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INFORMATION NOTE

SEMINAR ON NATIONAL ACCOUNTS FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

GUATEMALA CITY, 28 TO 30 MAY 2019



I. INFORMATION RELATED TO THE SEMINAR.

The National Accounts Seminar for Latin America and the Caribbean will take place in Guatemala City from May 28 to 30, 2019.

The purpose of this document is to provide participants with the necessary information to facilitate their attendance at the meeting.

MEETING COORDINATION

The seminar will be organized by the Statistics Division of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) and the Macroeconomic Statistics Department of the Banco de Guatemala.

For substantive consultations related to the seminar you can contact:

- Giovanni Savio (giovanni.savio@cepal.org) from the Statistics Division of ECLAC
- Víctor Flores (vefs@banquat.gob.gt) from the Macroeconomic Statistics Department of the Banco de Guatemala.

Queries about the administrative aspects of the meeting can be directed to:

- Verónica Moreno (mariaveronica.moreno@cepal.org phone +562 2210 2315) in ECLAC.
- Fátima García (fvgr@banquat.gob.gt phone 502 2429 6000 extensión 3321) at the venue of the seminar.

PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION AND OPENING SESSION

Registration of participants will take place from 9:00 local time on Tuesday, May 28.

The opening session will be held at 9:30 am.

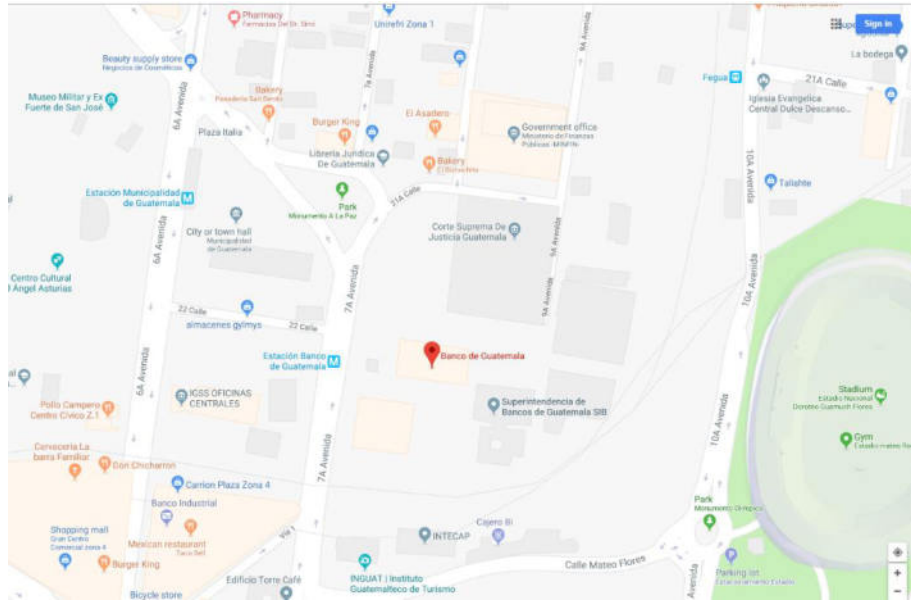


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VENUE

The National Accounts Seminar for Latin America and the Caribbean 2019, will be held in the Hall of Honor (Salon de Honor), 14th floor, of the Banco de Guatemala, located at 22-01, 7th Avenue, Zone 1, Guatemala City.



FOOD

Coffee break and lunch will be offered at the venue.

DRESS CODE

Dress code during the event is formal.

LANGUAGE

The official language will be Spanish, with simultaneous translation into English.



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REQUIREMENTS TO ENTER GUATEMALA

A passport valid at least for 6 more months, is necessary to enter the country. Normally a visa or tourist card is not required to travel to Guatemala, however, it is advisable to request advance information about visa requirements according to your nationality at: http://www.minex.gob.gt/Visor_Pagina.aspx?PaginaID=21

The migration authority reserves the right to ask questions or require additional documents to prove economic solvency, purpose of the trip and its duration. It should be enough to bring copies of your accommodation reservation, the letter of invitation to the seminar and a copy of your return flight ticket.

