



FIRST REGIONAL DIALOGUE IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN “ON THE ROAD TO EQUALITY”: 30 YEARS OF THE CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD

Santiago, 27–29 November 2018

GENERAL INFORMATION



INTRODUCTION

The First regional dialogue in Latin America and the Caribbean “On the road to equality”: 30 years of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, will be held at the headquarters of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) in Santiago, on 27–29 November 2018.

In the framework of the Dialogue, a presentation and award-giving ceremony on projects for ending child poverty and promoting sustainable development of the Concausa initiative (organized jointly by the América Solidaria Foundation, ECLAC and the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF)) will take place on Tuesday 27 November.

This document is intended to provide delegates with useful information to facilitate their work at the meeting.

The meeting coordinators will be available to answer any questions concerning logistical or organizational matters that you may have, before or during the event.

1. General information on Chile

Geographical location

Chile is located in the extreme south-west of South America, between the Pacific Ocean and the Andes mountains. The country, whose long, thin territory is divided into 15 administrative regions, has a total population of approximately 17 million. The capital city is Santiago.

General information on Santiago

Santiago is home to almost six million inhabitants. It has a Mediterranean climate and well-defined seasons, with rainy winters (from May to September) with minimum temperatures as low as 0° C, and dry summers (from November to March) with highs of around 30° C. Relative humidity is low and evenings are cool.

It is suggested that visitors drink bottled mineral water, since tap water, although safe to drink, may not agree with those not accustomed to it.

As in all big cities, it is advisable to avoid wearing expensive jewellery and to be careful with handbags and briefcases.

Useful information

LOCAL CURRENCY	The national currency is the Chilean peso (\$). The exchange rate is approximately 677 pesos to the dollar (September 2018).
LOCAL TIME	UTC/GMT -3 (at the date of the meeting).
ELECTRICITY	220 volts, 50 Hertz (AC).
AIRPORT TAX	Airport tax is included in ticket prices.
TIPPING	Tippling is usual practice in Chile, as in many other parts of the world. It is customary to leave a tip of about 10% of total bill in restaurants.

2. Meeting venue

The First regional dialogue in Latin America and the Caribbean “On the road to equality”: 30 years of the Convention on the Rights of the Child will be held in the Raúl Prebisch conference room at the headquarters of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), located at Avda. Dag Hammarskjöld 3477, Vitacura, Santiago. Access is also possible via the entrance at Av. Alonso de Córdova 3170.

3. Meeting coordination

The meeting is being organized by the UNICEF Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean and the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC).

Questions on substantive matters relating to the meeting may be addressed to Claudio Santibáñez, Senior Advisor for Public Sector Partnerships of the UNICEF Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean (csantibanez@unicef.org), and Jimena Arias Feijoó, Social Affairs Officer of the Office of the Secretary of the Commission of ECLAC (jimena.arias@cepal.org).

Operational queries should be addressed to Maylis León, of the UNICEF Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean (mleonpereira@unicef.org).

4. Hotel reservations

The ECLAC Conference Services Unit has reserved a limited number of rooms with special rates for ECLAC at the following hotels:

- **Hotel Atton Vitacura (4*)**, Av. Vitacura 3201, Vitacura (+56) 2 2422 7902

Single room: US\$ 145
(includes breakfast and Internet)
Attn: César Lucero, Reservations Department
clucero@atton.com / reservas@atton.com

- **Hotel Director (4*)**, Av. Vitacura 3600, Vitacura (+56) 2 2389 1956

Single room: US\$ 135
(includes breakfast and Internet)
Attn: María Eliana Puga, Reservations Department
reservas@director.cl / reservaciones@director.cl

- **Novotel Vitacura (4*)**, Av. Américo Vespucio Norte #1630, Vitacura; (+56 2) 2499 2231/2200

Single room: CL\$ 78,000, approximately US\$ 125
(includes buffet breakfast and Internet)
Attn: Nancy Harpe, Reservations Department
Email : nancy.harpe@accor.com, h5233-re@accor.com

