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INFORMATION BULLETIN

1. Venue and Dates

The sixty-third regular session of the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD) will be held from April 25-27, 2018. The Sessions will take place at the Mexican Foreign Affairs Secretariat (Plaza Juárez # 20. Colonia Centro. Delegación Cuauhtémoc, Distrito Federal, 1st floor, room José María Morelos y Pavón, Conferences area), Mexico City, Mexico.



2. Coordination

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3. Registration and Accreditation of Participants

Participants may register online at: <http://www.cicad.oas.org?IE=MX0034>

If unable to register online, participants may complete the Registration Form (**Annex I**) and send it to:

- **E-mail:** JPeralta@oas.org, or **Fax:** (+1) 202-458-3658
- Or **in-person.** Wednesday, April 25 from 8:00am, at the Registration and Accreditation Desk located outside the Sala José María Morelos y Pavón room, 1st floor, Conferences Area of the Foreign Affairs Secretariat.





4. Working Languages and Documents

The working sessions will be conducted in the four OAS official languages: English, Spanish, French and Portuguese. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in those languages. All documentation will be available for participants to download from the CICAD website: <http://www.cicad.oas.org?IE=MX0034>. Kindly note that the OAS has a policy of holding eco-friendly meetings, therefore, the printing of documents will be limited.

5. Lodging

Below is a list of recommended hotels near the meeting venue:

 <p>FIESTA INN HOTELS BUSINESS CLASS</p>	<p>Address: Av. Juárez 76 Col. Centro 06010 Ciudad de México, Distrito Federal, México Tel.: +52 (55) 5130 2900 Webpage: http://www.fiestainn.com/es/mx-ciudad-de-mexico/hotel-centro-historico#sthash.O8ekDpA3.dpuf</p> <p>Rate: \$106- 133 USD + taxes + tips 5 min walk to venue</p>
 <p>Hilton</p>	<p>Address: Av. Juárez #70. Colonia Centro, Ciudad de México, Distrito Federal, 06010, México. Tel.: +52 (55) 5130-5300 Webpage: http://www3.hilton.com/en/hotels/distrito-federal/hilton-mexico-city-reforma-MEXRFHH/index.html</p> <p>Rate: \$193- 215 USD + taxes + tips 5 min walk to venue</p>
 <p>CHAYA BED + BREAKFAST BOUTIQUE</p>	<p>Address: Doctor Mora #9, Barrio Alameda, 3er piso, Col. Centro, Del. Cuauhtémoc, C.P 06050. México D.F. Tel.: +52 (55) 5512-9074 Webpage: http://www.chayabnb.com/</p> <p>Rate: \$95- 133 USD + taxes + tips 5 min walk to venue</p>
 <p>Barceló HOTELS & RESORTS</p>	<p>Address: Paseo de la Reforma, 1. México DF. 06030 Tel.: +52 (55) 5063-1000 Webpage: https://www.barcelo.com/es/</p> <p>Rate: \$135- 255 USD + taxes + tips 5 min walk to venue</p>

	<p>Address: Calle de Balderas 49, Colonia Centro Tel.: +52 (55) 1000-5000 Webpage: http://www.ibis.com/sudamerica/index.es.shtml</p> <p>Rate: \$53- 60 USD + taxes + tips 5 min walk to venue</p>
	<p>Address: Calle República de Uruguay 45, Colonia Centro, México D.F. 0600 Tel.: +52 (55) 8852-5000 Webpage: https://www.cityexpress.com/city-centro</p> <p>Rate: \$97- 110 USD + taxes + tips 5 min walk to venue</p>
	<p>Address: Calle Palma 42, Colonia Centro, México D.F. 06000 Tel.: +52 (55) 5130-1850 Webpage: www.nh-hotels.com.mx/NH-Mexico</p> <p>Rate: \$79- 90 USD + taxes + tips 5 min walk to venue</p>
	<p>Address Calle Bolívar 28, Col. Centro, Ciudad de México. Tel.: +52 (55) 5521-2121 Webpage: https://www.centralhoteles.com/en/</p> <p>Rate: \$164- 328 USD + taxes + tips 10 min walk to venue</p>

Participants are responsible for making their reservations directly with the hotels, as well as personally checking the reservation has been processed. Participants are recommended to request a reservation confirmation number.

6. Requirements to enter the country

All participants must complete the appropriate immigration form, and carry a valid passport.

Kindly take into consideration that visas are NOT issued at ports of entry, under any circumstances.

- **VISAS**

Participants are responsible for complying with Mexican visa requirements.

