

REGIONAL CONSULTATION ON OPTIONS FOR A PERMANENT POLICY COORDINATION MECHANISM (PPCM) AND SUSTAINABLE FINANCING PLAN (SFP) FOR OCEAN GOVERNANCE IN THE CLME+ REGION

25 – 26 SEPTEMBER 2018, CARTAGENA, COLOMBIA

Organizing

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Ms. Del Castillo will facilitate participants with all the information regarding accommodation and logistics of the meeting. If you need help with reservations or flights please send an email to our Operations Associate.

Meeting Venue

The meeting will take place at the:

HOTEL LAS AMERICAS

Anillo Vial, Sector Cielo Mar
Cartagena de Indias, Colombia

Tel +57 5 672 3160

Reservations: +57 5 693 0592

<https://www.hotellasamericas.com.co/>



Las Americas Hotel is a beach complex boasting a beachfront location in north Cartagena upon La Boquilla Beach.

There are no airport shuttles from Las Americas Hotel. A taxi fare is around 5 - 10 USD.

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Meals and Lodging

CLME+ Project Sponsored Participants:

Please note that the PCU will make reservations for all meeting participants that have confirmed their participation. Please note that for participants who are being supported by the CLME+ PCU your reduced DSA and terminal expenses will be paid directly to you in **Cash****. Your reduced DSA includes: dinner, incidentals and terminal expenses in accordance with UNOPS and UNDP/GEF standard travel policies and regulations. Lodging, breakfast, lunches and breaks will be provided for all Project sponsored participants. Please let us know as soon as possible if you have special food requirements.

(**Participants who confirm after 14th of September will most likely be paid by bank transfer and it can take a few days to process)

Non-Sponsored Participants:

For those participants whose costs are not being covered by the CLME+ Project, the project will cover breaks and lunches. However, you will be responsible for covering the cost of your room.

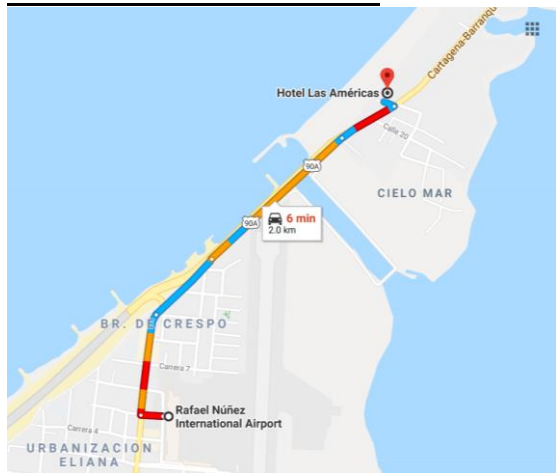
We encourage you to contact the travel agency we are working with and they can help arrange the room reservation on your behalf. Please contact **Genoveva Montoya** at genoveva.montoya@aviamarketing.com and **Alejandro Oviedo** at alejandro.oviedo@aviamarketing.com (with cc. Silvia Del Castillo at SilviaDCP@unops.org) and they will be able to assist with the room reservations.

Please note that you would be required to provide the hotel with your credit card when checking in.

Additional Information

Meeting participants should travel in good health condition, and bring with them any regular medication that they need. Each participant should carry valid medical insurance, or cover the costs of health care in the case of medical treatment or emergency.

Location Hotel Las Americas



TEMPERATURE		27°C	81°F
HIGH TEMPERATURE		30°C	86°F
LOW TEMPERATURE		24°C	75°F
CHANCE OF SUNNY DAY		76 %	

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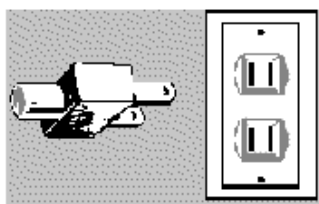


Local Currency

National currency in Colombia is the Colombian Peso (COP). The official exchange rate varies slightly from day to day, however **1 US Dollar** corresponds to approx. **3,087 COP**. Most Credit Cards (i.e. Visa, Master Card, American Express) are well accepted in hotels, restaurants and major stores. Exchange facilities and ATMs are available at airport terminals and main hotels, local banks and shopping malls.

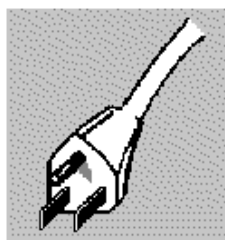
Electricity and Colombian plug system

- 110V 60Hz
- A & B type plugs



Plug Type A

A - 2 parallel flat prongs - "American" type



Plug Type B

B - Similar to A but with an earth connector

Yellow Fever Vaccination Certificate

Please note that it is highly recommended that you are in possession of a valid yellow fever vaccination certificate in order to travel to Colombia.

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