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High-level meeting to advance consideration of the ECLAC Caribbean Resilience Fund

Saint John's, Antigua and Barbuda, 26–29 July 2022

INFORMATION NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS

I. General

1. The High-level meeting to advance consideration of the ECLAC Caribbean Resilience Fund will be held in hybrid format (in-person and virtual) at the Sir John E. St Luce Finance & Conference Center in Saint John's, Antigua and Barbuda. The meeting will take place from 26 to 29 July 2022.

II. Online registration

2. Participants attending the meeting are required to register beforehand by completing the online registration form which can be accessed by clicking <u>here</u> or by copying and pasting the following link: https://eventos.cepal.org/event/64/overview.

III. Meeting documents

3. All official documents and presentations will be available for viewing and downloading on the online **registration page** and the meeting website. Participants are encouraged to bring their computers or other mobile devices since only a limited number of printed documents will be available.

IV. Language

4. The working language of the High-level meeting is English. The working documents will be made available in English only.

V. Internet access

5. The conference room has wireless Internet access (Wi-Fi). The password for the Wi-Fi will be given to participants upon their arrival in the conference room.

VI. Hotel accommodation

6. ECLAC has negotiated a special all-inclusive rate of USD 290.20 (standard single guest room) per night per person at the St. James's Club Antigua. We encourage participants to take advantage of this offer and to make their reservation at this hotel no later than Friday 15 July 2022. After that date, the hotel reserves the right to modify this preferential rate and cannot guarantee room availability. Please email Sherrie Ault, Director of Product - Antigua, to make your reservation, email: sault@eliteislandresorts.com, tel: (954) 481-8787 ext 124. Once your reservation is confirmed, a confirmation with secure payment link will be sent to you.

VII. Immigration requirements

7. All visitors to Antigua and Barbuda must have (i) a passport valid for six months from the date of departure, (ii) return ticket to country of embarkation, (iii) intended address/confirmation of accommodation and (iv) proof of sufficient funds to support themselves during their stay. For additional information on immigration requirements, participants are advised to visit the website of the **Department** of Immigration for the Government of Antigua and Barbuda.

VIII. Health and COVID-19

- 8. It is the responsibility of all participants to ensure that they have all the vaccinations required to travel to Antigua and Barbuda.
- 9. The latest advisory on COVID-19 is available on the website https://visitantiguabarbuda.com/travel-advisory/. Please follow the official guidelines on COVID-19 provided by the Government of Antigua and Barbuda.
- 10. Note on yellow fever: A yellow fever vaccination certificate is required for travelers arriving from countries with risk of yellow fever transmission. The list is available at https://www.who.int/publications/m/item/countries-with-risk-of-yellow-fever-transmission-and-countries-requiring-yellow-fever-vaccination-(may-2021).
- 11. 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 this meeting.

IX. Local transport

Airport transfer

- 12. The Government of Antigua and Barbuda will provide transportation for Ministers from the V. C. Bird International Airport to the hotel and back.
- 13. Participants will be responsible for their own transport between the airport and the hotel. It is strongly recommended that participants approach only the official taxi drivers located in the arrival zone at the airport.

Transfer to and from the Sir John E. St Luce Finance & Conference Center

14. The Government of Antigua and Barbuda will provide transportation for Ministers.

15. Shuttle transportation will be available for participants from the St. James's Club Antigua to the Sir John E. St Luce Finance & Conference Center and back. The pick-up time will be confirmed to participants in a separate communication. Please note that shuttle transportation will not be available for participants staying at a location other than the St. James's Club Antigua.

X. Responsibility

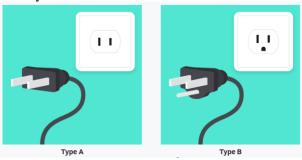
- 16. The United Nations will not assume responsibility for the following expenditures:
- (a) Travel insurance, accident insurance, medical, dental bills or hospitalization fees in connection with their attendance at the meeting.
- (b) Compensation in the event of death or disability of participants in connection with their attendance at the meeting.
- (c) Any loss or damage to personal property of participants while attending the meeting, 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 meeting.

XI. Coordination of the meetings

- 17. The meeting is being organized by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean subregional headquarters for the Caribbean, and the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States.
- 18. For additional information on the high-level meeting, please contact Sheldon McLean, Coordinator, Economic Development Unit, Tel: (868) 224-8074, email: sheldon.mclean@un.org or Ella Gaspard, Programme Management Assistant, Economic Development Unit, Tel: (868) 224-8066, email: ella.gaspard@un.org.
- 19. For information on logistics, please contact Aurélie Quiatol, Tel: (868) 224-8071, email: aurelie.quiatol@un.org.

XII. Country information

- 20. The climate in Antigua and Barbuda is tropical, with a dry season that lasts from January to May and a rainy season that lasts from June to December. The temperatures range on an average from 31 degrees Celsius at the maximum and 23 degrees Celsius at the minimum.
- 21. Antigua and Barbuda operates on a 230V supply voltage and 60Hz. Standard plug types used in this country are illustrated as follows:



Participants are advised to bring their own plug adapters for their laptops and other electric devices.

- 22. The currency is the Eastern Caribbean dollars (XCD). The United Nations rate of exchange as at 30 June 2022 is XCD 2.7=US\$ 1. United States dollars and credit cards are widely accepted.
- 23. For additional information on Antigua and Barbuda, please visit the following website: https://visitantiguabarbuda.com/.