

**CITIES CONFERENCE II:
TOWARDS SAFE, AFFORDABLE AND
SUSTAINABLE URBAN MOBILITY
IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN**

Santiago, 16 to 19 October 2018

GENERAL INFORMATION



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INTRODUCTION

The Cities Conference II: towards safe. Affordable. and Sustainable Urban Mobility in Latin America and the Caribbean will be held in Santiago, Chile, on 16 to 19 of October 2018.

This document is intended to provide delegates with useful information to facilitate their work at the meeting.

The meeting coordinators will be available to answer any questions concerning logistical or organizational matters that you may wish to ask before or during the event.

1. General information on Chile

Geographical location

Chile is located in the extreme south-west of South America. Its capital city is Santiago and the country has a total population of approximately 17 million. Chile lies between the Pacific Ocean and the Andes mountains and its long, thin territory is divided into 15 administrative regions.

General information on Santiago

Santiago, a city of almost six million inhabitants, is the capital of the Republic of Chile. It has a Mediterranean climate and well defined seasons, with rainy winters with temperatures as low as 0°C (from May to September) and dry summers, when daytime temperatures hover around 30°C (from November to March). Relative humidity is low and evenings are cool.

It is suggested that visitors drink bottled mineral water, since tap water, although safe to drink, may not agree with those not accustomed to it.

As in all big cities, it is advisable to avoid wearing expensive jewellery and to be careful with handbags and briefcases.

Climate

Northern Chile has a dry, hot, desert climate; the south is cooler and wetter, while the central zone has a Mediterranean climate. Precipitation falls mainly during the winter months.

In most of Chile, the four seasons are clearly marked:

- Summer: 21 December - 21 March
- Autumn: 21 March - 21 June
- Winter: 21 June - 21 September
- Spring: 21 September - 21 December

Useful information

LOCAL CURRENCY	The national currency is the Chilean peso (\$). The exchange rate is approximately 640 pesos to the dollar (August 2018).
LOCAL TIME	UCT/GMT -3 (at the date of the meeting)
ELECTRICITY	220 volts, 50 Hertz (AC).
AIRPORT TAX	Airport tax is included in ticket prices.
TIPPING	Tipping is a common practice in Chile, as in many other parts of the world. It is customary to leave a tip of 10% of the total bill in restaurants.

2. Meeting venue

The Cities Conference II: towards safe, Affordable, and Sustainable Urban Mobility in Latin America and the Caribbean will be held in the Raúl Prebisch and Aula II conference rooms at the headquarters of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), with entrance at Av. Dag Hammarskjöld 3477 and at Alonso de Cordova 3770, Vitacura.

3. Meeting coordination

The meeting is being organized by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC).

Questions on substantive matters relating to the meeting may be addressed to Sophie Devine, Human Settlements Unit, Division of Sustainable development and Human Settlements: e-mail: sophie.devine@un.org.

Operational queries regarding the meeting may be addressed to Alejandra Cáceres, Office of the Executive Secretary, e-mail: alejandra.caceres@un.org

4. Hotel reservations

The ECLAC Conference Services Unit has reserved a limited number of rooms with special rates for ECLAC at the following hotel:

- Hotel Director (****)**, Av. Vitacura 3600, Tel: (56-2) 2389-1956
 Single room: US\$145 (includes breakfast and internet)
 Attn.: María Eliana Puga, Reservations Department
 Email: reservas@director.cl and reservaciones@director.cl
Group code: 359450, Reservations deadline: 14 September 2018
- Hotel Cumbres (****)**, Av. Kennedy lateral 4422, Tel: (56-2) 2487 5114
 Single room: US\$135 (includes breakfast and internet)
 Attn.: Macarena Fuentes, Reservations Department
 Email: mfuentes@hotelescumbres.cl
Group code: 290955, Reservations deadline: 14 September 2018

- **Novotel (****)**, Av. Américo Vespucio Norte 1630, Tel: (56-2) 2499 2200
Single room: CH\$78.000 (includes breakfast and internet)
Attn.: Nancy Harpe, Reservations Department
Email: nancy.harpe@accor.com
Group code: 205679, Reservations deadline: 24 September 2018
- **Hotel Atton Vitacura (****)**, Av. Vitacura 3201, Tel: (56-2) 2422-7902
Single room: US\$130 (includes breakfast and internet)
Attn.: Cesar Lucero, Reservations Department
Email: clucero@atton.com and reservas-grupochile@atton.com
Group code: 496547, Reservations deadline: 14 September 2018

These rates do not include value added tax (VAT) of 19%. Visitors who pay in dollars in cash, travellers' cheques or international credit cards are exempt from payment of VAT.

Requests for reservations should be addressed directly to the hotel by the deadline given on the hotel reservation form attached. After this date, the hotel reserves the right to change the rate and cannot guarantee that rooms will be available.

To maintain the special ECLAC rate, hotel reservations must be requested personally, not through travel agencies nor other means. Delegates are responsible for their own reservations. You are advised to check that the hotel has processed your reservation and to request a reservation number or confirmation code.

The hotel requires your flight number and date of arrival in and departure from Chile, as well as credit card details, in order to guarantee the reservation. Please complete in full the attached reservation form, which requests all the required details, and submit by the stated deadline.

5. Visas and entry requirements for Chile

Participants must be in possession of a passport valid for at least six (6) months beyond the date of entry into Chile.