- **Hotel Bidasoa (4*)**, Vitacura 4873, Vitacura; (+56 2) 2242 1526
 Single room: US\$ 155
 (includes buffet breakfast and Internet)
 Attn: María Paz Vacarezza, Sales Representative
 Email : mvacarezza@hotelbidasoa.cl / reservas@hotelbidasoa.cl
- **Hotel Noi (*****)**, Av. Alonso de Monroy, Vitacura; (+56 2) 2 2432 6837
 Deluxe single room: US\$210 (includes breakfast and Internet)
 Attn: Bernardita Palacios, Corporate Accounts Representative
 Email: bernardita.palacios@noihotels.com

These rates do not include value added tax (VAT) of 19%. Guests who pay in dollars using cash, travellers' cheques or an international credit card are exempt from payment of VAT.

Requests for reservations should be addressed directly to the hotel by the deadline given on the hotel reservation form attached. After this date, the hotel reserves the right to change the rate and cannot guarantee that rooms will be available.

To maintain the special ECLAC rate, hotel reservations must be requested personally, not through agencies or other means. Delegates are responsible for their own reservations. You are advised to check that the hotel has processed your reservation and to request a reservation number or confirmation code.

The hotel requires your flight number and date of arrival in and departure from Chile, as well as credit card details, in order to guarantee the reservation. Please complete in full the attached reservation form, which requests all the required details, and submit by the stated deadline.

5. Visa and entry requirements for Chile

Participants must be in possession of a passport valid for at least six months beyond the date of entry into Chile.

Delegates from countries whose citizens require a visa to enter Chile should apply for one in advance at their nearest Chilean embassy or consulate.

To find out whether you require a visa, go to the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Chile (<http://chileabroad.gov.cl/consulados/>) and click on the name of your country.

6. Transport from the airport to Santiago

The companies Transvip (<https://www.transvip.cl/>) and Transfer Delfos (<https://transferdelfos.com/>), operate minivan services from the airport, offering passenger transportation to different areas of the city. Each van can transport 10 to 12 passengers, at an approximate cost of US\$ 20 per person. Visitors preferring to take a taxi are advised to use the firms Transvip (<https://www.transvip.cl/>) or Taxi Oficial (<http://www.taxioficial.cl/>), which are also located at the airport; fares to the city vary between US\$ 35 and US\$ 45 depending on the destination.

7. Registration

An online [registration system](https://www.cepal.org/es/conversatorio-cepal-unicef) registration system will be available on the meeting website (<https://www.cepal.org/es/conversatorio-cepal-unicef>) from **1 October**.

Participant accreditation will take place on Tuesday 27, Wednesday 28 and Thursday 29 November, starting at 8.30 a.m., in the lobby of the Raúl Prebisch conference room. Participants will receive an ID badge which, for security purposes, should be worn at all times and will be required to gain admittance to all the sessions.

For further information on registration, please contact Paula Warnken (paula.warnken@cepal.org); tel. (+56) 2 2210 2651).

8. Opening session

The opening session of the First regional dialogue in Latin America and the Caribbean “On the road to equality”: 30 years of the Convention on the Rights of the Child will be held on Wednesday 28 November at 9 a.m.

9. Internet

Delegates will have access to a wireless Internet connection (Wi-Fi) in the conference room and in open areas.

10. Languages

The official language of the meeting will be Spanish. Simultaneous interpretation into English and French will be provided.

11. Documents

Documents will be made available to read or download at the meeting website (<https://www.cepal.org/es/conversatorio-cepal-unicef>).

12. Facilities and services at ECLAC

Travel agency	Flight reservations and confirmations are handled by Carlson Wagonlit Travel, located in the basement of the ECLAC building (office 1S7).
Bank	There is a branch of Banco de Chile in the basement of the ECLAC building. It is open to the public from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Foreign currency may be exchanged from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.
Meals	ECLAC has a cafeteria and a canteen, which are open from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Participants must pay directly for their own consumption at these facilities.
Medical service	The ECLAC Medical Service (office Z-210, ext. 2333) is available to participants requiring medical assistance. It is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2.30 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Shop	The “One World” shop, located in the central foyer on the ground floor, next to the spiral staircase, offers a wide range of attractive gifts, United Nations souvenirs and other items.