Please note that an airport departure tax of USD \$ 3.00 or its equivalent in local currency (GTQ 20.00) will apply to all travelers who carry a non-diplomatic passport or UN Laisser Passer.



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HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Participants are responsible for their own accommodations.

It is advisable to double-check your reservation and request a reservation number or confirmation code.

The Banco de Guatemala has sent us some recommendations, with special rates, which are listed below:

HOTEL BARCELÓ ****				
7a. Avenida 15-45, Zona 9				
Tel: 2320-4000 Fax: 2320-4002				
Type of Room	Rate	Tax	Total	
Double-single/terrace	\$ 87.00	+ 22%	\$ 106.14	
Double-single Superior	\$ 97.00	+ 22%	\$ 118.34	
Double-single premium Club	\$ 107.00	+ 22%	\$ 130.54	
Suite Duplex	\$ 127.00	+ 22%	\$ 154.94	
* Transfer Airport-Hotel- Airport				
Complimentary services:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internet • Breakfast 				
Contact:	Luz de María Sánchez / Account Manager			
Phones:	2320-4031 / 2320-4002/ 5516-5578			
Email:	guatemalacity.ventas12@barcelo.com			



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HOTEL HILTON GARDEN INN*****

13 Calle 7-65, Zona 9

Tel: (502) 2423-0909

Type of Room	Rate	Tax	Total
Single Standard	\$ 80.00	+ 22%	\$ 97.60
Double Standard	\$ 95.00	+ 22%	\$ 115.90

- Exchange rate set by the hotel applies

* Transfer Airport-Hotel- Airport

Complimentary services:

- Breakfast Buffet in the Garden Grille & Bar Restaurant
- Wireless Internet on every room of the hotel

Contact: Franz Estrada / Sales Executive

Phones: 4217-7941 / 2423-0847

Email: festrada@hgiguatemala.com



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HOTEL HOLIDAY INN ****

1a. Avenida 13-22, Zona 10
Tel: 2421-0000 Fax: 2421-0024

Type of Room	Rate	Tax	Total
Single floor Standard	\$ 85.00	+ 22%	\$ 103.70
Double floor Standard	\$ 95.00	+ 22%	\$ 115.90

* Rates subject to availability and occupancy

* Transfer Airport-Hotel- Airport

Complimentary services:

- Breakfast Buffet
- Pool and Gym
- Wifi throughout the hotel

Contact: Karla de Montúfar / Account Manager

Phones: 2421-0003 / 4149-4185

Email: reservacionesholiday@hinn.com.gt

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HOTEL BILTMORE ***
 14 Calle 0-20, Zona 10
 Tel: 2410-5000 Fax: 2368-3687

Type of Room	Rate	Tax	Total
Single Standard	\$ 78.00	+ 22%	\$ 95.16
Double Standard	\$ 88.00	+ 22%	\$ 107.36
Parlor Suite Single	\$ 128.00	+ 22%	\$ 156.16

* Transfer Airport-Hotel- Airport

Complimentary services:

- WIFI 150 megas on every room
- Breakfast buffet on the Biltmore Lounge

Contact: Regina Pelaez / Account Manager

Phones: 2410-5277

Email: regina_pelaez@hotelbiltmore.com.gt

TRANSPORT

The transfer from the airport to the hotel and back is a free service provided by the *suggested hotels*.

Transfer from the *suggested hotels* to the venue of the event and vice versa, will be provided by the coordination of the seminar.

Below you will find information about other transports within the city.

INTERNET

Wireless connection to Internet will be available at the room of the seminar.

II. GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE CITY OF GUATEMALA

Guatemala City, locally known as **Guatemala** or **Guate**, officially Nueva Guatemala de la Asunción (New Guatemala of the Assumption), is the capital and largest city in Guatemala, and the most populous in Central America. The city is in the south-central part of the country, it has many green areas, like Parque Central, and a wide variety of cultural activities and natural destinations. In addition, it offers a contrast between modern architecture and old colonial buildings. One of the most popular tourist destinations in the city, is its historic center. There, you can find the Metropolitan Cathedral, the National Palace of Culture, the Portal del Comercio, the Post Office Building, the Railroad Museum, the National Theater and the Municipality of Guatemala, among others. Finally, in the first floor of the Banco de Guatemala, the same place where the seminar will take place, there is the Numismatic Museum.

