



Organization of
American States

XIII 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, January 18-20, 2011

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

1. EVENT SITE

The XIII Meeting of Negotiations will take place at *The Organization of American States* Headquarters on January 18-20, 2011, in the Simón Bolívar Room, 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 from January 15-17.

Additionally, for Friday, January 21st, we will have a "*Seminar on legal situation, public policies, good practices and affirmative actions*" which assistance is mandatory for the representatives financed by the Specific Fund to Support the Development of the Declaration of Rights of Indigenous People.

SALONES DE REUNION / MEETING ROOMS				
XIII Reunion de Negociaciones para la Busqueda de Consenso				
XIII Meeting of Negotiations in the Quest for Points of Consensus				
Enero de 2011 / January 2011				
FECHAS / DATES	HORARIO / TIME	EVENTO / EVENT	SALON / ROOM	DIRECCION / ADDRESS
15 - 17	8:30AM - 5:30PM	Preview Meeting of the Indigenous Representatives/ Conclave	Padilla Vidal	1889 F St. NW
18 - 20	7:00AM - 9:00AM	Preview Meeting of the Indigenous Representatives / Conclave	Colón	17th Street y Constitution Ave.
	9:00AM - 5:30PM	XIII Meeting of Negotiations / XIII Reunion de Negociaciones	Salón de las Americas	17th Street y Constitution Ave.
21	8:30AM - 5:30PM	Seminar / Seminario	Padilla Vidal	1889 F St. NW

2. COORDINATION

The Chair of the Working Group to Prepare the Draft American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Ambassador Guillermo Cochez, Permanent Representative of Panama 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. 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.

4. AIR TRANSPORTATION

The OAS will coordinate and purchase air transportation for those participants chosen by the Selection Board of the Specific Fund. Flight information will be provided to all these participants. The OAS will not cover any penalties or charges resulting from any changes in flight schedules; participants will be responsible for these costs.

Since the flight reservation expires in 24h, the participant is required to confirm his/her acceptance by e-mail at the same day he/she receives the flight itinerary.

5. REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS

Registration for the XIII Meeting of Negotiations will take place on Saturday, January 15th and Tuesday, January 18th, starting at 8:30 a.m. Participants will be issued identification cards, which, for security and logistical reasons, must be displayed during all activities.

6. WORKING LANGUAGES AND DOCUMENTS

The proceedings of the XIII 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.

7. LODGING

The representatives of the indigenous populations selected to participate in the event and who are financed by the OAS General Secretariat will be lodged at the STATE PLAZA HOTEL, which is conveniently located a few blocks from OAS headquarters. The Department of International Law is responsible for all communication between the guest participants and the hotel.

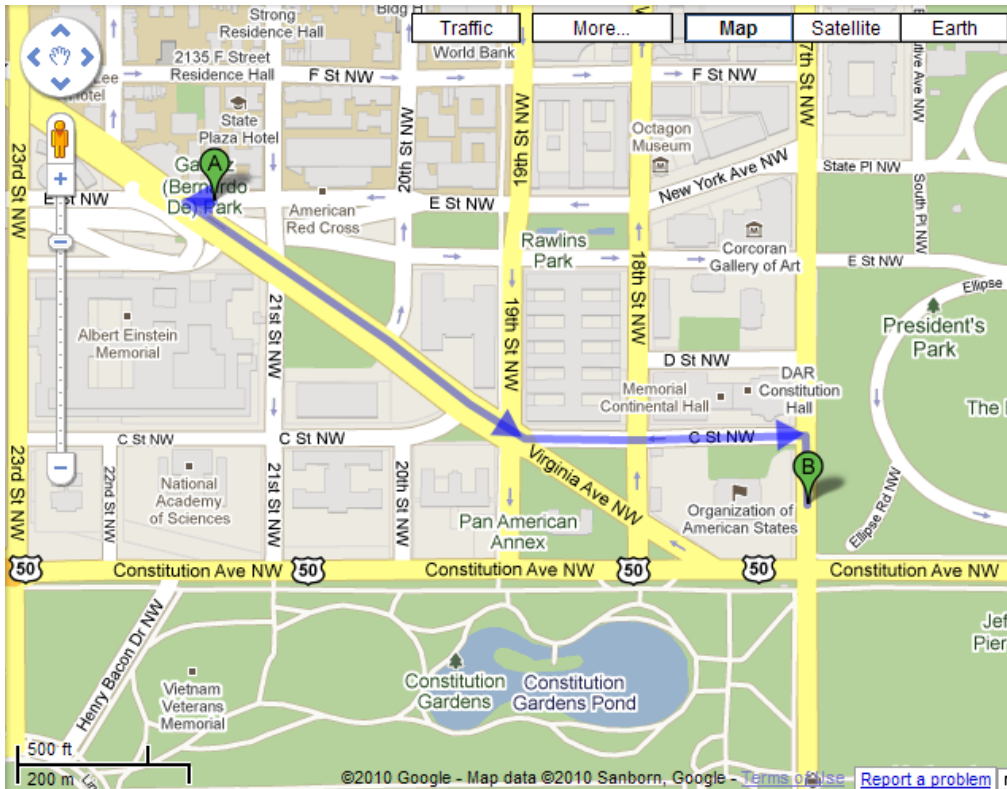
The OAS will cover the lodging costs for selected participants. It will not cover additional expenses should participants extend their stay, nor will it cover refreshments consumed in the rooms (room service). Participants will share a double room with another participant; breakfast is included free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

All participants should check in at the State Plaza 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.