Please verify if your country requires a visa to enter Mexico, through the following link:

http://www.inm.gob.mx/index.php/page/Paises_Visa

It is suggested that participants who require a visa visit the Mexican Embassy or Consulate in their country.

- **Visa exemption**

Foreign nationals with a valid passport, who meet some of the following requirements, are exempt of a visa requirement to enter the country:

- a) Valid visa for the United States of America;
- b) Permanent residence document of Canada, United States of America, Japan, United Kingdom or Schengen area countries;
- c) Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) business card approved by Mexico.

7. Medical care

Delegates are recommended to obtain medical insurance with international coverage for major medical expenses.

8. About Mexico City

Mexico City is the capital of the Mexican Republic. It is situated at 2,239 meters (7,350 ft) above sea level, and has a land area of approximately 1,485 km² (573 sq mi). The city is divided into 16 boroughs (*distritos*). It is one of the largest cities worldwide, and the largest Spanish-speaking city in the world. The population of Mexico City is approximately 21.2 million people.

9. Climate

Mexico City, also known as Federal District, enjoys mild weather year round; in April temperatures average between 12°C (53°F) and 23°C (73°F). Rain may be expected during the afternoons.

For more Information, please visit the following link:

<http://www.weather.com/weather/today/l/MXDF0132:1:MX>

Mexico City operates on the UTC/GMT-6 time zone.

10. Currency and exchange rate

Mexico's currency is the peso (\$). The average exchange rate is between \$18.66 and \$19.20 pesos/US\$1. This rate may vary.

Canadian and US dollars, as well as Euros, may be exchanged in all currency exchanges. Travellers' checks may be exchanged in banks and currency exchanges during the work week. Foreign currency cannot be used for local purchases, although most businesses accept credit and debit cards such as Visa and MasterCard.

Exchange rates are available through the link:

<http://www.banxico.org.mx/portal-mercado-cambiario/foreign-exchange-markets--exc.html>

11. Electricity



The standard voltage in Mexico City is 110-120 volts (similar to the United States of America). Power sockets are type A and B. If your electronic devices require 220 volts, you will need to use an adapter.

12. Taxes and Tips

A 16% tax is payable on sales of goods and services. It is customary to tip 10 to 15% of the total bill at restaurants.

13. Taxis

The use of official taxis (“de sitio”) is strongly recommended, for security reasons.

Official taxis are the only type of taxis available at the airport. These may be used for any destination, including all recommended hotels. This service operates with a flat rate, depending on the final destination, and is paid in advance at the airport. Fares fluctuate between \$ 150-400 pesos (15-30 USD).



Taxi drivers in Mexico City do not expect a tip. However, if they offer an additional service, such as helping with luggage, it is optional to offer a tip of \$5-20 pesos.

The safest option for local transportation, is requesting a taxi at the hotel.

Alternatively, participants may use transportation applications such as Uber, Cabify, Easy Taxi y Yaxi. These companies operate legally and safely in Mexico City.

14. Restaurants and eateries

Mexican cuisine is known for its wide variety of flavors and textures, which combine typical pre-Hispanic and European ingredients and seasonings. The following list presents a variety of recommended restaurants near the venue, which offer quality food and good service.

Restaurant	Location	Telephone	Times	Price per person (estimate)
MEXICAN FOOD				
Foreign Affairs Secretariat (SRE) Executive Cafeteria	SRE, second floor			\$78
Café Tacuba	Tacuba 28, entre Allende y República de Chile, Col. Centro	5512 8482	Monday –Sunday 08:00 - 23:30	\$\$150 - 250
Los Girasoles	Tacuba 8 (entre Xicoténcatl y Tacuba), Col. Centro	5510 0630 5510 3282	Sunday – Monday 13:00 - 21:00 Tuesday - Saturday 13:00 - 24:00	\$\$200 - 350
Azul Histórico	Isabel la Católica No. 30 Centro Histórico	5510 1316	Sunday 09:00 – 18:00 Monday - Saturday 09:00 - 01:30	\$\$200 - 350
El Cardenal 1	Palma 23, Centro Histórico, entre 5 de Mayo y Francisco I. Madero.	5521 8815 5521 3080	Monday - Saturday 08:00 - 18:30 Sunday 09:00 - 18:30	\$\$250 - 500
El Cardenal 2	Av. Juárez No. 70, Hotel Hilton Centro Histórico.	5518 6632 5518 6633	Monday - Sunday 08:00 - 18:30	\$\$250 - 500
Hostería de Santo Domingo	Belisario Domínguez 72, entre Brasil y Chile. Centro Histórico	5526 5276 5782 1847	Monday - Sunday 09:00 - 22:30	\$\$250 - 400
Sanborns Azulejos	Madero 4, Centro Histórico	5512 7824 5512 7882	Monday - Sunday 07:00 - 01:00	\$\$150 - 200
5M	Av. Cinco de Mayo 10, Centro Histórico	55213339 y 55122714	Monday - Sunday 8:00 - 19:00	\$\$250 - 400

