



Organization of
American States

XIV Meeting of Negotiations in the Quest for Points of Consensus of the Working Group to Prepare the Draft American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

Washington D.C, April 18-20, 2012

INFORMATIVE BULLETIN N° 22

The following information will help you prepare for your participation in the event.

1. EVENT SITE

The XIV Meeting of Negotiations will take place at *The Organization of American States* Headquarters on April 18-20, 2012, in the Hall of the Americas, which is located in the Main Building of the OAS (17th Street and Constitution Ave N.W., Washington, D.C.)

It will be preceded by the meeting of the Indigenous Peoples' Caucus, to be held on April 17 in the afternoon.

Additionally, the seminar "Indigenous Peoples: confronting current challenges" will take place on April 17, in the morning.

Please note that there will be no activities on April 16th.

MEETING ROOMS				
XIV Meeting of Negotiations in the Quest for Points of Consensus				
Draft American Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples				
April, 2012				
DATES	TIME	EVENT	ROOM	ADDRESS
17	8:30AM - 1:00PM	Seminar "Indigenous Peoples: confronting current challenges"	Hall of the Americas	17th Street & Constitution Ave. Washington, D.C.
	2:30PM - 19:00PM	Indigenous Peoples' Caucus	Colón	
18 - 20	7:00AM - 9:30AM	Indigenous Peoples' Caucus	Colón	
	9:30AM - 5:30PM	XIV Meeting of Negotiations	Hall of the Americas	

2. COORDINATION

The Chair of the Working Group to Prepare the Draft American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Ambassador Diego Pary, Permanent Representative of Bolivia to the OAS, will be coordinating the event. Additional support will also be provided by the Department of

International Law, as well as the Secretariat of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR). For more information about the event, please contact the International Law Department:

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3. PARTICIPATION AND REGISTRATION

The sessions are open to the general public. If you are interested in participating in the XIV Meeting of Negotiations, the OAS respectfully requests to the participants to fill a Registration Form at the following link <https://www.oas.org/surveys/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=96K3773> in order to be able to gain access to the meeting rooms.

Participants will be issued identification cards, which, for security and logistical reasons, must be displayed during all activities.

The Department of International Law is pleased to inform that the Selection Board of the Specific Fund to Support the Elaboration of the American Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous People met on March 14 and 15, to review and approve the Indigenous Representatives who are the 2012 beneficiaries to take part at the XIV Meeting of Negotiations funded by the organization of American States. Please find below the final list of beneficiaries:

Argentina: Natalia Silvina Sarapura
Barbados: Damon Gerard Corrie
Belize: Anita Felicia Tzec
Bolivia: Julia Damiana Ramos Sanchez
Brazil: Domilto Inaruri Karajá
Canada: Ronald Joseph Lameman
Chile: Magdalena Choque Blanco
Colombia: Jaime Enrique Arias Arias
Costa Rica: Alancay Morales Garro
Ecuador: Raúl Clemente Ilaquiche Licta
United States: June Lorenzo
Guatemala: Carlos Bernabé Chez Mux
Guyana: Tony James
Mexico: Felipe Celerino Cruz
Nicaragua: Maria Hazel Law Blanco
Panama: Héctor Huertas González
Paraguay: Vidal Servin García
Peru: Heraclio Hugo Tacuri Huamani
Suriname: Eveline Moesijem Monsanto
Venezuela: Fanis Maria Hernandez Rojas

For more information regarding this selection process, please refer to Informative Bulletins 20 & 21.

4. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS / VISA

Participants are responsible for obtaining the necessary entry requirements established by the government of the United States. Participants carrying official passports from Central America, South America and the Caribbean countries require a visa to enter the United States. These participants must contact the U.S. Consulate in their respective countries or the nearest consular office. General visa information is accessible by telephone at 1-202-663-1225 or online at www.travel.state.gov.

In order to facilitate the visa process, please contact the US Consulate in your country as soon as possible. The OAS will provide you with an invitation letter for you to present at the United States Consulate in your city.

Transportation to and from US Consulate is the responsibility of the participants.

5. WORKING LANGUAGES AND DOCUMENTS

The proceedings of the XIV Meeting of Negotiations, the meeting of the Indigenous Peoples' Caucus and the Seminar will be conducted in two of the official languages of the OAS (Spanish and English). Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in English and Spanish in both cases.

The documents of the Meeting, including the agenda and the schedule, can be found at: http://www.oas.org/DIL/indigenous_peoples_Negotiations_XIV_Meeting_of_Negotiations.htm

6. WEATHER

The temperature range in Washington, D.C. at the time of the meetings will be between 8°C and 21°C (46°F and 70°F). It is advisable for participants to bring clothing suitable for these temperatures.

7. ELECTRICITY

The electric current in Washington is 110 volts. If you are bringing any equipment that operates with a different voltage, you will need to bring the corresponding adapter.

Exclusive information to indigenous representatives financed by the OAS

PER DIEMS

The OAS will provide financed participants with a per diem to cover food and local transportation expenses during their stay plus terminal expenses; this will be delivered to them in Washington D. C.

LODGING

The representatives of the indigenous peoples selected to participate in the event and who are financed by the OAS General Secretariat will be lodged at *The Normany Hotel*, which is conveniently located.