State Plaza Hotel
2117 E. Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20037
Phone: (202) 833-6966
(800) 424-2859
Fax: (202) 587-1354
E-mail: skapadia@rbpropertiesinc.com
Web site: <http://www.stateplaza.com>
Contact person: Shano B. Kapadia

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

The hotel (A) is close to and in walking distance from the OAS (B).



8. PER DIEMS

The OAS will also provide financed participants with a per diem of US\$50.00 (per day) to cover food and local transportation expenses during their stay plus \$ 35.00 per terminal expenses; this will be delivered to them in Washington, D. C.

In addition, the organizers will provide OAS-financed participants with a light luncheon during the three days of the meeting.

9. TRANSPORTATION WITHIN WASHINGTON, D.C.

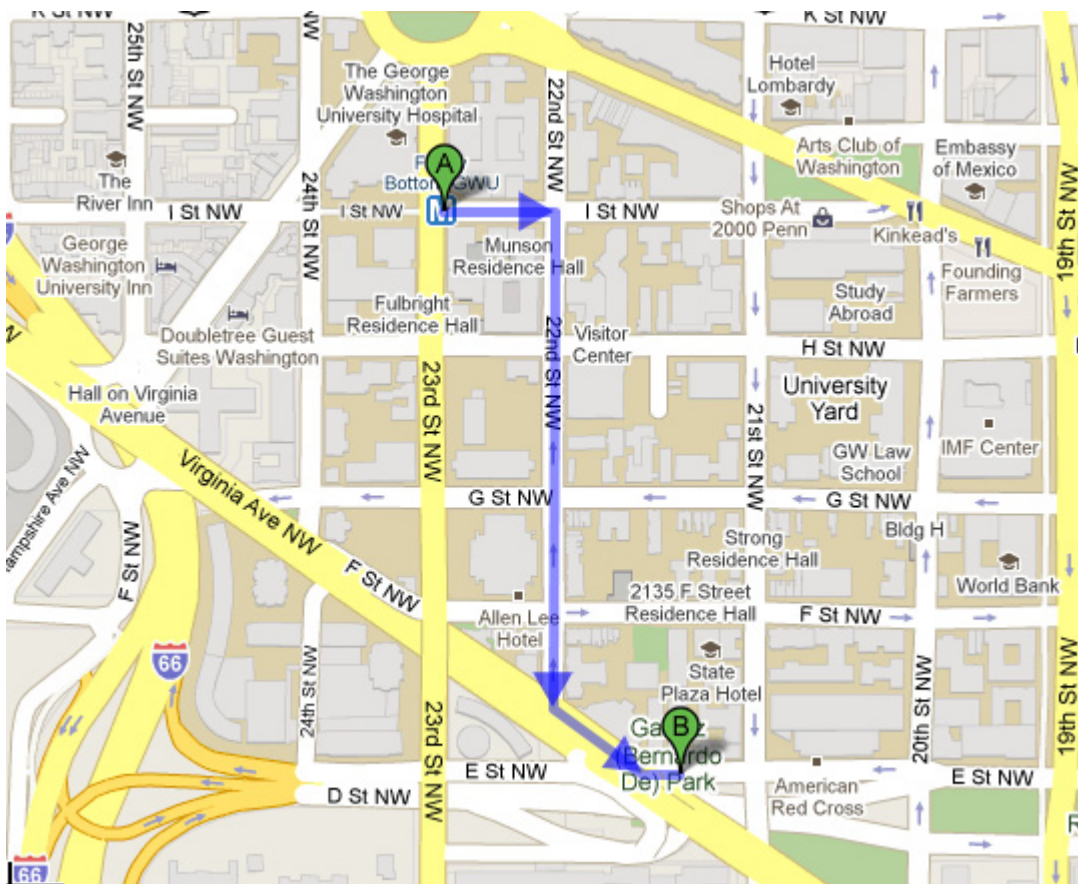
All transportation arrangements must be made by the participants or by their organizations.

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>

Transportation between the State Plaza 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 \$1.35 and \$2.00, depending on the time of day. From the airport station, take the blue subway marked “Largo Town Center” and get off at the “Foggy Bottom” station, which is the closest to the hotel. A taxi ride from this airport to Washington, D.C. costs approximately \$52. The above-mentioned Super Shuttle, in this case with an approximate fare of US\$14.00.



Washington Dulles International Airport is half an hour out of town. A taxi ride from there will cost approximately \$60. Door-to-door transportation is provided by Blue Shuttle for approximately \$25.00. 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\$80.

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.

10. WEATHER

The temperature range in Washington, D.C. at the time of the meetings will be between -3°C a 6°C (27°F a 42°F). It is advisable for participants to bring clothing suitable for very cold temperatures.

11. 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.