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## FORTY EIGHTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

June 3 to 5, 2018  
Washington D.C., United States

### INFORMATION BULLETIN FOR CIVIL SOCIETY, SOCIAL ACTORS AND WORKERS

The documents of the 48<sup>th</sup> regular session of the OAS General Assembly are available on the webpage: [www.oas.org/48ag](http://www.oas.org/48ag)



#### VENUE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Forty Eighth regular session of the General Assembly of the Organization of American States (OAS) will take place on June 19-21 in the city of Washington, D.C., United States. The sessions will take place in the Main Building of the OAS.

#### PROCEDURE TO APPLY TO ATTEND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

In accordance with the Rules of Procedures of the OAS General Assembly, civil society organizations who wish to attend the General Assembly under the category of “Civil Society Organization” sent their corresponding requests to the OAS General Secretariat by **Friday, May 4th, 2018 at 5:30 pm, Washington, DC-time (30 days prior to the inauguration of the General Assembly)**.

The list of Civil Society Organizations, Indigenous Peoples, Afro-descendant Communities, Workers, Private Sector and other social actors approved by the Permanent Council as special guests is available at the following link: [List of Special Guests](#)

**The registration of Civil Society Organizations in the Organization of American States is free; as is the registration for attending and participating in meetings of the General Assembly of the Organization.**

## ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR APPROVED ORGANIZATIONS

Civil society organizations and social actors that have been approved in accordance with the above-mentioned list will have to complete the online Accreditation Form available on the [Official Webpage of the 48th OAS General Assembly](#), under the category of: “Civil Society Organizations”, “Indigenous Peoples and Afro-descendant Communities” or “Workers organizations”. If in doubt, please review the list of Special Guests to find out your category.

## ACCREDITATION AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY VENUE

Participants will be able to pick up their accreditation badges **beginning on Thursday, May 31st, 2018, at the Accreditation Center of the OAS General Assembly, in the TL-76 Room of the OAS General Services Building (GSB)** located at 1889 F Street, NW, Washington D.C. 20006), <https://goo.gl/maps/ANBjYGo7A2G2> from 8:30am to 5:30pm nonstop.

For security reasons, accreditation badges will be required at all General Assembly Activities.

To receive their accreditation badges, participants will be required to bring a copy of the **confirmation email they will receive after their online registration, as well as their official invitation letter and identification papers.**

## COORDINATION

### 1. Civil Society and Social Actors

The Section of Relations with Civil Society of the OAS Secretariat for Access to Rights and Equity will coordinate civil society and social actors' participation in the 48th General Assembly, for further information, please contact:

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## *FEATURES OF THE DIALOGUE WITH CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS AND OTHER ACTORS*

The main activity planned at the General Assembly for Civil Society is the “Dialogue of Heads of Delegation, the Secretary General, the Assistant Secretary General and Representatives of Civil Society Organizations, Workers, the Private Sector and Other Social Actors”.

**Venue:** Hall of the Americas, OAS Main Building ( 17<sup>th</sup> street and Constitution Avenue, NW)

**Date and Time:** Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> 2018 - 9:00am – 1:00pm

This activity seeks to provide civil society, social actors and workers an opportunity to interact with the Heads of Delegations of the OAS Member States, the Secretary General and Assistant Secretary General. The objective of the event will be to foster an open and proposition-based dialogue between social actors, Member States and the General Secretariat.

The Dialogue will be divided into three segments.

We invite civil society and social actors to propose actions on the contribution of the OAS towards the global advancement of the following themes:

- Human Rights, Democracy and the Rule of Law
- Integral Development and Prosperity in the Hemisphere
- Multidimensional Security

## *PREPARATION FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY*

In preparation for the 48<sup>th</sup> OAS General Assembly, we recommend that the participants get familiar with the following documents:

- [OAS Charter](#)
- [Inter-American Democratic Charter](#)
- [Social Charter of the Americas](#)

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### 1. Accommodations

Participants will be responsible for covering the costs associated with their stay in Washington D.C., including accommodation, transport, meals and other incidentals.

We suggest making your reservations through specialized websites, such as:

- <https://www.hotels.com>
- <https://www.booking.com>

The following hotels are suggested, due to their close proximity to the venue of the event:

Hotels	Distance between Hotel and OAS
<p><b><u><a href="#">State Plaza Hotel</a></u></b> 2117 E Street NW Washington, DC 20037 United States of America Tel.: 1-800-424-2859 <a href="mailto:dmanalang@stateplaza.com">dmanalang@stateplaza.com</a></p>	<b>0.3 miles</b>
<p><b><u><a href="#">The One Washington Circle</a></u></b> 1 Washington Circle Northwest, Washington, DC 20037 United States of America</p>	<b>0.6 miles</b>
<p><b><u><a href="#">Beacon Hotel and Corporate Quarters</a></u></b> 1615 Rhode Island Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20036 United States of America</p>	<b>0.6 miles</b>
<p><b><u><a href="#">The Saint Gregory Hotel</a></u></b> 2033 M Street NW Washington, DC 20036 United States of America</p>	<b>0.7 miles</b>

