



**ITU Regional Frequency Coordination Meeting  
on the use of the VHF band (174-216 MHz) and the UHF band (470-806 MHz),  
8-10 March 2017, Managua, Nicaragua**

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**THE EVENT**

**1 Local focal points**

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**2 Venue of the meeting**

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**3 Accommodation and hotel reservations**

CEABAD has been able to negotiate special rates with local hotels, as shown in the table below.

HOTEL	SINGLE ROOM	DOUBLE ROOM	BREAKFAST, TAX AND INTERNET INCLUDED	E-MAIL	TELEPHONE
<b>Hotel Crowne Plaza</b>	\$85.00 + (17% tax)	\$100.00 + (17% tax)	Breakfast and Internet	<a href="http://www.crowneplaza.com/cpmanagua">www.crowneplaza.com/cpmanagua</a>	(505) 2255-9870 ext. 4604
<b>Hotel Mansión Teodolinda</b>	\$65.00 + (17% tax)	\$70.00 + (17% tax)	Breakfast and Internet	Contact: Miriam Medina <b>Reception Manager</b> <a href="mailto:hotel@teodolinda.com.ni">hotel@teodolinda.com.ni</a>	(505) 2228-1050 ext. 147
<b>BRANDT HOTELS, Los Robles de San Juan</b>	\$65.00	\$75.00	Tax (17%), breakfast and Internet	E-mail: <a href="mailto:brandt1@hotelbrandt.com">brandt1@hotelbrandt.com</a> <a href="mailto:bbbho@cablenet.com.ni">bbbho@cablenet.com.ni</a>	Los Robles de San Juan Zona Hippos, 1 c. al Sur, 1 c. al Oeste, #238 RUC 561-041154-0003W Telephone: (505) 2270 2114-16 Fax: (505) 2278 9246

The number of rooms available at these special rates is limited, so we recommend reserving in advance. You will receive confirmation when your reservation is accepted by the hotel. If you do not attend the meeting, the reservation must be cancelled in accordance with the hotel's cancellation policy.

Please send us a copy of your reservation to the e-mail address of the Executive Secretariat [sec@comtelca.int](mailto:sec@comtelca.int). If you choose a hotel other than those shown here, please inform us at the e-mail address indicated in order to confirm the availability of transport.

#### 4 Flights and overland transport

The Augusto Cesar Sandino Airport is Managua's international airport. It is 12 km from the CEABAD site.

Approximate fares from and to the airport are as follows:

TRANSPORT COSTS			
FROM/TO AIRPORT	APPROXIMATE JOURNEY TIME	FARE (US\$)	COMMENT
Taxis	15-30 min	US\$ 30.00	Travellers are advised to use the airport taxis rather than hailing one on the street

#### 5 Visas

Since 2005, Nicaragua has been party to the **Agreement on the creation of the single Central American visa for the free movement of foreigners among the Republics of El Salvador, Honduras, Guatemala and Nicaragua**. This defines the type of visa required according to the visitor's country of origin. In addition, the type of visa required to enter El Salvador or any other CA-4 country will depend on the type of passport you travel on.

Information on visa requirements for entering the Republic of Nicaragua is available from the Nicaraguan embassy or consulate in your country. You may also go into the web page of the Ministry of Foreign Relations (*Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores*) and enter your country name - details of the visa requirements will be displayed.

For any assistance please contact the CEABAD focal point:

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#### 6 Health regulations

To enter the country, all visitors coming from countries in South America and Africa, as well as Panama, need to show that they have been vaccinated against yellow fever at least ten days before the start of their journey and be in possession of a valid vaccination certificate (valid for 10 years).

### PRACTICAL INFORMATION

#### 1 Language

The official language of Nicaragua is Spanish.

#### 2 Measurement system

Nicaragua uses the international metric system.

### 3 Direction for driving

Vehicles in Nicaragua are driven on the right.

### 4 Electrical power sockets

Mains voltage in Nicaragua is 110V/60 Hz. Sockets are of type A/B/C. It is advisable to check the voltage of each appliance before plugging it in to the mains. The number of electrical outlets in the meeting rooms is limited. Electronic devices can be recharged only in designated areas.



### 5 Climate

Nicaragua has a humid tropical climate, with high temperatures all year round. Average temperatures fluctuate between 28°C and 32°C.

### 6 Currency

The official currency in Nicaragua is the Cordoba (NIO); the reference exchange rate is 1 US\$ = 29.5 NIO.

The US dollar is accepted in most businesses and hotels. Internationally recognized credit cards are also accepted (Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Diners Club).

### 7 Local time

Time in Nicaragua is GMT -6.

### 8 Working hours

<i>Banks and currency exchanges</i>	Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Forex offices sharing premises with commercial centres adopt the hours of the centre.
<i>Company offices</i>	Generally open from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
<i>Shops and other commercial businesses</i>	In Managua these are open Monday to Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Commercial centres have no midday break.
<i>Cafes, bakeries, pizzerias, restaurants</i>	The main cafes, bakeries and pizza restaurants are open from 9:00 a.m. to midnight.  Breakfast is generally served from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and dinner from 6:00 p.m. onwards. Some fast food establishments are open all day.

### 9 Tipping

It is customary to leave a tip in cafes, hotels and restaurants equivalent to 10 per cent of the bill.

### 10 Dress

It is advisable to dress formally for meetings.

## **11 Other information**

Nicaragua is situated in Central America, and has an area of 130 375 km<sup>2</sup> and an estimated population of 6.1 million. The capital is Managua, and the country is divided into 15 administrative departments and two autonomous regions.

Nicaragua has a northern border with Honduras and a southern border with Costa Rica. It is bounded in the West by the Pacific Ocean and in the East by the Caribbean. It has maritime borders in the Pacific with El Salvador, Honduras and Costa Rica, and in the Caribbean with Honduras, Colombia and Costa Rica.

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