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Asunción, Paraguay, 17-18 May 2011

GENERAL INFORMATION NOTE

1. PLACE AND DATES OF THE MEETING

The *52nd Meeting of the UNWTO Commission for the Americas* together with the *Technical Seminar on Tourism Investments in the Americas* will take place in the city of Asunción, Paraguay, on 17 and 18 May 2011 at the Sheraton Asunción Hotel, whose details are as follows:

Sheraton Asunción Hotel

Av. Aviadores del Chaco 2066

Asunción, Paraguay

Tel.: +595 (21) 617 7000

Fax: +595 (21) 617 7001

www.sheraton-asuncion.com.py

2. REPLIES TO INVITATIONS

The representatives of the governments and entities invited are kindly requested to send their replies at the earliest opportunity, and if possible, indicating the composition of their delegations.

Participants are reminded that registration must be carried out online, **by 2 May 2011 at the latest**, using the participation form at the following link: <http://americas.unwto.org/en/cam52-registration>. For further information or clarifications, please contact the officials indicated below:

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3. STATUS OF PARTICIPANTS

The Government of Paraguay will take the necessary steps to facilitate the arrival and departure of participants invited by the Organization, as well as their stay. Throughout their stay, participants will enjoy the prerogatives and immunities granted to delegates at conferences of United Nations specialized agencies.

4. ENTRY FORMALITIES

- a) Nationals of MERCOSUR member countries (Argentina, Brazil, Uruguay) and associate members (Chile, Bolivia, Peru, Colombia, Ecuador) do not need a visa and may travel with their identification document (no passport required).
- b) Nationals of other countries of the Southern Cone, Venezuela and Central American Countries (Panama, Honduras, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Costa Rica) do not need a visa but must hold a valid passport.
- c) Nationals of other countries of the Caribbean (Puerto Rico, Haiti, Cuba, Aruba, Bahamas, Jamaica and the Netherlands Antilles): valid passport and visa.
- d) North American countries: Nationals of the United States and Canada require a valid passport and visa; nationals of Mexico do not require a visa, only a valid passport.
- e) Nationals of the Dominican Republic and Guatemala holding official or diplomatic passports do not need a visa to enter the country (holders of ordinary passports must also have a visa).

The following documents must be submitted in order to process visa applications: 1) Copy of return ticket, 2) Copy of hotel reservation, 3) Invitation to the event from the National Tourism Secretariat of Paraguay, 4) Residence permit, visa or immigration papers for persons residing in a third country of which they are not nationals, 5) Proof of sufficient economic means.

For further information, participants are advised to consult the respective embassies or consulates of Paraguay or the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Paraguay: www.mre.gov.py

5. RECEPTION AT THE AIRPORT AND TRANSFERS

The Government of Paraguay will organize a reception service for the delegations at the Silvio Pettrossi International Airport, in Luque, Greater Asunción, and will provide free transfers between the airport and the hotels indicated in this information note upon arrival and departure.

Delegates and other participants not staying at the Sheraton Asunción Hotel will be provided with a shuttle service between the hotels indicated in this information note and the meeting venue for the working sessions.

To enable the local authorities to organize this service, participants are requested to complete the participation form indicating their arrival, departure and accommodation details.

6. AIRLINE FARE DISCOUNTS

TAM Airlines grants a 10% discount to the participants of these events on its legs from Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia and Venezuela. To validate the discount, participants must present their registration form to the event(s) and provide the following issuing code: 264741.

6. ACCOMMODATION

The Government of Paraguay will cover the cost of one (1) room for the Minister, or in his/her absence, the person representing him/her as Head of Delegation, for two (2) nights at the host hotel, Sheraton Asunción Hotel, (In 16/05 – Out 18/05) . This reservation will be made by the Government of Paraguay.

For delegates and other participants, special rates are offered at the hotels listed below. Participants are requested to make their reservations by directly contacting the hotels, indicating their status as participants in the UNWTO event by mentioning the code “SENATUR” in order to avail of the special discounted rates.

