



# **Tenth Session of the United Nations Regional Committee on Global Geospatial Information Management for the Americas (UN-GGIM: Americas)**

**October 17 to 20, 2023  
Santiago de Chile**

**INFORMATIVE NOTE**

## **INTRODUCTION**

The Tenth Session of the United Nations Regional Committee on Global Geospatial Information Management for the Americas (UN-GGIM: Americas) will take place between October 17 and 20, 2023.

This activity will be carried out in person, at the ECLAC headquarters in Santiago, Chile.

The purpose of this document is to provide the delegations that will attend this meeting with useful information to facilitate their participation.

The coordinators of the meeting will be at your disposal to answer any questions about administrative, logistical and organizational issues, before the meeting and during its development.

In case of making a request via email, please consider keeping a copy of the coordinators of this event.

## **GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

Since May 9, 2023, after the World Health Organization (WHO) declared the end of the Public Health Emergency of International Importance (ESPII) due to SARS-CoV2. In Chile, the request for the PCR test upon entry into the country is eliminated; of the COVID-19 vaccination certificate; and the random testing of travelers is over.

## **VISA AND ENTRY REQUIREMENTS TO THE COUNTRY**

To enter Chile, delegates must have a valid passport that is valid for more than six months from the date of entry into the country. Delegates from Argentina, Brazil, Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Uruguay, Paraguay and Peru may enter with their identity cards or equivalent documents.

For more information visit the following link: <https://immichile.netlify.app/>

## **LANGUAGE**

The Tenth Session will be held in Spanish and English. To facilitate communication between the participants, there will be a Spanish-English and English-Spanish simultaneous interpretation service.

## **EVENT**

The Tenth Session will take place at the offices 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>

## **ECLAC FACILITIES AND SERVICES**

### **Internet**

In the conference rooms and in the open spaces of ECLAC, the participants will have wireless Internet connection (WIFI).

### **Bank**

Banco de Chile has an agency located underground. Its opening hours to the public 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.

### **Medical services**

Clinic, located in the zócalo (office Z-210), annex 2333, only first aid attention will be provided to the participants. The hours of this service are from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and from 2:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

### **Foods**

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



## **TIME ZONE**

The time zone of Santiago de Chile corresponds to UTC/GMT −3.

## **GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION**





Chile is located in the extreme southwest of South America. Its capital is Santiago and the total population of the country is close to 19 million inhabitants. It is located between the Pacific Ocean and the Andes mountain range and its long and narrow geographical area is politically divided into 16 regions.

## **THE CAPITAL**

Santiago, with almost 8 million inhabitants, is the capital of the Republic. Its climate is Mediterranean and it has marked seasons, ranging from rainy winters, with temperatures down to 0 °C (from May to September), to dry summers, with temperatures close to 30 °C (from November to March). The nights are temperate and the relative humidity is low.

## **ESTIMATED WEATHER**

The weather in Santiago during October is relatively warm, during the day and at night. Average maximum temperatures are around 22°C and minimums around 10°C.

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|---|---|---|--|
| 17  | 18  | 19  | 20   |
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| 25°<br>12°  | 27°<br>13°  | 29°<br>9°   | 27°<br>11°   |

For more information visit the following link:

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

## **BADGE**

The Chilean local currency is the Chilean peso (\$). The current exchange rate is approximately 1 USD: 870 Chilean pesos.

Currency exchange can be done in banks, hotels and airport. All major hotels, restaurants and shops accept international credit cards including Visa and MasterCard.

## **ELECTRICITY**

In Chile, plugs and sockets type C / L are used. The voltage is 220 V 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 the Arturo Merino Benítez Airport (SCL) in Santiago de Chile. From the airport to the city the transfer is approximately 30 minutes.

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

**official taxis** They are located at the exit of the airport and the rate is between 35 and 40 dollars depending on the destination of the city to which you are going.

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

**busesshared** bound for the city center. It includes stops in the most important metros of the journey.

<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** bound for a particular address.

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

## LOCAL TRANSPORTATION

To move within the city, there is a variety of services available.

**Taxi** that are taken in the street, these have a taximeter where the user can go observing the amount to pay. They are paid with cash at the end of the tour.

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

<https://www.uber.com/cl/es/>

<https://cabify.com/cl/santiago/cabify-corp/tarifas>

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

<https://www.dtpm.cl/index.php/sistema-transporte-publico-santiago/metro>

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

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



## **OTHER CONSIDERATIONS**

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

As in all large cities, for security reasons it is recommended not to wear high-value jewelry or neglect purses or briefcases in public places.