La casa de las Sirenas	República de Guatemala 32, Centro Histórico	5704 3345	Monday–Saturday 11:00 – 23:00 Sunday 11:00 – 18:00	\$\$210-240
La Gloria (Comida corrida)	José María Azueta 27-A, entre Balderas y Revillagigedo			\$60 - 150
El Hijo de Don Toribio (Comida corrida)	Independencia, esquina con Luis Moya	55127563	Monday – Saturday 8:00 – 21:00 Sunday 8:00 – 18:00	\$60 - \$150
Tacos El Caifán	Juárez 84, Centro Histórico esquina Balderas	55122512	Sunday – Wednesday 10:00 – 2:00 Thursday – Saturday 10:00 – 4:00	\$80 - 120
Tacos Villamelón	Xicotécatl 5, Entre Tacuba y Donceles, Centro Histórico	5521 9986	Monday - Thursday 11:30-21:00 Friday – Saturday 11:30 – 23:00, Sunday 11:30 – 19:00	\$100 - 150
Mercado de San Juan	Calle de Ernesto Pugibet 21, Centro Histórico, entre Luis Moya y Dolores		Monday – Sunday 8:00 – 17:00	\$\$\$150 - \$400
El Bajío	Reforma 222, Col. Juárez, PB. Centro Comercial “Reforma 222”	5511 9117 5511 9124	Monday - Friday 8:00 - 23:00 Saturday 9:00 - 23:00 Sunday 9:00 - 20:00	\$\$\$200 - 350
INTERNATIONAL FOOD				
El Mayor	República de Argentina 17, Col. Centro.	5704 7580 y 5704 7584	Monday - Saturday 09:00 - 18:30 Sunday 10:00 - 18:30	\$\$\$250 - 400
Zéfiro (Dentro del Claustro de Sor Juana)	San Jerónimo 24, Centro Histórico	5709 7983 5130 3300 ext. 3385.	Monday - Friday 13:00 - 17:00	\$\$\$250 - 400
Danubio (Mariscos)	Uruguay 3, Centro Histórico.	5512 0912	Monday - Sunday 13:00 - 22:00	\$\$\$250 - 400
La Vitrina Baguettes	Luis Moya 31, Centro Histórico	55215133	Monday – Wednesday 8:00 – 24:00 Thursday - Saturday 8:00 - 1:00 Sunday 9:00 – 22:00	\$\$120 - 350

Cancino (Italiano)	Dr. Mora 9, Centro Histórico (Dentro de Barrio Alameda)	5512 7257	Monday – Thursday 13:30 – 24:00 Friday – Saturday 13:30 – 3:00 Sunday 13:30 – 23:00	\$\$ 200 - 300
Butcher and Sons (Hamburguesas)	Dr. Mora 9, Centro Histórico (Dentro de Barrio Alameda)	55101313	Sunday – Wednesday 11:00 - 24:00 Thursday – Saturday 11:00 - 02:00	\$\$\$150 - 500
SPANISH FOOD				
Centro Castellano	Uruguay 16 y 18, Centro Histórico.	5518 6080 5518 2937	Monday - Saturday 13:00 - 23:00 Sunday 13:00 - 23:00hrs	\$\$\$250 - 400
Casino Español	Isabel La Católica 3, entre 16 de Septiembre y Fco. I. Madero, Col. Centro.	5521 8894	Monday-Sunday 8:00 a 18:00	\$\$\$250 - 400

ANNEX I: REGISTRATION FORM / FORMULARIO DE INSCRIPCION

SIXTY THIRD REGULAR SESSION / SEXAGÉSIMO TERCER PERÍODO ORDINARIO DE SESIONES
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PERSONAL INFORMATION / INFORMACION PERSONAL	
Country / País:	
Organization/Organización:	Occupation / Ocupación:
First Name / Nombre:	Last Name / Apellido:
E-Mail:	Phone /Teléfono:

Please submit this form no later than April 24, 2018 to
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Por favor envíe este formulario a más tardar el 24 de abril de 2018 a:
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** We remind delegates that in addition to sending this Form, it is necessary that they be accredited by their Permanent Missions to the OAS

** Recordamos a los delegados que además de enviar este Formulario, es necesario que sean acreditados por sus Misiones Permanentes ante la OEA