



UNITED NATIONS

**VIII MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE STATISTICAL
CONFERENCE OF THE AMERICAS OF ECLAC**

Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, 22 – 24 October 2008

GENERAL INFORMATION

Meeting venue

The VIII Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of ECLAC” will take place on 22, 23 and 24 October 2008, in the Hotel Renaissance Jaragua, located on Av. George Washington 367 in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

Registration of participants

Registration of participants will begin on Monday 22 October, at 08:30 a.m.

Inaugural Session

The Seminar will be inaugurated at 09:00 a.m.

Languages

The official language of the meeting is Spanish. Simultaneous interpretation to English will be provided.

Hotel reservations

A limited number of rooms with special rates for participants have been blocked in the Renaissance Jaragua Hotel & Casino:

Hotel Renaissance Jaragua (****), Av. George Washington 367, apartado postal 769-2, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

Telephone: (1-809) 221-2222 / 221-1476

Fax: (1-809) 686-0528

Toll free: 1-800-352-4354

Attention: Ms. Laura Terrero, Sales and Groups Manager

Email: ltorrero@renaissancejaragua.net

Club Jardin Room: single or double US\$ 90.00 (breakfast included)

Luxury Tower Room: US\$ 110.00 single with breakfast included

Luxury Tower Room: US\$ 115.00 double with breakfast included

These rates are net per night, plus 26% tax and services charges.

Requests for hotel reservations should be addressed directly to the hotel before **4 October**. After this date, the hotel reserves the right to alter the rate offered and will not guarantee availability.

To maintain the special rate given to participants, the hotel reservations must be requested personally and not through travel agencies or other means. Delegates are responsible for their own reservations. It is advisable to check that the hotel has processed your reservation and to request a reservation number or code of confirmation. The hotel requires that you advise the flight and date of arrival and departure to/from the country as well as the type and number of credit card to guarantee the reservation. For this purpose use the attached form which contains all the required information.

Currency

The local currency is the Dominican Peso and the exchange rate is 35 Dominican Pesos for 1 US Dollar approximately.

Additional information

For additional substantive information please contact Mr. Máximo Aguilera, Economic Affairs Officer in the Statistic and Economic Projections Division of ECLAC, telephone (56-2) 210-2715 Fax (56-2) 210-2472, email: maximo.aguilera@cepal.org
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General Information on Dominican Republic

The Dominican Republic occupies two thirds of the island of Hispaniola. Located between Cuba and Puerto Rico, it has become one of the leading tourist destinations in the Caribbean and is a busy investment and commercial centre. It is divided into 32 provinces and the capital is Santo Domingo.

Climate

The climate is predominantly tropical with average temperatures ranging between 23° C in the small hours of the morning and 32° C at noon. In mountainous areas, the temperatures are much lower.

For security reasons like in other big cities, it is advisable to avoid isolated streets and to be careful with expensive jewelry and handbags.

Electricity	110 volts - 60 cycles; flan-pin plugs
Airport Tax	The airport tax is US\$ 30.00
Tipping	The tip is not included in hotel or restaurant bills. It is usual to leave a tip of 10% of the total.
Taxis	Visitors are advised to use radio taxis, which are available outside the hotels. All taxis in Santo Domingo charge according to the meter and the relevant price Schedule.

Entry Requirements for the Dominican Republic

Holders of regular, diplomatic or official passports should apply for information on entry requirements at the Embassy or Consulate of the Dominican Republic in their country. The nationals of some countries do not require a visa to visit this country.