



**12th Session of the United Nations Regional Committee
on Global Geospatial Information Management for the
Americas, Workshop on UN-IGIF and Side Events
(UN-GGIM: Americas)**

**November 3-7, 2025
Santiago de Chile**

LOGISTICS GUIDE

INTRODUCTION

The 12th Session of the United Nations Regional Committee on Global Geospatial Information Management for the Americas (UN-GGIM: Americas), the UN-IGIF Workshop, and Side Events will take place from November 3-7, 2025.

The activities will be held in person at the headquarters of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) in Santiago, Chile.

The purpose of this document is to provide delegations attending this meeting and its parallel activities with useful information to facilitate their participation.

The meeting coordinators will be available to answer any questions you may have regarding administrative, logistical, and organizational matters, both before and during the meeting.

If you make any requests via email, please consider copying the event coordinators.

VISA AND ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

To enter Chile, delegates must have a valid passport with a validity of more than six months from the date of entry into the country. Likewise, delegates from countries that require a visa to enter Chile are responsible for applying for it in advance at the embassies or consulates of Chile in their respective countries. Delegates from Argentina, Brazil, Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Uruguay, Paraguay, and Peru may enter with their national identity cards or equivalent documents.

To find out if you require a visa and to obtain further information, please consult the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Chile: <https://www.minrel.gob.cl/embajadas-y-consulados>, and click on the name of your country.

The airport tax is included in the airfare.

LANGUAGE

The 12th Session of UN-GGIM: Americas and the UN-IGIF Workshop, hosted by the United Nations Global Geospatial Knowledge and Innovation Centre (UN-GGKIC), will be held in Spanish and English. To facilitate communication among participants, simultaneous interpretation services will be available between Spanish and English, with the exception of side events, where interpretation services will not be available.

EVENT

The 12th Session of UN-GGIM: Americas and the Workshop on UN-IGIF will be held in the Celso Furtado Room, at the premises of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), located at Avenida Dag Hammarskjöld 3477, Vitacura, Santiago de Chile (<https://goo.gl/maps/8TQYnp6nztsaqLV8A>).

INAUGURATION

The 12th Session of the Regional Committee on Global Geospatial Information Management for the Americas, UN-GGIM: Americas, will hold its inauguration ceremony on Wednesday, 5 November 2025, at 9:30 a.m. in the Celso Furtado Room.

ECLAC FACILITIES AND SERVICES

Internet

In ECLAC's conference rooms and open spaces, participants will have access to wireless Internet access (Wi-Fi). To use it, they must register and enter a password.

Bank

Banco de Chile has a branch located underground. Its opening hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Foreign currency can be exchanged from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. To do so, foreigners must present their passport and the document issued by the Chilean Investigative Police (PDI) upon entering the country.

Medical Services

First aid care is provided at the clinic, located in the main square (office Z-210) (extension 2333 or phone (+56) 2 2210 2333). The clinic is open from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and from 2:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

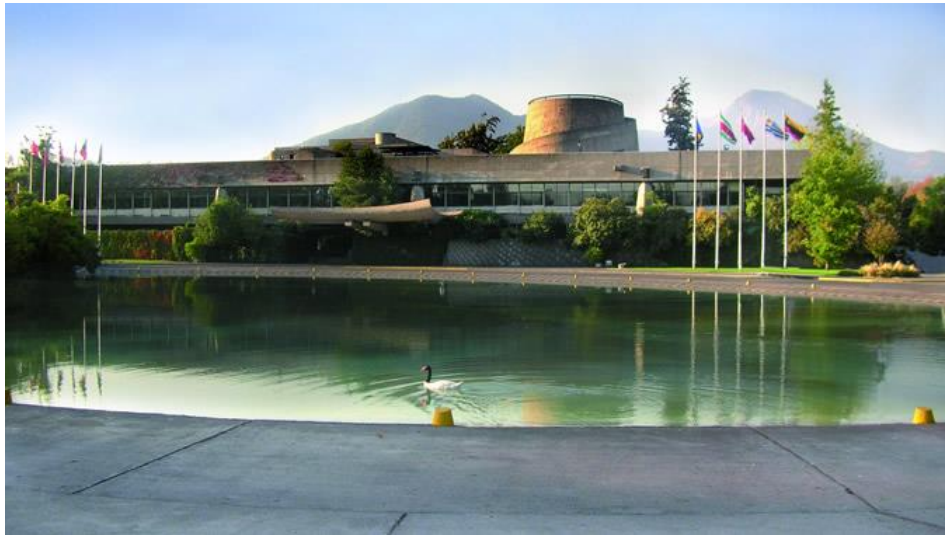
Attendees are advised to purchase medical insurance.

