



Information Bulletin

Twenty-third Model OAS General Assembly for Universities Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic March 5-9, 2006

1. Date and Venue

The Twenty-third Model Organization of American States for Universities (23rd MOAS) will be held in the *Renaissance Hotel Jaragua* and in the Universidad Autónoma de Santo Domingo (UASD), Dominican Republic, from **March 5 to 9, 2006**.

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4. Registration

Universities and delegations interested in participating must fill out the attached registration form and send it together with the registration fee of US\$800 to Nelly Robinson, MOAS Program Coordinator, to the address listed on the registration form. Payment can be sent to the OAS headquarters in Washington, D.C., or can be made in any of the OAS national offices in the Member States.

Instructions for payment at the OAS national offices: Present the original Registration Form filled out with the required information together with a check for US\$800, or its equivalent in local currency as per the day's exchange rate. Once payment is received the National OAS office will issue a receipt and/or stamp "paid" in the registration form. The Registration form together with the receipt of payment must be sent by fax or e-mail to the MOAS office in Washington, D.C: nrobinson@oas.org or fax to (202) 458-6832.

Deadline for Registration Fee is January 27, 2006.

5. Exchange rate

US dollar to Dominican Pesos: US\$ 1.00 = RD\$ 34.00

Euro to Dominican Pesos: EU\$ 1.00 = RD\$ 38.00

6. Lodging

Reduced hotel rates for participants in the MOAS have been negotiated through **Travel Net** in the Dominican Republic, tel. +1-809-537-3302, ask for Nicole Mella.

7. Las Américas International Airport (AILA)

Las Américas International Airport (AILA) is approximately 30 minutes from downtown Santo Domingo by taxi. The taxi fee from the airport to the hotels is US\$30 or RD\$ 1,020.00.

8. Visa requirements to enter the country (Information provided by the National Secretariat of External Relations of the Dominican Republic)

❖ **Citizens of countries that DO NOT NEED VISA NOR TOURIST CARD in their passports to enter the Dominican Republic:**

1. Argentina
2. Chile
3. South Korea
4. Ecuador
5. Iceland
6. Israel
7. Japan
8. Peru
9. Principality of Liechtenstein
10. Uruguay

❖ **Diplomatic, official or service passports that do not need visa:**

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| 1. Argentina | 3. Brazil | 5. Costa Rica |
| 2. Belize | 4. Chile | 6. Colombia |

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| 7. Ecuador | 14. Mexico | 20. South Korea |
| 8. El Salvador | 15. Morocco | 21. Switzerland |
| 9. Guatemala | 16. Nicaragua | 22. Ukraine |
| 10. Holy See | 17. Panama | 23. Uruguay |
| 11. Honduras | 18. Peru | 24. Republic of China |
| 12. Israel | 19. Principality of Liechtenstein | |
| 13. Japan | | |

❖ **Need Tourist Card:**

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| 1. Andorra | 26. Hungary |
| 2. Antigua & Barbuda | 27. Republic of Ireland |
| 3. Aruba | 28. Italy |
| 4. Australia | 29. Jamaica |
| 5. Austria | 30. Lithuania |
| 6. Bahamas | 31. Luxembourg |
| 7. Barbados | 32. Macedonia |
| 8. Belgium | 33. Mexico |
| 9. Brazil | 34. Monaco |
| 10. Bolivia | 35. Norway |
| 11. Canada | 36. Paraguay |
| 12. Costa Rica | 37. Poland |
| 13. Croatia | 38. Portugal |
| 14. Czech Republic | 39. Russia |
| 15. Denmark | 40. San Marino |
| 16. Dominica | 41. Slovenia |
| 17. Dutch Kingdom (including Holland, Curazao and San Marteen) | 42. Spain |
| 18. El Salvador | 43. St. Kitts & Nevis |
| 19. Finland | 44. St. Vincent & the Grenadines |
| 20. France (including: Guadeloupe, French Guyana, Martinica, Reunion) | 45. St. Lucia |
| 21. Germany | 46. Suriname |
| 22. Great Britain and Northern Ireland (including: England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales) | 47. Sweden |
| 23. Greece | 48. Trinidad & Tobago |
| 24. Guatemala | 49. Turks & Caicos |
| 25. Honduras | 50. Ukraine |
| | 51. USA (including: Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, St. Thomas, St. Croix, St. John, Hawaii) |
| | 52. Venezuela |
| | 53. Yugoslavia |

Note:

1. In the event that a country lacks a Dominican Republic consulate the traveler must find a consulate in another country .
2. Once in the Dominican Republic a traveler may extend his/her stay in the offices of the Dirección General de Migración.

9. Language

The official language of the Dominican Republic is Spanish.

10. Weather

At the time of the MOAS the temperature in Santo Domingo ranges from 81° to 86° Fahrenheit (27° to 30° Celsius).

11. Electricity

The electrical current is 110 volts.

12. Time in Santo Domingo

By the beginning of March the time in Santo Domingo will be one hour ahead than Washington's time.

13. Transportation

In Santo Domingo there are several taxi companies that provide regular services using pre-fixed prices per route. There are also bus companies operating throughout the country, according to fixed timetables. Rental car companies are located in airport terminals as well as in the main cities.

14. Transit

Visitors may use their valid driver's license for up to 90 days. In the Dominican Republic driving is on the right side. Gas stations are open Monday through Friday from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., and on Saturdays and Sundays from 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.