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NOTIFICATION

Subject: Venue of the 26th meeting of the Conference of the Parties and 45th and 46th meetings of the IAI Executive Council

Dear Madam, Sir,

It is my pleasure to inform you that the 26th meeting of the Conference of the Parties and 45th and 46th meetings of the IAI Executive Council will be held at the Hotel Soleil, located in Antigua Guatemala.

Attached you will find logistical information on hotel reservations and also on transportation from the airport to the meeting hotel, visas, weather and other information you may wish to consider when organizing your trip.

Meeting documents, including provisional agenda, information documents and logistical information, are available on the IAI website in English and Spanish at: <u>http://www.iai.int/26th-meeting-of-the-conference-of-the-parties/</u>

The Directorate is grateful for and acknowledges the contribution of the Republic of Guatemala to the IAI which has made the organization of these meetings possible.

Yours sincerely,

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Marcos Regis da Silva Executive Director



26th MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES (COP-26) AND MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL TO THE INTER-AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR GLOBAL CHANGE RESEARCH

19-22 June2018 La Antigua Guatemala, Guatemala

LOGISTICAL INFORMATION

1. Venue

The 26th Conference of the Parties (COP-26) and the meetings of the IAI Executive Council will be held from 19 to 22 June 2018, in La Antigua Guatemala at the <u>Hotel Soleil La Antigua</u>, Zunil Meeting Room. The hotel is located on 9 Calle Poniente, Carretera a Ciudad Vieja.

To make your reservations, please call to +502 2462-7777 / 7774-4444 or send an email to: <u>reservaciones@gruposoleil.com</u> y <u>centrodereservaciones@gruposoleil.com</u> and mention the Conference of the Parties (COP-26) of the IAI.

Website: http://antigua.hotelessoleilguatemala.com/default-es.html

Hotel Soleil http://antigua.hotelessoleilguatemala.com/default- <u>es.html</u> 9 Calle Poniente, Carretera a Ciudad Vieja, Antigua, Guatemala	Standard Room US\$.100.00	atencionalcliente@gruposoleil.com centrodereservaciones@gruposoleil.com Tel: +502 2462 7777
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2. Lodging

The National Secretariat for Science and Technology, through its Cooperation Office, has requested rate information at the following hotels.

Participants must make their own reservations and cover hotel expenses.

Other recommended hotels in La Antigua Guatemala			
Hotel / address	Rate	Information and reservations	
Hotel Camino Real Antigua Guatemala caminorealantigua.com.gt 7a. Calle Poniente, No. 33B La Antigua Guatemala	Deluxe Single: US\$ 120.00	Ms. Julissa Palma Email: <u>bodas@caminorealantigua.com.gt</u> Tel: +502 7873-7000/ 2410-5030	
Porta Hotel Antigua http://www.portahotelantigua.com/default- en.html 8va. Calle Poniente No.1 La Antigua Guatemala	Single: US\$ 135.00	Ms. Mara Villatoro Email: mvillatoro@portahotels.com Tel: +502 7931 0600/ 2244 0600	
Pensativo House Hotel http://www.pensativohousehotel.com/default- en.html 4a Avenida Sur No. 24 La Antigua Guatemala	Single: US\$ 125.00	Ms. Eugenia San Juan Email: <u>esanjuan@pensativohousehotel.com</u> Tel: +502 7955-5353	
Hotels in Guatemala City			
Hotel / address	Rate	Information and reservations	
Hotel Soleil http://antigua.hotelessoleilguatemala.com/default- es.html 9 Calle Poniente, Carretera a Ciudad Vieja, Antigua, Guatemala	Standard Room US\$.100.00	atencionalcliente@gruposoleil.com centrodereservaciones@gruposoleil.com Tel: +502 2462 7777	
Hotel Barceló https://www.barcelo.com/en- gb/hotels/guatemala/guatemala-city/barcelo- guatemala-city/ 7 avenida 15-45, Zona 9 Ciudad de Guatemala	Superior room with terrace single/double: US\$ 120.00	Ms. Ana Tobías Email: <u>guatemalacity@barcelo.com</u> Tel: +502 2378-4000.	
Hotel Adriatika www.adriatika.com.gt 4 Avenida 20-44, Zona 14 Ciudad de Guatemala	Deluxe Single US\$.129.00	Ms. Evelyn Estébez Email: <u>evelyn.estebez@adriatika.com.gt</u> <u>reservaciones@adriatika.com.gt</u> Tel: +502 2496-2304	
Hotel Westin Camino Real http://hotelcaminoreal.com.gt/en/home/ 14 calle 0-20, zona 10 Ciudad de Guatemala	Deluxe Single: US\$.125.00	Ms. Dulce Howard Email: <u>asistente_ventas@caminoreal.com.gt</u> Tel: +502 2333-3000	

Rates are subject to availability. Breakfast is included in the rates of these hotels. A 22% tax must be added to these hotel rates.

3. Travel and transportation

The main airport in the city of Guatemala is La Aurora International Airport, for local and international flights. <u>http://www.dgac.gob.gt/index.php/descargas/aeropuerto-internacional-aila</u>

For security and reliability we recommend using taxis from **Taxi Amarillo Express** <u>http://www.amarilloexpress.com/</u> (only in Spanish), phone: + (502) 2470 1515 The taxi fare from the airport to La Antigua Guatemala is Q.250.00 (approximately US\$ 34.00) **Uber** is also available for transportation to La Antigua Guatemala. La Antigua Guatemala is 40 km from the City of Guatemala. Estimated travel time is 1 hour 15 minutes depending on the traffic.

4. Participant registration

Please, register at: iai-cop.typeform.com/to/n3zhcX

5. Language

The meetings will be held in two IAI official languages: English and Spanish. Simultaneous translation will be available.

6. Visas

Please, verify your visa requirements at the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Guatemala: <u>http://www.minex.gob.gt/Visor_Pagina.aspx?PaginaID=21</u> Yellow fever vaccination is not required for Guatemala.

7. Additional information

Further information about the meetings and the working documents is available at: <u>http://www.iai.int/meetings-of-the-inter-american-institute-for-global-change-research-antigua-guatemala/</u>

The local coordination of the meetings is directed by

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8. Electricity

Voltage in Guatemala is 120 V, with a frequency of 60 Hz.



9. Currency

Official currency in the Republic of Guatemala is the Quetzal (Q.) (Quetzales in plural). Exchange rate is USD 1.00 = Q.7.40 (subject to fluctuation). Up to date exchange rate at <u>http://www.banguat.gob.gt/cambio/en-default.asp</u>

Dollars are accepted in some restaurants and shops in La Antigua Guatemala.

10. Medical service

The conference venue has a medical service consisting of qualified nursing staff. Participants must cover other medical expenses.

11. Weather

The month of June, winter, in La Antigua Guatemala is usually rainy and cloudy. Maximum average temperature is 26°C, and minimum temperatures are in the range of 15° C.

13. Touristic information

If you wish to enjoy the country of eternal spring and cradle of Mayan Culture, we suggest that you visit <u>http://www.visitguatemala.com</u>, available in Spanish and English, where you will find tourist information about Guatemala. Promotional videos are available at the Guatemalan Tourism Institute (INGUAT) <u>http://www.inguat.gob.gt/inicio.php</u>