Foods

ECLAC has a cafeteria and an institutional dining room, open continuously from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. These services must be paid for directly by participants.

Parking

ECLAC has a limited number of parking spaces. Only the entry of official vehicles of diplomatic missions will be authorized, for the purpose of dropping off and picking up their delegations.



TIME ZONE

The time zone of Santiago de Chile corresponds to UTC/GMT -3 (on the date of the event).

GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION

Chile is located in the southwestern corner of South America. Its capital is Santiago, and the country's total population is close to 19 million. It lies between

the Pacific Ocean and the Andes Mountains, and its long, narrow geographical area is politically divided into 16 regions.

THE CAPITAL

Santiago, with a population of nearly 8 million, is the capital of the Republic of Chile. Its climate is Mediterranean, although in recent years it has experienced variations associated with climate change.

The colder months, between May and September, tend to be increasingly dry and with less frequent rainfall, although episodes of intense cold are still recorded, with temperatures close to 0°C on some mornings.

The warmest months, from November to March, are longer and hotter, with heat waves that can exceed 30°C, accompanied by warm nights compared to previous decades.

Relative humidity remains low most of the year, which favors a dry environment.

ESTIMATED WEATHER

The weather in Santiago during November is relatively warm, both day and night. Average high temperatures are around 22°C (72°F) and lows are around 10°C (50°F).

For more information, visit the following link:

<http://www.meteochile.gob.cl/PortalDMC-web/index.xhtml>

BADGE

The local currency in Chile is the Chilean peso (\$). The current exchange rate is approximately 1 USD: 960 Chilean pesos (September 2025).

Currency exchange is available at banks, hotels, and the airport. All major hotels, restaurants, and shops accept international credit cards, including Visa and MasterCard.

ELECTRICITY

In Chile, type C/L plugs and sockets are used. The voltage is 220 volts and the frequency is 50 Hz.

It is suggested to bring the appropriate adapter as needed.



AIRPORT-CITY TRANSPORT

Participants can take international flights to Arturo Merino Benítez Airport (SCL) in Santiago, Chile. The transfer from the airport to the city takes approximately 30 minutes.

From the airport to the city there are different ways to reach your destination:

Official taxis which are located at the airport exit and the fare is between 35 and 40 dollars depending on the destination of the city you are going to.

<https://www.nuevopudahuel.cl/desde-hacia-el-aeropuerto?target=taxis>

Minibuses operated by the companies Transvip or WeTransport, located at the airport, have a capacity of between 10 and 12 passengers and travel through different areas of the city, at an approximate cost of 15 US dollars per person.

Buses shared bound for the city center. Includes stops at the most important metro stations along the route.

<https://www.nuevopudahuel.cl/desde-hacia-el-aeropuerto?target=buses>

Vehicle rental individuals for days.

<https://www.nuevopudahuel.cl/desde-hacia-el-aeropuerto?target=arriendo-vehiculos>

Shared transfer to a private address.

<https://www.nuevopudahuel.cl/desde-hacia-el-aeropuerto?target=transfer>

LOCAL TRANSPORTATION

To get around the city, there are a variety of services available.

Taxis: These taxis are hailed on the street and have meters where the user can see the amount due. Payment is made in cash at the end of the trip. In general, tips are not given to drivers.

Prepaid taxi applications like Uber or Cabify work very well in the city.

Santiago Metro (underground railway) It has 7 metro lines connecting the city. To use it, you must have a card (bip!), which is the official means of payment and can be purchased at any metro station.



Buses: This is the urban public transport system that operates in the metropolitan area of Santiago. It integrates bus services with the Santiago metro, so a card (bip!), is also required to use the buses.

<https://www.red.cl/>



OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

The quality of the water in Santiago is potable; however, visitors are advised to drink bottled mineral water.

As in all large cities, for security reasons it is recommended not to wear valuable jewelry, not to leave handbags or briefcases unattended in public places, and to avoid using cell phones in open or crowded areas.

Tipping is common in Chile, as in other parts of the world. In restaurants, it is customary to leave a tip of around 10% of the total bill.

REGISTRATION AND ACCREDITATION

Participant registration and accreditation must be completed through the following web form: <https://forms.office.com/r/kJ6PXTmEs5>. This registration does not replace the formal requirement of having received the official invitation to the activities and having previously informed the UN-GGIM: Americas Secretariat of the names of the head of delegation and each accompanying member. This online registration will be available from October 1 to October 31, 2025, until 6:00 p.m.