## **ACCOMMODATION**

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

### **Hotel Director Vitacura (\*\*\*\*)**

<https://director.cl/>

A 15-minute walk from ECLAC

Av. Vitacura 3600, Vitacura

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



### **Hotel Pullman Vitacura (\*\*\*\*)**

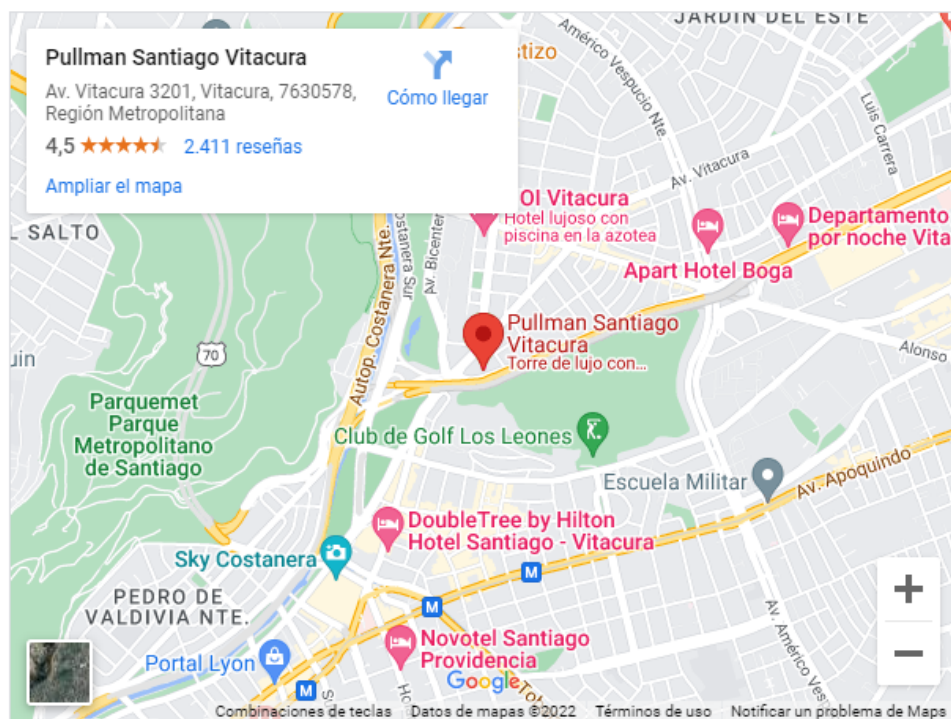
<https://www.pullmansantiagovitacura.cl/>

A 10-minute walk from ECLAC

Av. Vitacura 3201, Vitacura

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





### **Hotel NH Casacostanera (\*\*\*\*)**

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

A 13-minute walk from ECLAC

Av. Nueva Costanera 3900, Vitacura

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



Notwithstanding the foregoing, participants may opt for other accommodation options if they deem it convenient or necessary.

Below are other hotel alternatives where you can make reservations (you must do it directly with the hotel).

### **Hotel Ibis Las Condes Manquehue**

<https://all.accor.com/hotel/7933/index.es.shtml>

13 minutes by car from ECLAC  
O'Connell 165, Las Condes.

