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INFORMATIONAL LETTER

36TH TECHNICAL CONSULTATION AMONG RPPOS

1 to 4 October 2024

Marriott Panama Hotel - Albrook

Meeting Location:

- Marriott Panama Hotel AlbrookMarriott Panama Hotel Venue Miraflores Room (mezzanine Floor (M))
- Address: Albrook Mall, Avenida Roosevelt, Panama City, Panama
- Hotel phone: +507 307-0300

Hotel rates

Rate includes breakfast in the assigned restaurant, free wireless Internet connection in common areas, and rooms, complimentary coffee, tea and water in the room, direct access to the Mall (Albrook shopping center), as well as access to the gym and pool of the hotel.

- Single U\$ 105 + tax.
- Double U\$ 120 + tax.

* Imp (Tax of service 10 % hotelier)

Bookings

Reservations are guaranteed by OIRSA, each participant must make payment when arriving at the hotel.

- It is suggested that all the participants stay in he Hotel assigned for the activity
- The meeting sessions will be in one of the rooms of the same Marriott Panama Hotel Albrook, later IPPC and OIRSA will confirm the name of the meeting room.
- If any participant has special food requirements, please inform them in a timely manner, as well as medication or special requirements.

Arrival at Tocumen Airport in Panama:

Each participant must provide the travel itinerary to the Tocumen International Airport, with an arrival date of Monday, September 30, and a return date of Saturday, October 5; You must identify your itinerary at the arrival terminal at Tocumen airport (Terminal 1 or Terminal 2)

OIRSA personnel will be at the airport receiving you to transfer you to the hotel, so when leaving the airport you must identify personnel with a sign of the OIRSA Logo.

Itineraries:



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The itineraries must be shared to the following emails:

- Xavier Euceda: <u>xeuceda@oirsa.org</u>
- Marlen Chiru: <u>oirsa.pa@oirsa.org</u>
- Valeria Belli: <u>Valeria.Belli@fao.org</u>

Climate in Panama City, Panama

https://www.accuweather.com/es/pa/panama-city/259549/daily-weatherforecast/259549?day=60

Exchange rate:

The official **currency of Panama** is the Balboa, however, it is the American dollar that currently circulates since they have the same value: 1.00 balboa = 1.00 American dollar

Migratory Aspects:

- Have a valid passport with at least 6 months validity
- It is the responsibility of each participant to review the immigration requirements to enter Panama (mainly if a Visa is required).

Type of electricity switches or plugs used in Panama: type A and B are used



Field day attire and Casco Antiguo (Spanish for Old Quarter) event:

On Thursday, October 3, there will be a tour of the Panama Canal and other points of commercial and cultural interest in the country, so casual attire is requested. When visiting the Panama Canal, consider wearing tennis shoes or work boots. Additionally, an elegant dress code is required for the event at Casco Antiguo at 6:00 PM on October 3rd.

Translation:

IPPC and OIRSA will provide simultaneous translation into English and Spanish

Contact points in Panama:

If you have any questions or concerns, you can contact OIRSA staff in Panama:

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