After you register, the registration system will send you an automatic note confirming receipt. Subsequently, once your registration request has been approved, you will receive a new “acceptance confirmation” email, which you must present together with your identification document when collecting your credentials.

Officials of entities of the United Nations system may enter the Meeting with their previously activated United Nations credentials, without prejudice to the requirement to register online. To activate your pass, you must send an image of the respective credential, on both sides, to the following email: cencoseg@cepal.org

Credential delivery will take place at the main entrance of ECLAC (Av. Dag Hammarskjöld 3477, Vitacura), on 03 November, between 08.00 and 18.00 hours, and on 07 November between 8.00 and 14.00 hours. Credentials must be collected in person, presenting an identification document. During the Meeting, participants must wear their credential in a visible place. For security reasons, its use will be required to attend all sessions.

Official entry of participants to the ECLAC facilities will begin on Monday, 3 November starting at 08:00 hours.

It is suggested to arrive at least 30 minutes before the start of the sessions, in order to complete the credential collection process and the United Nations security protocols.

If you require more information about participant registration and accreditation, please do not hesitate to contact Marianela Garione at marianela.garione@cepal.org

FOODS

Breakfast is included in most hotels' rates. During the XII Session, ECLAC has a cafeteria and an institutional dining room, open continuously from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. These services must be paid directly by attendees.

DRESS CODE

The dress code for attendees is formal/semi-formal.

ACCOMMODATION

It is recommended to make a reservation at one of the three hotel options indicated below. All of them are within walking distance to and from ECLAC.

Reservations must be requested directly from the selected hotel before the expiration date indicated in the hotel reservation form (last page of this document). After that date, the hotel reserves the right to modify the rate and does not guarantee room availability.

These prices do not include the 19% value added tax (VAT). Guests are exempt from VAT if payment is made in US dollars or with an international credit card. The hotel will request proof of entry into Chile.

Hotel Director Vitacura (**)**

<https://director.cl/>

A 15-minute walk from ECLAC

Av. Vitacura 3600, Vitacura

<https://goo.gl/maps/FyZt5UEJJxH8FSxF8>



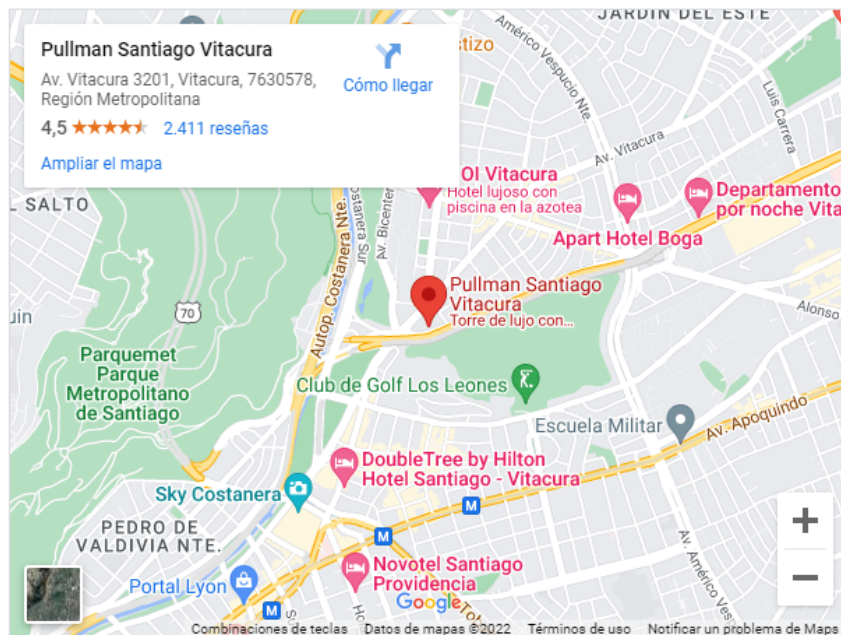
Hotel Pullman Santiago Vitacura (****)