The OAS will cover the lodging costs for selected participants. It will not cover additional expenses should participants extend their stay, nor will it cover refreshments consumed in the rooms (room service). Participants will share a double room with another participant; breakfast is included free of charge.

All participants should check in at the hotel at the time of their arrival. Please note that participants are responsible for local, national, and international telephone calls, as well as for personal expenditures made at the hotel such as food, cleaning, and other services, as well as for any damages to hotel facilities.

The Normany Hotel

2118 Wyoming Avenue Northwest, Washington D.C., 20008

Phone: (202) 483-1350

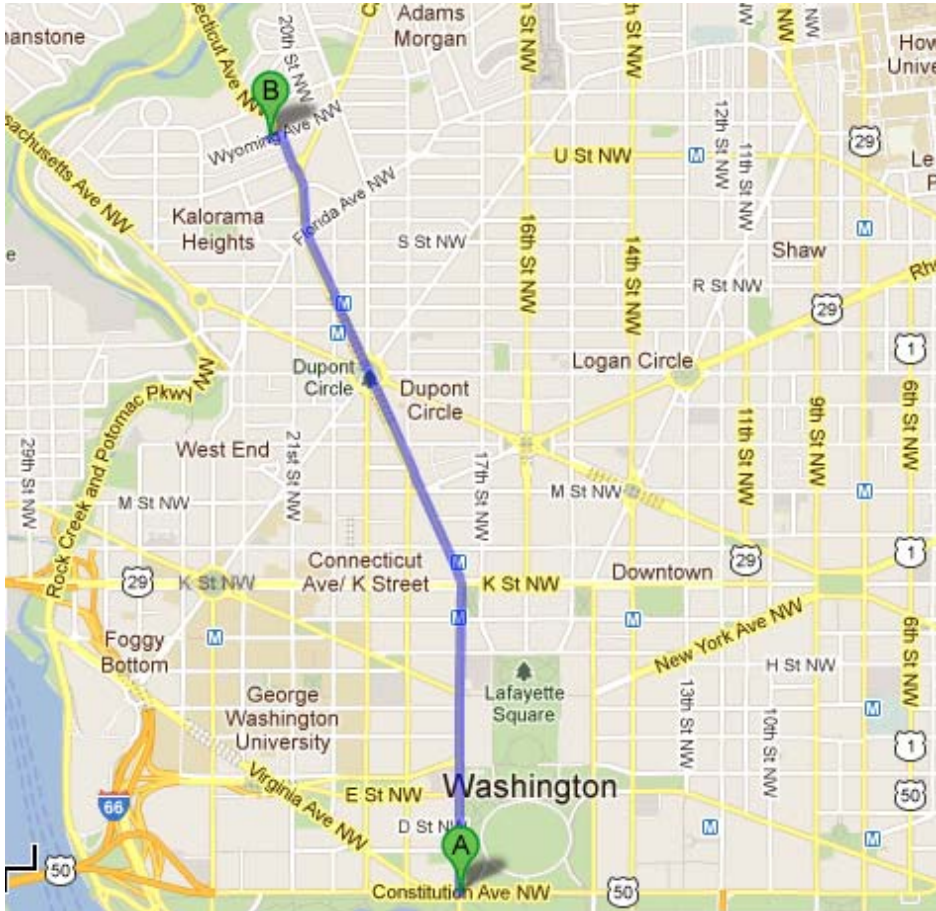
Toll Free number: +1 866 534-6835

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How to get from the hotel to the site of the event

The hotel (B) is located 2 miles away from the OAS (A). It is recommended that the participants take the metro, bus, or a cab.



Transportation between the hotel and OAS will be covered by the participants, who can use their per diems for that purpose.

TRANSPORTATION WITHIN WASHINGTON, D.C.

All transportation arrangements must be made by the participants or by their organizations.

Transportation between the hotel and airports in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area will be covered by the participants, who can use their per diems for that purpose.

There are three airports near Washington D.C. Blue Shuttle services are available from any of them. This is a shared service that will provide you with door-to-door service to the hotel. Blue Shuttles can be found as you exit the airport building, next to the taxis. (They are blue and have yellow signs.) This service is available from 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. For service outside that time frame, you must make an advance reservation through Internet. Check www.supershuttle.com for more information, or call: **1-800-BLUE-VAN (258-3826)**.

Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport is located downtown. A subway will take you directly to the hotel, and will cost between \$1.5 and \$2.5, depending on the time of day. The “Dupont Circle” station is the closest to the hotel. A taxi ride from this airport to Washington, D.C.

costs approximately \$40. The above-mentioned Super Shuttle, in this case with an approximate fare of US\$25.00.

Taxi and public transportation services are readily available in Washington, D.C. To obtain more information on public transportation in Washington, D.C., please visit: <http://www.wmata.com>

Washington Dulles International Airport is half an hour out of town. A taxi ride from there will cost approximately \$80. Door-to-door transportation is provided by Blue Shuttle for approximately \$31.00. For more information on transportation options at Dulles International Airport (IAD), see: <http://www.metwashairports.com/Dulles>.

BWI - Baltimore/Washington International Airport is approximately one hour from downtown Washington, D.C. A taxi from there will cost approximately US\$100.

Please note that only United States dollars are accepted by public transportation services. You may change your national currency into dollars at the airport once you have left the customs area. You may also visit the information office at the airport for more detailed information.