<https://goo.gl/maps/rc3Xf4s2qWdQ4DEG9>

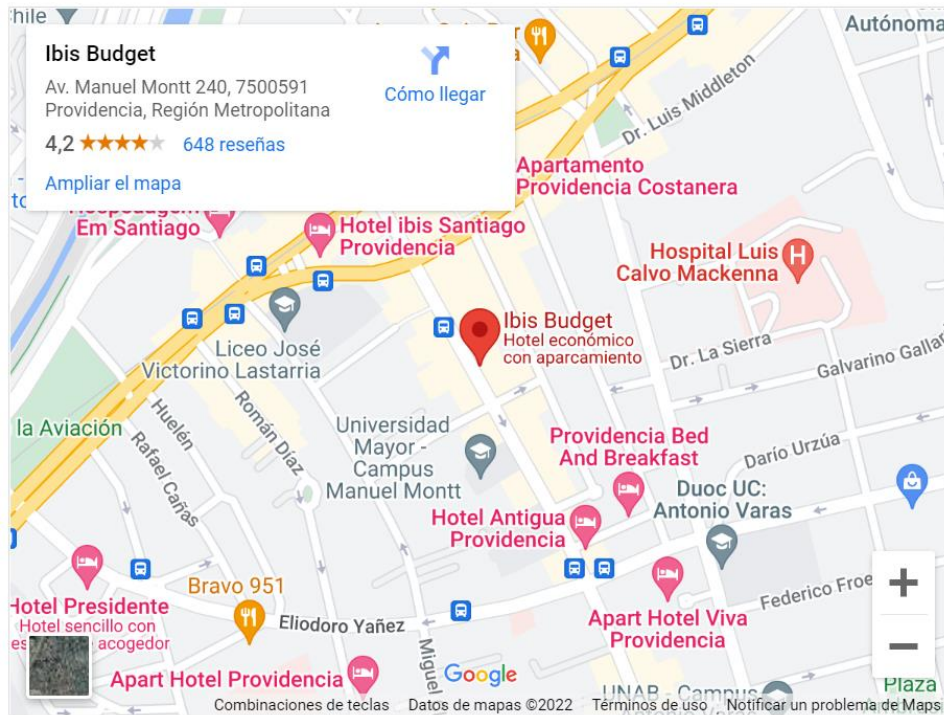


## Hotel Ibis Budget Providencia

<https://all.accor.com/hotel/9869/index.es.shtml>

16 minutes by car from ECLAC  
Av. Manuel Montt 240, Providencia.

<https://goo.gl/maps/KR4HE3am9B3FgFmQ6>

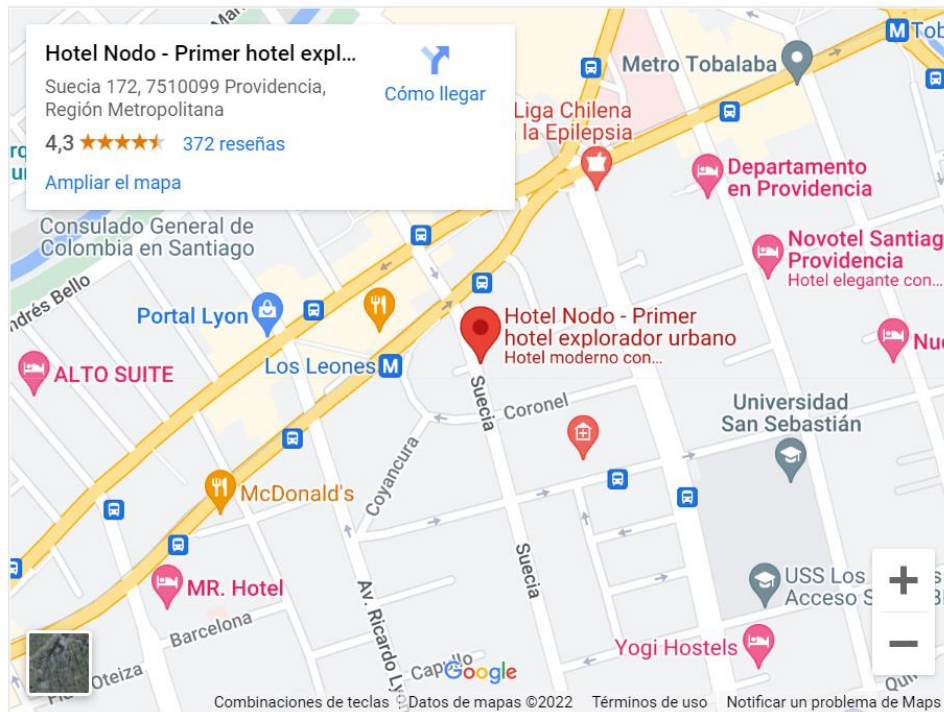


## Providencia Nodo Hotel

<http://hotelnodo.com/>

16 minutes by car from ECLAC  
Suecia 172, Providencia.

