.gov.py>)

The US dollar (US\$) is generally accepted. Currency exchange takes place at banks (usual hours: 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.) and exchange houses (usual hours: 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.), which have premises both at the airport and in shopping malls or shopping centers.

The exchange rate is approximately US\$ 1,00 = 6.021 ₲

6. INTERNET NETWORK

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

7. LANGUAGE

The official languages are Spanish and Guarani.

8. LOCAL HOUR

Standard time is 4 hours behind Greenwich Mean Time (GMT-4)

9. TIPS

It is customary to leave 10% of the amount of the service in cafes and restaurants, and give a tip to porters.

10. PRICES AND TAXES

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

11. MAIN SHOPPING CENTERS:

●Paseo La Galería

Direction: Avenida Santa Teresa casi Aviadores del Chaco

Phone: +595 21 6594000

Website: <http://www.paseolagaleria.com.py>

●Shopping del Sol

Direction: Aviadores del Chaco esq. Profesora Delia González

Phone: +595 21 611780

Website: <http://www.shoppingdelsol.com.py>

●Shopping Mariscal

Direction: Quesada 5050 entre Charles de Gaulle y Tte. Zotti

Phone: +595 21 611 272

Website: <http://www.shoppomgmariscal.com.py>

12. WEATHER

Paraguay, located in the heart of South America, is a Mediterranean country, bordered to the north by Brazil and Bolivia, to the east by Brazil and Argentina, to the south by Argentina and to the west by Argentina and Bolivia.

The weather is tropical to subtropical, spring begins on September 21 and runs until December 20, and the climate is warm to hot with a medium range between 25°C and 35°C. The nights can be presented from fresh to temperate, with a medium range between 15°C and 25°C.

For better information on the weather, visit the website of the National Meteorological Center (<http://www.meteorologia.gov.py>)

13. ELECTRICITY

The electricity in Paraguay is 220 volts, at 50 Hz.

The standard plug is type C



14. EMERGENCY PHONES

National Police Emergencies:	911
Emergency Medical Service Extra Hospital:	141
Police Firefighters Association:	131
Paraguay Volunteer Fire Department:	132
Reports of Violence against Women:	137

15. PLACES TO VISIT

The National Tourism Secretariat (SENATUR) has information to take walks and make the most of your stay in Paraguay (<http://www.senatur.gov.py>)

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