HOTEL	CONTACT DETAILS	ROOM TYPE	RATE
IBIS HOTEL (Superior Tourist class) www.ibishotel.com	Av. Aviadores del Chaco 2060 TEL: 595-21-620 1133 E-MAIL: H7324-sm@accor.com	SINGLE DOUBLE	USD 74 + 10% VAT USD 80 + 10% VAT
HOTEL LE PELICAN (Sup. Tourist) www.hotellepelican.com	Avda. Santa Teresa, esq. Gumercindo Sosa TEL: 595-21- 625 855/7 E-MAIL: carmenkoch@hotmail.com	SINGLE DOUBLE	USD 42 w/ VAT USD 53 w/ VAT
LOS ALPES - STA. TERESA (Sup. Tourist) www.hotellosalpes.com.py	Sta. Teresa 2855 e/ Dr. Bernardino Caballero y Cnel. Cabrera TEL: 595-21- 607 348/665 345 E-MAIL: losalpessantateresa@hotmail.com	SINGLE DOUBLE TRIPLE QUAD	USD 45 w/ VAT USD 52 w/ VAT USD 64 w/ VAT USD 80 w/ VAT
LAS LOMAS CASA HOTEL (Boutique) www.laslomascasahotel.com	Narciso R. Colmán 1909 TEL: 595-21- 621 700/1 E-MAIL: patricia@laslomascasahotel.com	SINGLE EXEC. DOUBLE EXEC. SINGLE SUP. DOUBLE SUP.	USD 110 + 10% VAT USD 120 + 10% VAT USD 120 + 10% VAT USD 130 + 10% VAT
VILLA MORRA SUITES www.hotellosalpes.com.py	Avda. Mcal. López 3001 c/ Saraví TEL: 595-21- 612 715 E-MAIL: gerencia@villamorrisuites.com.py	EXEC. SUITE SGL REGENCY/TERRACE SUITE PREMIUM SUITE	USD 115 + 10% VAT USD 144 + 10% VAT USD 252 + 10% VAT
HOTEL WESTFALENHAUS (Sup. Tourist) www.paraguay-hotel.com	Sargento 1º M. Benitez 1577 TEL: 595-21-292 374 E-MAIL: hotel@westfalenhaus.com	SINGLE DOUBLE	USD 65 + 10% VAT USD 90 + 10% VAT
HOTEL LA MISION (Boutique) www.hotellosalpes.com.py	Dr. Eulogio Estigarribia 4990 c/ San Roque González TEL: 595-21-621 800 E-MAIL: reservas@lamision.com.py	EXEC. ROOM SGL SGL JUNIOR SUITE SGL SENIOR SUITE	USD 145 + 10% VAT USD 185 + 10% VAT USD 225 + 10% VAT

Notes:

Deadline for hotel bookings: **05 April 2011**

The hotels are listed in order of proximity to the venue hotel (Sheraton).

All rates include breakfast.

* Bookings must be made directly with the selected hotel, mentioning reservation code "SENATUR", in order to avail of the special rates.

7. LUNCHESES/DINNERS

The Government of Paraguay will offer the delegates and participants lunches on 17 and 18 May and dinners on 16, 17 and 18 May.

8. REGISTRATION AND BADGES

Delegates can register at the Sheraton Asunción Hotel on Monday, 16 May, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., and on Tuesday, 17 May from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.

Identification badges will be issued upon registration.

Participants are requested to wear their identification badges throughout the Commission meeting in the area reserved for the meetings, as well as at all social events.

9. WORKING LANGUAGES

The working languages of the Commission and the Seminar will be English and Spanish.

10. WORKING DOCUMENTS

The delegates are kindly requested to take note that, in compliance with the United Nations system's environmental protection policy, the working documents will not be distributed on paper at the venue of the event.

Therefore, the delegates are requested to bring with them copies of the documents.

11. INTERNET ACCESS

Computers with Internet access will be made available free of charge to the delegates. Additionally, the Sheraton hotel offers a fully-equipped Business Center and high-speed wireless Internet access at all meeting facilities (both at extra charge).

12. LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

A provisional list of participants will be available for consultation at the information desk.

The final list of participants, prepared on the basis of the data entered by delegates and observers in their registration forms, will be posted later on the UNWTO website.

13. SOCIAL PROGRAMME

Monday, 16 May

- Welcome cocktail offered by the Government of Paraguay
- Attire: Cocktail Jacket

Tuesday, 17 May

- Social event to celebrate Paraguay's Bicentennial offered by the participating delegations.
- Attire: Cocktail Jacket

Wednesday, 18 May

- Closing cocktail offered by the Government of Paraguay
- Attire: Casual

14. PRACTICAL INFORMATION

- **Official language**

The official languages in Paraguay are Spanish and Guaraní.

- **Climate**

In the month of May, the climate in city of Asunción and the Central Department is generally pleasant, with warm temperatures at mid-day/afternoon, and moderately cooler in the morning/night. The temperature range is between 17° and 30° C.

- **Local time**

The time zone in Paraguay is GMT-4.

- **Local currency and exchange rates**

Paraguay's official currency is the guarani (PYG). The exchange rate in February 2011 is 4700 PYG to 1 US dollar.

- **Electricity**

The electric current is 220 volts (outlets generally take plugs with two flat prongs).

- **Tourism information**

<http://www.paraguay.gov.py>

- **Excursions**

Please consult:

<http://www.asatur.org.py/conozca-paraguay-turismo-receptivo.php>