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Santo Domingo, 30 de agosto de 2018

**TWENTY-SEVENTH MEETING OF THE PRESIDING OFFICERS  
OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL FOR PLANNING  
OF THE LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN INSTITUTE  
FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PLANNING (ILPES)**

**AND**

**INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR  
“TERRITORIALIZATION OF THE 2030 AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE  
DEVELOPMENT IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN:  
POLICY CHALLENGES”**

**Santo Domingo, 29 and 30 August 2018**

**GENERAL INFORMATION**



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## INTRODUCTION

The twenty-seventh meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Council for Planning of the Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning (ILPES) and the international seminar “Territorialization of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Latin America and the Caribbean: policy challenges”, will be held in Santo Domingo on 29 and 30 August 2018.

The purpose of this document is to provide delegates with useful information to facilitate their work at the meetings.

The coordinators will be pleased to answer any questions you may have concerning the logistics or organization of the event, whether before or during the session.

### 1. General information on the Dominican Republic

#### Location

The Dominican Republic occupies two thirds of the island of Hispaniola. Located between Cuba and Puerto Rico, it is one of the Caribbean’s leading tourist destinations and an ideal place for investment and trade. The country is divided into 32 provinces and its capital is Santo Domingo.

#### Climate

The climate is tropical and the average temperature in Santo Domingo in August ranges between a high of 32°C/89.6°F and a low of 23°C/73.4°F.

**Official website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Dominican Republic:**  
<http://www.mirex.gob.do>

#### Useful information

<b>MONEDA LOCAL</b> Dominican peso (\$)	The currency of the Dominican Republic is the Dominican peso. The exchange rate is around 50 pesos to the United States dollar. Most commercial establishments accept international credit cards. Travellers may change dollars and euros into Dominican pesos at foreign-exchange bureaux at the airport or in commercial banks.
<b>LOCAL TIME</b>	UTC/GMT -4 hours.
<b>ELECTRICITY</b>	110 volts.
<b>AIRPORT TAX</b>	The fee for the airport tax/tourist card is US\$ 10.
<b>TIPPING</b>	All taxes and gratuities are included in the hotel room rate. However, an additional tip may be given if a specific service is felt to have been particularly satisfactory.
<b>TAXIS</b>	Delegates are advised to use radio taxis, such as those found at hotel entrances. Taxis charge according to the meter. Delegates are advised to ask the fare when booking a taxi or before getting into the vehicle. Chauffeured car rental services, which charge according to the meter or time, are also available.

## 2. Meeting venue

The twenty-seventh meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Council for Planning of ILPES and the international seminar "Territorialization of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Latin America and the Caribbean: policy challenges" will be held in the Salon Bonanza at the Hotel Sheraton Santo Domingo.

### Hotel Sheraton Santo Domingo

Address: Avenida George Washington, 365  
Santo Domingo  
Telephone: (+1) 809 221 6666  
Website: <http://www.sheratonsantodomingo.com/>

## 3. Meeting coordination

The meetings will be organized by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) and Government of the Dominican Republic, through the Ministry of Economy, Planning and Development.

For substantive information on the meeting, please contact Cielo Morales ([cielo.morales@un.org](mailto:cielo.morales@un.org), tel: (+56) 2 2210 2489), Chief of ILPES, and Paulina Pizarro ([paulina.pizarro@un.org](mailto:paulina.pizarro@un.org), tel: (+56) 2 2210 2320), ILPES Research Assistant.

For information on operational aspects of the meeting, please contact Daniela Gebhard ([daniela.gebhard@un.org](mailto:daniela.gebhard@un.org), tel: (+56) 2 22210 2630).

## 4. Hotel reservations

The ECLAC Conference Services Unit has reserved a limited number of rooms at special rates in the hotel where the meetings are being held:

### HOTEL SHERATON SANTO DOMINGO (5\*)

Standard single room: US\$ 120 + 28% tax  
Standard double room: US\$ 135 + 28% tax  
Executive room: US\$ 150 + 28% tax

(All rates include buffet breakfast and Internet)

Avenida George Washington, 365, Santo Domingo  
Telephone: (+1) 809 221 1181  
Contact: Raúl Melgen  
Email: [rmelgen@sheratonsantodomingo.com](mailto:rmelgen@sheratonsantodomingo.com)

Website: <http://www.sheratonsantodomingo.com/>

Reservations should be made directly with the hotel by 24 August 2018. After that date, the hotel reserves the right to modify the rate and cannot guarantee room availability. Please use the form on page 7 to make a reservation.

**Delegates are responsible for their own reservations.** It is therefore advisable to check that the hotel has processed your reservation and to request a reservation number or confirmation code.

A credit card number is required to hold the reservation. Hotels in the Dominican Republic apply a “no show” policy; cardholders may cancel reservations up to 24 hours in advance, failing which they will be charged for the first night. All delegates must settle their own hotel bill at the end of their stay.

## 5. Entry requirements for the Dominican Republic

Holders of regular, diplomatic or official passports should contact the embassy or consulate of the Dominican Republic in their country to request information on applicable entry requirements. Citizens of some countries do not require a visa to visit the Dominican Republic.