Located 45 km from the capital city, is the City of Antigua Guatemala, main icon of the colonial Hispanic heritage, declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO, in 1979

According to the last census carried out in the city, 2,450,212 people live there, but considering its metropolitan area, according to the National Institute of Statistics, it reaches an estimated 4,703,865 inhabitants by 2018.

CURRENCY

The Official currency of Guatemala is the Quetzal.

For currency exchange it is recommended to use a bank. The reference Exchange rate, as of May 7, 2019, is 1 USD \$ = 7.65644 GTQ
(<http://www.banguat.gob.gt/cambio/default.asp>)

LOCAL TIME

GMT-6 in Guatemala City

WEATHER

The weather in Guatemala varies according to its topography, counting with more than 350 microclimates, therefore, it can go from warm to hot and cold in short distances. Average temperatures range from 13 to 28 degrees Celsius (depending on the time of



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year). The weather is determined by two seasons, the dry season (usually from November to April) and the rainy season (from May to October).

Guatemala City has a sub-tropical highland climate, due to its elevation above sea level (1500-1700 masl), so it tends to have a very mild, almost spring-like climate throughout the year. Spring is, however, the hottest season in Guatemala City and in the interior of the country and it is present from the end of March to the end of June. It is characterized mainly by the flowering of diverse trees in the City (matiliguates, jacarandas, white sticks, framboyanes, among others) as well as by a constant south wind, sunrises with banks of fog and the highest temperatures in the whole year, which can sometimes exceed 30° C.

For further information on temperatures and weather conditions enter the link: <https://weather.com/es-US/tiempo/10dias//GTXX0002:1:GT>

ELECTRICITY

Voltage in Guatemala is 120V, the frequency is 60Hz. The plugs used in Guatemala are type A, B, G and I. If it is not the type of plugs that are used in your country, we recommend the use of an adapter.



TRANSPORT THROUGHOUT THE CITY

You can use the Yellow Express Taxi service (Contact the telephones 1766 or 24701515 or through the page <http://www.amarilloexpress.com/m.html>), their approximate cost per kilometer traveled is GTQ 4.80. There are other companies, but we recommend using only taxis that are properly identified as "Taxi Seguro - Safe Taxi", since these companies have been trained, through the National Tourist Assistance Program.

Because, in Guatemala, most taxis do not have meters, the trip that you request can be negotiated before starting it. Additionally, services such as Uber, are available in Guatemala City.



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HEALTH RISKS

There is risk of transmission of some diseases such as cholera, dengue and hepatitis, so it is advisable to drink bottled water and the use of mosquito repellent products.

The Division of Medical Services of UN has issued recommendations for trips to countries with active transmission of the Zika virus, among which is Guatemala. You can review these recommendations here: https://hr.un.org/sites/hr.un.org/files/2018-05-02-WHO_SHW_Recos_Zika_final_0.pdf

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

The security of Guatemala varies according to the region. Street robberies and extortion are the most frequent crimes, so it is recommended to go out accompanied and avoid big crowds, besides always being alert to the surroundings when traveling outside the hotel or bank premises.

It is recommended to keep your personal valuables on the hotel safe, if provided. It is also recommended to make copies of your identity documents and keep the originals in a safe place, along with the money and credit cards that you will not use on the day.

More tips to protect your safety can be found at the following link: <http://proatur.visitguatemala.com/es/tips-de-seguridad.php> This is the page of the tourist assistance program (PROATUR), dependent on the Guatemalan Tourism Institute (INGUAT).

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

- Country Code for Guatemala: 502
- Local emergency numbers:

Municipales Firefighters 123

Volunteer Firefighters 122

Red Cross 125

Civil National Police 112 y 120

Public Ministry 1570

Security Banco de Guatemala, 24 hours. (502) 2238-1112