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FORTY SEVENTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

“Strengthening Dialogue and Concerted Action for Prosperity”

June 19 to 21, 2017
Cancún, Quintana Roo, Mexico

INFORMATION BULLETIN FOR CIVIL SOCIETY, SOCIAL ACTORS AND WORKERS

The documents of the 47th regular session of the OAS General Assembly are available on the webpages: <http://www.oas.org/en/47ga/> and <https://47agoea.sre.gob.mx>



VENUE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Forty Seventh regular session of the General Assembly of the Organization of American States (OAS) will take place on June 19-21 in the city of Cancun, Quintana Roo, Mexico. The sessions will take place in the Convention Center of the Moon Palace Arena.

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 19th, 2017 at 5:30 pm, Washington, DC-time (30 days prior to the inauguration of the General Assembly).**

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

Once approved by the OAS Permanent Council, civil society organizations will receive a notification from the General Secretariat. At this time, they will have to complete the online Accreditation Form available on the [Official Webpage of the 47th OAS General Assembly](#), under the category of “Civil Society Organization”:

- [Online Registration for the 47th OAS General Assembly](#)

ACCREDITATION AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY VENUE

Participants will be able to pick up their accreditation badges **beginning on Friday, June 16, 2017, at the Accreditation Center of the OAS General Assembly, located in the Conference Room of the Hotel Courtyard by Marriott Cancun Aeropuerto** (Blvd. Luis Donaldo Colosio Km. 12.5, Lote 1 Manzana 301, Cancun, Quintana Roo, <https://goo.gl/maps/ANBJGo7A2G2>) from 9:00AM to 7:00PM 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 identity 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 47th 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, Workers and Social Actors 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: Universal Room, upper floor, Convention Center, Moon Palace Arena.

Date and Time: Monday, June 19, 2017 - 9:00 – 13:30hrs.

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 corresponding to the themes of the Intergovernmental Panels that will take place during the General Assembly:

- 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 47th 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](#)
- [Format and Principles of Participation for the Activities with Civil Society, Workers and other Social Actors in the framework of the 47th Regular Session of the OAS General Assembly](#)

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1. Cost of housing, transport and hotels

Participants will be responsible for covering the costs associated with their stay in Cancun, Quintana Roo, Mexico, including accommodation, transport, meals and other incidentals.

We recommend purchasing round-trip airfare directly from the airline companies or a travel agency as far in advance as possible.

The following hotels are recommended for civil society organizations, workers and social actors. The preferential rates indicated below will be available until June 5, 2017. After this date, availability and rates can no longer be guaranteed.

Bel Air Collection Resort & Spa Cancún

Address: Blvd. Kukulcán Km. 20.5, Zona Hotelera, Cancun, Quintana Roo, C.P. 77500.

Website: <http://bit.ly/2riAJ6i>

Nightly rate: MX \$1,950 (approx. US\$104)

Taxes **not** included. Breakfast **not** included.

Emporio Hotel & Suites Cancún

Address: Blvd. Kukulcán Km. 17, Segunda Etapa Zona Hotelera, Cancún, Quintana Roo, C.P. 77500.

Website: <http://bit.ly/2aiJ4hP>

Nightly rate: MX\$2,050 single room (approx. US\$110).

Taxes **not** included. Breakfast included.

The Westin Resort & Spa, Cancún

Address: Boulevard Kukulcán Km 20, Cancún, Quintana Roo, C.P. 77500.

Website: <http://bit.ly/2dBjvrp>

Nightly rate: US\$ 179.

Taxes **not** included. Breakfast **not** included

Krystal Urban Cancún Centro

Address: Avenida Sayil, Manzana 1, Lote 4C-07, Súper Manzana 4-A, Malecón, Cancún, Cancún, Quintana Roo, C.P. 77500.

Website: <http://bit.ly/2qooFkC>

Nightly rate: MXC \$1,500 single room (approx. US\$80) , MX \$ 1,700 Double Room (approx. US\$90).

Taxes included. Breakfast **not** included

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Hampton Inn by Hilton Cancún Cumbres

Address: Luis Donaldo Colosio, Manzana 1, Súper Manzana 310, Cancún, Quintana Roo, C.P. 77500.

Website: <http://bit.ly/2o5bENR>

Nightly rate: MX\$1,691 single or double room (approx. US\$90), MX\$250 for an additional persona (approx.US\$14)

Taxes **not** included. Breakfast included

Four Points by Sheraton Cancun Centro

Address: Avenida Tulum, Manzana 1, Lote 2, Súper Manzana 12, Cancún, Quintana Roo, C.P. 77500.

Website: <http://bit.ly/2r9vQzX>

Nightly rate: MX\$1,790 (approx. US\$95)

Taxes **not** included. Breakfast **not** included.

City Express Cancún

Address: Av. Nichupté, Manzana 1, Súper Manzana 8, Lote 4, Col. Centro, Cancún, Quintana Roo, C.P. 77500.

Website: <http://bit.ly/2pXpP1>

Nightly rate: MX\$1,270 single room (approx. US\$68).

Taxes and breakfast included.

Group code: GROUP OEA – EXTERNAL RELATIONSHIPS

City Express Junior Cancún

Address: Av. Nichupté Poniente, Col. Centro, Cancún, Quintana Roo, C.P. 77500.

Website: <http://bit.ly/2r9m2G8>

Nightly rate: MX\$1,100 single room (approx. US\$59).
Taxes and breakfast included.
Group rate: GROUP OEA – EXTERNAL RELATIONSHIPS

2. Requirements to enter and leave the country:

The following link <https://47aqoea.sre.gob.mx> contains information about the requirements for visas and entry into Mexico.

3. Transportation

The Government of Mexico will provide collective courtesy transportation for civil society representatives, social actors and workers, from the recommended hotels to the Venue of the General Assembly and back. Information on routes and schedules will be published on the webpage in a timely manner.

Transportation will also be provided from the Cancun International Airport to the recommended hotels and to the Accreditation Center. In case you do not use this service, we recommend using authorized taxis.

4. Infodesk

In each of the recommended hotels, there will be an information desk from which participants can obtain further details regarding transportation routes and schedules, accreditation and general information on the city of Cancun.

5. 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.

6. Weather

Cancun is located on the Eastern coast of the continent and as such, the weather is impacted by warm ocean currents, mainly the Gulf of Mexico current, which fosters a warm and humid climate. The prevailing climate is hot and sub-humid, with precipitations throughout the year, though more prevalent in the summer. The average annual temperature is of 25.5 degrees Celsius (77.9 degrees Fahrenheit).

7. Medical services

The Government of Mexico will provide emergency medical services. Any major medical costs will be covered by the patient.

8. Time zone and telephone area codes

The time zone for the City of Cancun is UTC/GTM - 5 hours (Central Time).

The international area code for the country is 52, and the code for the City of Cancun is 998. To call Mexican landlines from abroad, one must dial + 52 + the 2-digit city area code + the 8-digit telephone number. To call cellular phones, one must dial +52 + 1 + 10-digit phone number.

In the City of Cancun, calls between local landlines require dialing only the 7 digits of the phone number. To call from a local landline to a landline in another region of Mexico, one must dial 01 + 10 digits of the phone number. To call from a landline to a local cell phone, one must dial 044 + 10 digits of the phone number. To call from a landline to cell phone in another region of the country, one must dial 045 + the 10 digits of the phone number.

9. Taxes

All purchases in Mexico are subject to a Value Added Tax (VAT) of 16%, except for food and medicines.

10. Electric Current

The electric current in Mexico 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