Information on entry requirements for the Dominican Republic may be consulted online at the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (in Spanish): <http://consuladord.com/contenidos.aspx?cid=82&lang=ES>.

Delegates are responsible for obtaining their own visas for entry into the Dominican Republic, if required.

## 6. Local transport

**Conference participants are responsible for their own transportation between the airport and the hotel.** Taxis are available at Las Américas International Airport. Delegates are advised to use SICHALA Taxi Company, which is authorized by the National District City Council. The contact numbers of the company are 809 549 0245, 809 549 0011 and 809 549. **The cost of the fare between the airport and the hotel is approximately US\$ 50.**

As a basic security measure, participants are advised to take a taxi at the hotel entrance or request a radio taxi at the commercial establishment or tourist site they are visiting.

Participants entitled to transport services provided by their country’s diplomatic mission in the Dominican Republic should contact that mission directly.

## 7. Registration

Registration for the twenty-seventh meeting of the Presiding Officers of the Regional Council for Planning of ILPES and the international seminar “Territorialization of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Latin America and the Caribbean: policy challenges” will begin at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, 29 August in the lobby of the Salon Bonanza at the Hotel Sheraton.

Participants will be issued with an identification badge, which, for security purposes, must be shown at all meetings.

For further information, please contact Paula Warnken ([paula.warnken@un.org](mailto:paula.warnken@un.org), tel. (+56) 2 2210 2651) or Daniela Gebhard ([daniela.gebhard@un.org](mailto:daniela.gebhard@un.org), tel. (+56) 2 2210 2630).

To facilitate the registration process, please send the attached registration form (page 6) to Daniela Gebhard (email: [daniela.gebhard@un.org](mailto:daniela.gebhard@un.org)).

### **8. Opening session**

The opening session of the meetings will begin at 8.30 a.m. on Wednesday, 29 August.

### **9. Internet**

The offices and conference rooms set aside for the meetings will have wireless Internet access (Wi-Fi).

### **10. Languages**

The official languages of the meetings will be English and Spanish. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided.

### **11. Medical services**

The Government of the Dominican Republic will provide first aid services in case emergency medical assistance is required at the meeting venue.

### **12. Documents**

These will be paper-smart meetings. All documents and official declarations will be available for consultation and download on the website: <https://www.cepal.org/es/eventos/xxvii-reunion-la-mesa-directiva-consejo-regional-planificacion-crp-ilpes>. Delegates are advised to bring their laptops, tablets or other mobile devices as a limited quantity of printed documents will be available.



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## REGISTRATION FORM

TWENTY-SEVENTH MEETING OF THE PRESIDING OFFICERS OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL FOR PLANNING OF THE LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN INSTITUTE FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PLANNING (ILPES)		
Place and date: Santo Domingo, 29 and 30 August 2018		
Name/Nombre:		Last Name/APELLIDO:
Head of Delegation / Jefe de Delegación	Delegate/ Delegado	Observer/ Observador
Participant/Participante		Special Guest/Invitado especial
Official Position/ Cargo:		
Organization/Institution/ Organización/Institución:		
Address/Dirección:		
City/Ciudad:	Country/País:	
Telephone/Teléfono:	Email /Correo electrónico:	

Please send this form to Daniela Gebhard, email: [daniela.gebhard@un.org](mailto:daniela.gebhard@un.org)



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**HOTEL RESERVATION REQUEST**

Frist name:		Last name:	
Head of delegation <input type="checkbox"/>	Delegate <input type="checkbox"/>	Observer <input type="checkbox"/>	Special guest <input type="checkbox"/>
Official title:			
Organization or institution:			
Address:			
City:		Country:	
Telephone:	Fax:	Email:	

Hotel information:

<b>HOTEL SHERATON SANTO DOMINGO (5*)</b>		
Av. George Washington, 365		
Santo Domingo		
Telephone: (+1) 809 221 1181		
Standard single room: US\$ 120 *	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Standard double room: US\$ 135 *	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Executive room: US\$ 150 *	<input type="checkbox"/>	
* Plus 28% tax. Includes buffet breakfast and Internet.		
Email: <a href="mailto:rmelgen@sheratonsantodomingo.com">rmelgen@sheratonsantodomingo.com</a>		
Contact: <b>Raúl Melgen</b>		
Date of arrival:	Flight No:	Time (approx):
Date of departure:	Flight No:	Time (approx):

I authorize use of the following credit card to secure my reservation:

American Express <input type="checkbox"/>	Master Card <input type="checkbox"/>	Visa <input type="checkbox"/>	Other <input type="checkbox"/>
Credit card number and security code			Expiry date:

Reservations should be made directly with the hotel **by 24 August**. Delegates are responsible for their own reservations. It is advisable to check that the hotel has processed your request and to ask for a reservation number or confirmation code. To guarantee reservations, delegates are required to indicate their flight number and time and date of arrival in and departure from the Dominican Republic, as well as credit card details