<p><b><u>The River Inn- A modus hotel</u></b>  924 25 Street NW,  Washington, DC 20037  United States of America</p> <p><b><u>The Washington Plaza Hotel</u></b>  10 Thomas Circle NW  Washington, DC 20005  United States of America</p> <p><b><u>University Inn Washington D.C.</u></b>  824 New Hampshire Avenue NW, Washington, DC  20037  United States of America</p> <p><b><u>Holiday Inn Hotel</u></b>  1501 Rhode Island Avenue, Washington, DC 20005  United States of America</p> <p><b><u>Kimpton Rouge Hotel</u></b>  1315 Sixteenth Street NW  Washington, DC 20036  United States of America</p>	<p><b>0.7 miles</b></p> <p><b>0.8 miles</b></p> <p><b>1 mile</b></p> <p><b>1.2 miles</b></p> <p><b>1.4 miles</b></p>
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In addition to hotels, we also recommend considering the following lodging services:

- **AIRBNB:** <https://www.airbnb.com>
- **Home Away:** <https://www.homeaway.com>

## 2. Entry requirements to the United States

The U.S. Government requires all travelers to have a passport valid for at least six-month after the date of travel, as well as a valid visa in some cases. Participants are responsible for meeting visa requirements established by the U.S.

For more information regarding visa requirements, please visit:

<https://travel.state.gov/content/visas/en.html>

### 3. Transportation

#### Transportation in Washington DC and Metropolitan area:

##### Taxi Services:

- Yellow Cab: +1-(202) 546-7900
- Red Top Cab: +1-(703) 522-3333
- Uber (app)
- Lyft (app)
- Via (app)

##### Public Transportation:

- **Metro:** to access the interactive map of the Washington DC Metrorail system, please visit this link: <http://www.wmata.com/rail/maps/map.cfm>
- **Bus:** to access the interactive map of the Washington DC Metrobus system, please visit this link: <https://www.wmata.com/schedules/maps/>

The subway stations closest to the OAS Main Building and the GSB Building are Farragut North, McPherson Square and Farragut West. They are shown in the following map:



#### 4. Languages and working documents

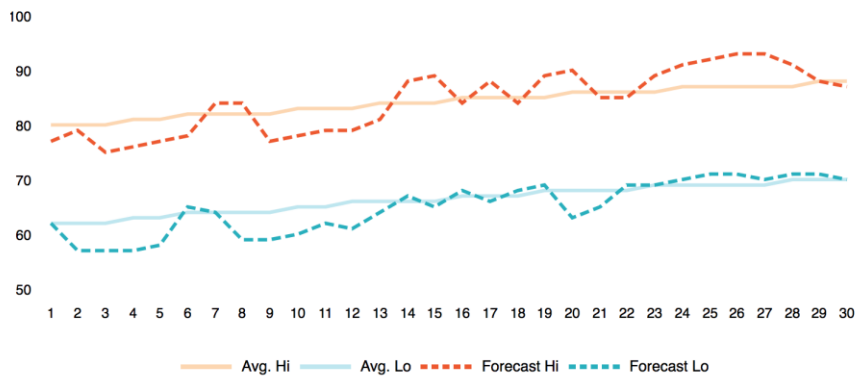
The “Dialogue of Heads of Delegation, the Secretary General, the Assistant Secretary General and the Representatives of Civil Society Organizations, Workers, the Private Sector and other Social Actors” will have simultaneous interpretation in the four official languages of the OAS: Spanish, English, French and Portuguese, as well as American Sign Language.

#### 5. Weather

Washington's climate is a humid subtropical climate. The average temperature in the month of June ranges between 14° C (57°F) and 29° C (84°F). The combination of heat and humidity in the spring and summer attracts frequent thunderstorms, some of which occasionally produce tornadoes in the area.

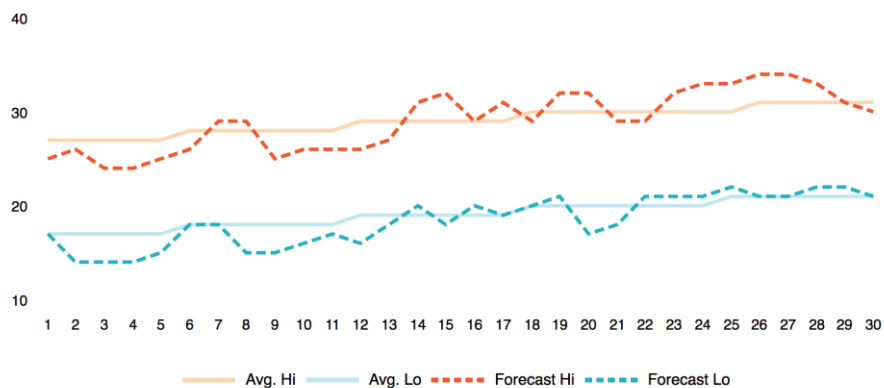
##### Fahrenheit

Temperature Graph June 2018



##### Celsius

Temperature Graph June 2018



## 6. Time zone and telephone area codes

The time zone for Washington DC is UTC - 4 hours

The international area code for the country is +1, and the code for the City of Washington, D.C. is (202).

## 7. Taxes

General Services	Food and Beverage in Restaurants	Hotels	Public Parking	Car Rental
5.75 %	10%	14.5%	18%	10%

## 8. Electric Current

The electric current in Washington D.C. is 110 volts and the plugs are A and B-types shown below:



Please convey any questions regarding the information provided in this bulletin to [civilsociety@oas.org](mailto:civilsociety@oas.org)