<https://goo.gl/maps/27aywJzkkGGGKToF7>



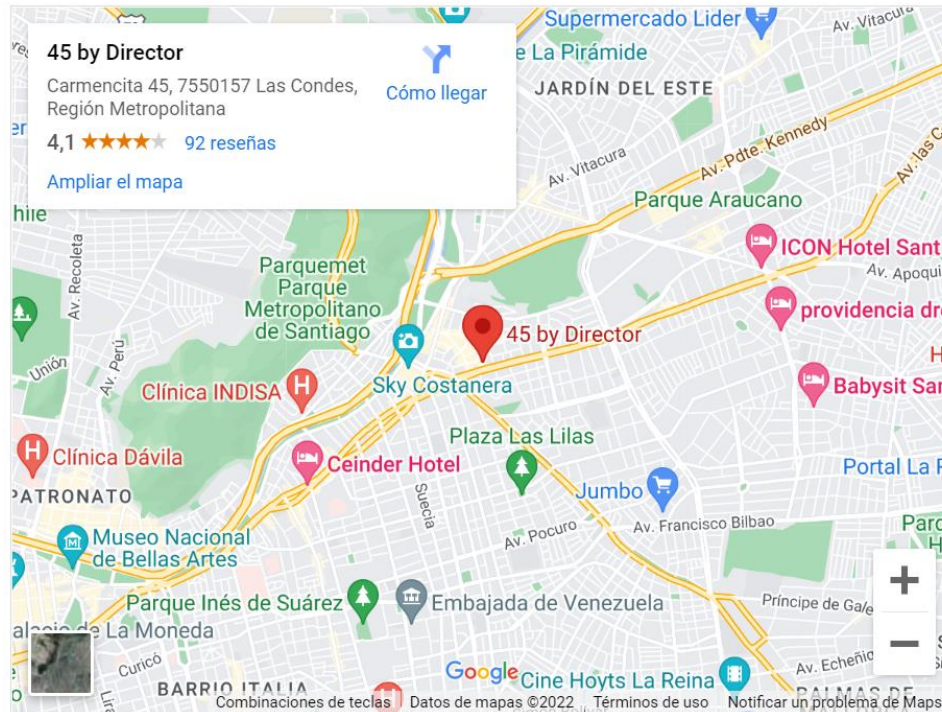
## Hotel 45 by Director

<https://45bydirector.cl/>

14 minutes by car from ECLAC  
Carmencita 45, Las Condes.

<https://g.page/45byDirectorHotel?share>





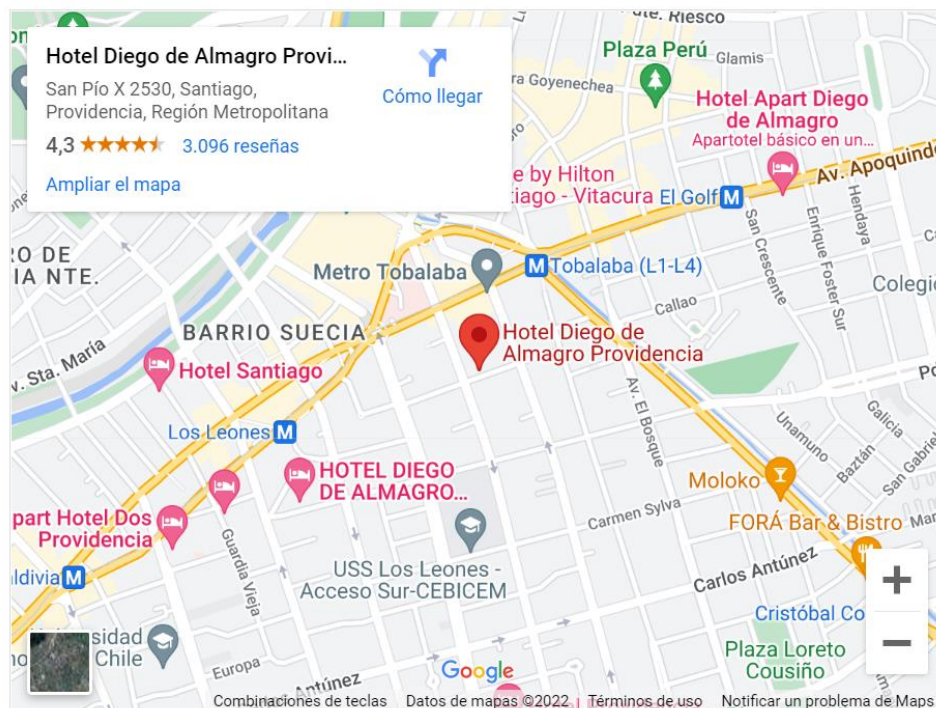
## **Hotel Diego de Almagro Providencia**

<https://www.dahoteles.com/es/accommodation/hotel-diego-de-almagro-providencia>

14 minutes by car from ECLAC

San Pio X 2530, Providencia

<https://goo.gl/maps/AP6Nut2An7UahDcQ7>



## FOODS

In most hotels, breakfast is included as part of the rate. During the Tenth Session, ECLAC has a cafeteria and an institutional dining room, which operate continuously from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. These services must be borne directly by the attendees.

Coffee service is considered during breaks for attendees.

## DRESS CODE

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

## ENTRY OF PARTICIPANTS TO ECLAC FACILITIES

The official entrance of the participants to the ECLAC facilities will begin on Tuesday, October 17, starting at 8:30 a.m. You will be previously asked to send your full name, passport number, country of origin and institution.

## CONTACT POINTS

In case of any requirement or query, please contact our coordination focal points, who will also be available to help you during the event. Please keep a copy of everyone if communication is via email.

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