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Seminar on positioning the Caribbean in the knowledge economy:
the role of data

Twenty-first meeting of the Monitoring Committee
of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee

Port of Spain, 1–3 November 2023

INFORMATION NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS

I. General

1. **The seminar on positioning the Caribbean in the knowledge economy – the role of data and the twenty-first meeting of the Monitoring Committee of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee** will be held at the Radisson Hotel Trinidad in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago from 1 to 2 November and on 3 November 2023, respectively. Both events will take place in the Festival Ballroom.

II. Online registration and identification badges

2. Participants attending the meetings are required to register beforehand by completing the online registration form which can be accessed by clicking [here](#) or by copying and pasting the following link: <https://eventos.cepal.org/event/120/>.

Please note that registering through the online system does not exempt delegations from the requirement to provide official notification of the name of the head of delegation and all accompanying members.

3. Participants will be issued identification badges which, for security purposes, must be shown/worn at all meetings. Participants are advised that only those holding valid meeting badges will have access to the meeting rooms.

III. Meeting documents

4. Documentation will be made available electronically prior to the meetings on the following websites:
- Seminar on positioning the Caribbean in the knowledge economy – the role of data: <https://bit.ly/MonComSeminar2023>
 - Twenty-first meeting of the Monitoring Committee of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee: <https://bit.ly/21stMONCOM>

5. Participants are encouraged to bring their computers or other mobile devices since only a limited number of printed documents will be available.

6. Documents approved for circulation and/or distribution should be sent in an electronic format to the ECLAC secretariat. The secretariat will then undertake to electronically circulate these documents.

IV. Languages

7. The working language of the seminar is English. There will be no interpretation.

8. The working language of the twenty-first meeting of the Monitoring Committee of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee is English. Interpretation in English, French and Spanish will be provided.

V. Internet access

9. Wireless Internet access (Wi-Fi) will be available in the meeting spaces. The password for the Wi-Fi will be given to participants upon their arrival in the conference room.

VI. Hotel accommodation

10. Standard single rooms are available at the preferential rate of US\$ 156.09 per night (inclusive of breakfast, taxes and Wi-Fi) at the Radisson Hotel Trinidad. To make your reservation, please email Babita Goordeen, Sales Executive, Radisson Hotel Trinidad, email: bgoordeen@rposthotel.com, tel: +868 235 3366, ext. 6805.

VII. Immigration requirements

11. All visitors to Trinidad and Tobago must have a passport valid for a minimum of six months from the date of arrival. For further details, participants are advised to read the document on [visa requirements for all countries](#).

VIII. Health

12. It is the responsibility of all participants to ensure that they have all the vaccinations required to travel to Trinidad and Tobago.

13. **Note on yellow fever:** A yellow fever vaccination certificate is required for travellers arriving from countries with risk of yellow fever transmission. For further information, please consult the following document from the World Health Organization: [Countries with risk of yellow fever transmission and countries requiring proof of vaccination against yellow fever](#).

14. **COVID-19:** <https://health.gov.tt/covid-19>.

15. In case of accident or sickness during the meeting, please notify one of the members of the ECLAC secretariat immediately. It is the participants' responsibility to take out, at their own expense, or at the expense of their nominating organization, any personal insurance policy they may deem necessary for the meetings.

IX. Local transport

16. Participants should make their own transportation arrangements from the Piarco International Airport to the Radisson Hotel Trinidad. Taxis are readily available at the airport and it is strongly recommended that participants approach only the official taxi drivers (official taxi vehicle with license plate starting with the letter "H") who are in the airport arrival zone. Another option is to have the hotel arrange for your pickup.

X. Responsibility

17. The United Nations will not assume responsibility for the following expenditures:

- (a) Travel insurance, accident insurance, medical, dental bills or hospitalization fees in connection with their attendance at the meetings.
- (b) Compensation in the event of death or disability of participants in connection with their attendance at the meetings.
- (c) Any loss or damage to personal property of participants while attending the meetings, or losses or damages claimed by third parties, as a result of negligence on the part of the participants.
- (d) Any other expenses of a personal nature, not directly related to the purpose of the meetings.

XI. Coordination of the meetings

18. The meetings are being organized by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean subregional headquarters for the Caribbean.

19. For additional information on the Seminar on positioning the Caribbean in the knowledge economy – the role of data, please contact Abdullahi Abdulkadri, Coordinator, Statistics and Social Development Unit, tel: +868 224 8021, email: abdullahi.abdulkadri@eclac.org or Colleen Skeete, Programme Management Assistant, Statistics and Social Development Unit, tel: +868 224 8025, email: colleen.skeete@eclac.org.

20. For additional information on the twenty-first meeting of the Monitoring Committee of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee, please contact Veera Deokiesingh-Fraser, office of the Director, tel: +868 224 8062, email: veera.deokiesinghfraser@eclac.org.

21. For information on logistics for both events, please contact Aurélie Quiatol, Meeting Services focal point, tel: +868 224 8071, email: aurelie.quiatol@eclac.org.

XII. Country information

22. Trinidad and Tobago is warm all year round, with air temperature ranging between 35 degrees Celsius (95 degrees Fahrenheit) at the maximum and 23 degrees Celsius (73 degrees Fahrenheit) at the minimum. There are two seasons; a dry season that lasts from about January to May and a rainy season that lasts from June to December.

23. Electricity in Trinidad and Tobago is 115 Volts, alternating at 60 cycles per second. Adapters are generally available at hotels. A converter is required for devices that do not accept 115 Volts. A standard plug type used in Trinidad and Tobago is illustrated as follows:



24. Participants are advised to exercise caution when on their own. They should not go to downtown Port of Spain at night and avoid badly illuminated or isolated areas. In case of emergency, kindly contact Jada Francis, Security focal point, ECLAC subregional headquarters for the Caribbean at +868 312 8708.

25. For additional information on Trinidad and Tobago, please visit the following website: <https://visittrinidad.tt/>.

XIII. Foreign exchange

26. The currency is the Trinidad and Tobago dollar (TT\$). The United Nations rate of exchange as at 1 October 2023 is TT\$ 6.747=US\$ 1. United States dollars are widely accepted.