<https://www.pullmansantiagovitacura.cl/>

A 10-minute walk from ECLAC

Av. Vitacura 3201, Vitacura

<https://g.page/pullman-santiago-vitacura?share>

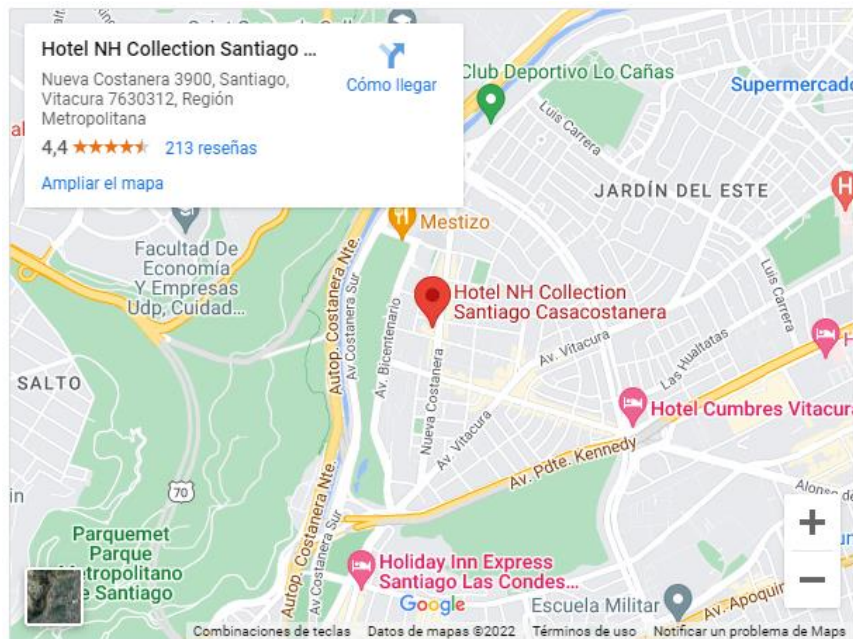


Hotel NH Collection Casacostanera (****)

<https://www.nh-collection.com/es/hotel/nh-collection-santiago-casacostanera>

A 13-minute walk from ECLAC
New Coastal Avenue 3900, Vitacura

<https://g.page/NHCollectionCasacostanera?share>



Notwithstanding the above, participants may choose other accommodation options if they deem it convenient or necessary.

If you are interested in any of them, you must complete the following form —on the next page— and send it by email to the selected hotel.

To maintain ECLAC's special rate, the reservation must be made personally and not through agencies or other means. Each participant is responsible for their reservation and must ensure that their request has been processed by the hotel and request the corresponding reservation number or code for confirmation.

It is essential to provide flight information and the times of arrival and departure from the country, as well as the type and number of the credit card, to guarantee the reservation. For this purpose, please send the selected hotel the attached hotel reservation form, which contains all the required information.



NACIONES UNIDAS



HOTEL RESERVATION REQUEST

TWELFTH SESSION OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE ON GLOBAL GEOSPATIAL INFORMATION MANAGEMENT FOR THE AMERICAS, UN-GGIM: AMERICAS Santiago, November 4-8, 2025

Name:		Last name:	
Address:			
City:		Country/Country:	
Telephone/Phone:		Email:	

SELECT HOTEL

<p>Hotel Pullman Santiago Vitacura (★★★★) <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Address: Phone: (+56) 2 2947 3612 Single Room: 155dollars + tax. Double 170dollars + tax (includes buffet breakfast)</p> <p>Attention: Jocelyn Aguayo and Daniela Alvina, Reservations Department Email: jocelyn.aguayo@accor.com daniela.alvina@accor.com Group code: 247975 Block expiration date: October 22, 2025</p>	<p>Hotel Director (★★★★) <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Av. Vitacura 3600, Vitacura. Phone: (+56) 2 2389 1956 Single Room: 116dollars + tax. Double 126dollars + tax (includes breakfast and Internet)</p> <p>Attention: María Eliana Puga, Reservations Department Email: reservas@director.cl Group code: # 994201 Block expiration date: October 6, 2025</p>
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<p>Hotel NH Collection Casacostanera (★★★★) <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Av. Nueva Costanera 3900, Vitacura. Phone: (+56) 2 2496 2000 Single room: \$140+ taxes (Includes breakfast and internet)</p> <p>Attention: Noemí González Gebaüer, Reservations Department Email: nj.gonzalez@nh-hotels.com; rsv.nhcollectioncasacostanera@nh-hotels.com Group code: MB0004635612 Lock expiration date: October 13, 2025</p>	
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Date of arrival in the country:	Flight No.:
Date of arrival:	
Date of departure from the country:	Flight No.:
Date of departure:	

I authorize the use of my credit card to guarantee my hotel reservation:

American Express <input type="checkbox"/>	Mastercard <input type="checkbox"/>	Visa <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (name/name) <input type="checkbox"/>
Credit card number:			
Expiration Date/Date of expiration:			

Please complete the form and email it to the selected hotel. Guests are exempt from VAT if paying in dollars or with an international credit card.

POINTS OF CONTACT

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our coordination focal points, who will also be available to assist you during the event. Please copy everyone if communicating via email.

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