13. Places of interest in Santiago

Pueblito Los Dominicos	A handicraft village located close to the foot of the Andes in the east of the city. It offers a diverse array of traditional and contemporary crafts, including furniture, textiles and paintings.
Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes	The national fine arts museum is a major centre for the visual arts in Chile. It is situated in Santiago's Parque Forestal.
Museo de Arte Precolombino	This museum is at the cutting edge in terms of preserving, displaying and studying the continent's pre-Columbian artistic legacy. It has an extensive collection of art from ancient cultures such as the Incas and the Diaguitas. It is located in downtown Santiago.
Municipal Theatre of Santiago	Built in 1857, Santiago's municipal theatre is a national monument of renowned architectural beauty. It is one of the foremost cultural centres in Chile and hosts opera, ballet and musical performances.
Palacio de La Moneda	The Government Palace, located in central Santiago, is the only building of a pure Italian neo-classical style in the Americas. Its cultural centre presents visual and audiovisual exhibitions from Chile and further afield.
Plaza de Armas	Located in the heart of Santiago, this square has been the civic centre since colonial times. The cathedral in the square is a national monument and has an interesting museum, whose main attraction is its library containing manuscripts by important Chilean historical figures. Other historical buildings on the Plaza de Armas are the Santiago town hall and the central post office.
Barrio Bellavista	This vibrant, quintessentially urban neighbourhood combines a highly varied commercial clothing and craft sector with numerous restaurants offering many types of international cuisine. Bellavista nestles between the north bank of the Mapocho River and the foot of San Cristóbal Hill (home to Santiago's largest public park and the national zoo). Its exotic architecture gives it the aspect of an open-air museum, where visitors may discover art galleries, theatres and lapis lazuli jewellery shops, as well as La Chascona, the former residence of poet Pablo Neruda.

HOTEL RESERVATION REQUEST

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Nombre/Name:	Apellido/Last name:
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Dirección/Address:

Ciudad/City:	País/Country:
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SELECT YOUR HOTEL:

Hotel Atton Vitacura (4*) <input type="checkbox"/> Av. Vitacura 3201 Tel: (+56) 2 2422 7902/2 2944 7858 Single room: US\$ 145 Attn: César Lucero, Reservations Department, clucero@atton.com / reservas@atton.com Group code: 4942049 Block expiry date: 13 November	Hotel Director (4*) <input type="checkbox"/> Av. Vitacura 3600 Tel: (+56) 2 2389 1956 Single room: US\$ 135 Attn: María Eliana Puga, Reservations Department, reservas@director.cl / reservaciones@director.cl Group code: 352450 Block expiry date: 7 November
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Novotel Vitacura (4*) <input type="checkbox"/> Américo Vespucio Norte # 1630 Tel: (+56) 2 2499 2231, (+56) 2 2499-2200 Single room: CL\$ 78,000 (approx. US\$ 125) Attn: Nancy de la Harpe, Reservations Department nancy.harpe@accor.com / h5233-re@accor.com Group code: 203180 Block expiry date: 7 November	Hotel Bidasoa (****) <input type="checkbox"/> Av. Vitacura 4873 Tel: (+56) 2 2602 3900 Single room: US\$ 155 Attn: María Paz Vacarezza, Sales Representative mvacarezza@hotelbidasoa.cl Group code: 46162 Block expiry date: 7 November
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Hotel Noi (5*) <input type="checkbox"/> Av. Nueva Costanera 3736, Vitacura Tel: (+56 2) 2 29418100 Deluxe single room: US\$ 210 Attn: Bernardita Palacios, Corporate Accounts Representative bernardita.palacios@noihotels.com Group code: CEPAL Block expiry date: 7 November	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Rates in all hotels include breakfast and Internet</i></p>
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Fecha de salida del país: <i>Date of departure:</i>	Núm. de vuelo: <i>Flight no.:</i>
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I authorize the use of my credit card to guarantee my hotel reservation:**

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Núm. de tarjeta de crédito/Credit card no.:

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