



THIRTEENTH MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE STATISTICAL CONFERENCE OF THE AMERICAS OF THE ECLAC

SANTIAGO, 12-14 AUGUST 2014

GENERAL INFORMATION

MEETING VENUE

The thirteenth meeting of the Executive Committee of the Statistical Conference of the Americas of the ECLAC will be held from 12 to 14 August 2014, in the Raul Prebisch conference room at the headquarters of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), located at Av. Dag Hammarskjöld 3477, Vitacura.

REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS

An online registration system will be available on the ECLAC website (www.cepal.org/deype/ceacepal/2014_EC_XIIImeeting.htm) starting **1 July 2014**. Online registration does not exempt delegations from the requirement to provide official notification of the name of the head of delegation and all accompanying members to the Secretariat of the Commission.

Registration of delegates will take place at the hall entrance of the Raul Prebisch Conference room starting at 8:30 a.m., on Tuesday 12 August. Participants will be issued with identification badges, which, for security purposes, must be shown at all meetings.

For any questions on registration, please contact Paula Warnken (paula.warnken@cepal.org; tel. (56-2) 2210-2651) or Paula Fuenzalida (paula.fuenzalida@cepal.org; tel. (56-2) 2210-2634).

OPENING SESSION

The meeting will open at 9 a.m.

LANGUAGES

The official languages of the meeting will be English and Spanish.

DOCUMENTATION

As the meeting documents become available, they will be accessible on the meeting website (<http://www.eclac.cl/scaeclac>). **No printed copies will be distributed at the meeting.**

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

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

1. Hotel Director (****), Av. Vitacura 3600, telephone: (56-2) 2389-1956, fax: (56-2) 2246-0088

Single room: US\$ 130 (breakfast included)

Contact: Sandra Rojas and Patricia Crisóstomo, Reservations Department

E-mail: reservas@director.cl and reservaciones@director.cl

Room block expires: 1 August 2014

2. Hotel Atton Vitacura (****), Av. Vitacura 3201, telephone: (56-2) 2422-7902

Single room: US\$ 130 (breakfast included)

Contact: Ivette Goujon, Reservations Department

E-mail: igoujon@atton.com and reservas@atton.com

Room block expires: 11 July 2014

These rates do not include the 19% value added tax (VAT). Visitors who pay in dollars, with traveller's cheques or with international credit cards are exempt from payment of VAT.

Requests for reservations should be addressed directly to the hotel selected by the date given on the hotel reservation form attached. After those dates, the hotels reserve the right to change the rates and cannot guarantee that rooms will be available.

To secure the special ECLAC rate, hotel reservations must be requested personally, not through travel agencies or other means. Participants are responsible for their own reservations. It is advisable to check that the hotel has processed your reservation and to obtain a reservation number or confirmation code.

The hotels require that you advise them of your flight number and date of arrival and departure to and from Chile, as well as credit card details, to guarantee the reservation. Please fully complete the attached reservation form, which contains all the required details, and send by the date indicated.

The currency used in Chile is the peso (\$) and the average exchange rate is 548 pesos to the United States dollar (May 2014).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For additional information regarding the meeting you may contact Paula Fuenzalida, Assistant at the Statistics Division, (tel. (56-2) 2210-2634; e-mail: paula.fuenzalida@cepal.org).

TRANSPORT FROM SANTIAGO AIRPORT

Companies such as Transvip and Transfer Delfos operate shared minivans from the airport into the city. Each minivan can carry 10 to 12 passengers, at a cost equivalent to approximately US\$ 15 per person. Taxis can also be arranged at counters at the airport (Taxi Oficial and Transvip are two companies that offer this service) and the fare from the airport costs between US\$ 35 and US\$ 40, depending on the sector of the city to which you are travelling.

GENERAL INFORMATION ON SANTIAGO

Santiago, a city with a population of about 6 million, is the capital of Chile. It has a Mediterranean climate and well-defined seasons, with rainy winters with temperatures as low as 0°C (May to September) and dry summers, when daytime temperatures hover around 30°C (November to March). Relative humidity is low and evenings are cool.

Buses, taxis and five subway lines serve the city's transport needs. Taxi fares are metered and, in general, drivers are not tipped.

Tap water is safe to drink but the change of flora can upset foreign visitors, who are therefore advised to drink bottled water.

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

The electric power in Chile is 220 volts, 50 cycles AC.

The vicinity of ECLAC offers a variety of attractive shops and restaurants within easy walking distance, the latter include La Punta and Starbucks.

FACILITIES AND SERVICES AT ECLAC

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| Travel agency | Flight reservations and confirmations are handled by Carlson Wagonlit Travel, located on the first basement level of the ECLAC building (office 1S7). |
| Bank | A branch of Banco de Chile is located on the first basement level. 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. |
| Food and beverages | ECLAC has a cafeteria and a coffee shop, which are open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Food and drinks must be paid for directly by participants. |
| Medical services | First aid is provided by the ECLAC Medical Service, located on the ground floor of the main building (office Z-210), telephone extension 2333. It is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. |

INTERESTING PLACES TO VISIT IN SANTIAGO

Pueblito Los Dominicos

A handicraft village located close to the foot of the Andes towards the east of the city of Santiago. It offers a diverse selection of traditional and contemporary crafts, including furniture, textiles and paintings.

Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes

The fine arts museum is a major centre for the 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 Diaguitas. It is located in downtown Santiago.

Teatro Municipal de 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 performances of opera, ballet and concerts.

Palacio de La Moneda

The Government Palace, located in downtown Santiago, is the only building of the pure Italian neoclassical style in Latin America. Its cultural centre provides the venue for a range of national and international visual and audiovisual exhibitions.

Plaza de Armas

Located at 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 key figures from Chile's history. Other major historical buildings on the Plaza de Armas are the Municipality of Santiago and the central post office.

Barrio Bellavista

This district, with its unique urban identity, combines a large variety of handicrafts and clothing shops with a wide range of restaurants serving diverse specialties of international cuisine. Bellavista nestles between the northern bank of the Mapocho River and the foot of San Cristóbal Hill. Its exotic architecture makes it feel like a kind of open-air museum. A stroll along its streets offers the visitor a potpourri of art galleries, theatres, lapis lazuli jewellery shops, restaurants and parks, including the city zoo.