Delegates from countries whose citizens require a visa to enter Chile should apply for one in advance at their nearest Chilean embassy or consulate.

To find out whether you require a visa, go to the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Chile (<http://chileabroad.gov.cl/consulados>) and click on the name of your country.

6. Transport from the airport to Santiago

Santiago's public transport system includes buses, taxis and five subway lines. Taxi fares are metered and, in general, drivers do not expect tips.

The companies Transvip and Transfer Delfos operate minivan services from the airport, offering passenger transportation to different areas of the city. Each van can transport 10 to 12 passengers, at an approximate cost of US\$ 15 per person. Visitors preferring to take a taxi are advised to use the firms Taxi Oficial or Transvip, which are also located at the airport; fares to the city vary between US\$ 35 and US\$ 40 depending on the destination.

7. Registration

Registration will take place at the hall entrance of the Raúl Prebisch Conference room starting at 8:30 a.m., on Tuesday 16 October 2018.

8. Opening session

The opening session will be held at 9 a.m. on Monday, 16 October 2018.

9. Internet

Delegates will have access to a wireless Internet connection (Wi-Fi) in conference rooms and in open areas.

10. Languages

The official language of the meeting will be Spanish. Interpretation into English will be provided.

11. Facilities and services at ECLAC

Travel agency	Flight reservations and confirmations are handled by Carlson Wagonlit Travel, located in the basement of the ECLAC building (office 1S7).
Bank	There is a branch of Banco de Chile in the basement of the ECLAC building. It is open to the public from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Foreign currency may be exchanged from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.
Restaurants	ECLAC has a cafeteria and a canteen, which are open from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. These services must be paid for directly by participants.
Medical Service	First aid is provided by the ECLAC Medical Service. It is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2.30 p.m. to 6 p.m.
The "One World" shop	This shop, located in the central foyer on the ground floor, next to the spiral staircase, offers a wide range of attractive gifts, United Nations souvenirs and other items.

12. Places of interest in Santiago

Pueblito Los Dominicos	A handicraft village located close to the foot of the Andes in the east of the city. It offers a diverse array of traditional and contemporary crafts, including furniture, textiles and paintings.
Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes	The national fine arts museum is a major centre for the visual arts in Chile. It is situated in Santiago's Parque Forestal.
Museo de Arte Precolombino	This museum is at the cutting edge in terms of preserving, displaying and studying the continent's pre-Columbian artistic legacy. It has an extensive collection of art from ancient cultures, such as the Incas and the Diaguitas. It is located in downtown Santiago.
Municipal Theatre of Santiago	Built in 1857, Santiago's municipal theatre is a national monument of renowned architectural beauty. It is one of the foremost cultural centres in Chile and hosts opera, ballet and musical performances.
La Moneda Palace	The Government Palace, located in central Santiago, is the only building of the pure Italian neo-classical style in the Americas. Its cultural centre presents visual and audiovisual exhibitions from Chile and further afield.
Plaza de Armas	Located in the heart of Santiago, this square has been the civic centre since colonial times. The cathedral in the square is a national monument and has an interesting museum, whose main attraction is its library containing manuscripts by important Chilean historical figures. Other historical buildings on the Plaza de Armas are the Santiago town hall and the central post office.
Barrio Bellavista	This vibrant, quintessentially urban neighbourhood combines a highly varied commercial clothing and craft sector with numerous restaurants offering many types of international cuisine. Bellavista nestles between the north bank of the Mapocho River and the foot of San Cristóbal Hill. Its exotic architecture gives it the aspect of an open-air museum, where art galleries, theatres and lapis lazuli jewellery shops can be found alongside restaurants, parks and the local zoo.



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HOTEL RESERVATION FORM**CITIES CONFERENCE II****Santiago, Chile, 16 - 19 October, 2018**

Nombre/Name:		Apellido/Last Name:	
Dirección/Address:			
Ciudad/City:		País/Country:	
Teléfono/ Phone:	Fax:	Correo electrónico/E-Mail:	

SELECT HOTEL:

Hotel Atton Vitacura (****) <input type="checkbox"/> Av. Vitacura 3201, Vitacura; (+56) 2 2944 7858 Single room: US\$ 145 (includes breakfast) Attn: César Lucero, Reservations Department clucero@atton.com and reservas-grupochile@atton.com Group Code: 4956547 Deadline: 14 September 2018	Hotel Director (****) <input type="checkbox"/> Av. Vitacura 3600, Vitacura; (+56) 2 2498 3001 Single room: US\$140 (includes breakfast) Attn: María Eliana Puga, Reservations Department reservas@director.cl Group Code: 359450 Deadline: 14 September 2018
Hotel Cumbres (****) <input type="checkbox"/> Av. Kennedy lateral 4422, teléfono: (+56) 2 24875114 Single room: US\$135 (includes breakfast) Attn: Macarena Fuentes, Reservations Department mfuentes@hotelescumbres.cl Group Code: 290955 Deadline: 14 September 2018	Hotel Novotel (****) <input type="checkbox"/> Av. Américo Vespucio Norte 1630 (+56) 2 2499 2200 Single room: \$78.000 Chilean pesos (includes breakfast) Attn: Nancy Harpe, Reservations Department nancy.harpe@accor.com Group Code: 205679 Deadline: 24 September 2018

Fecha de llegada al país: Date of arrival:	Nº de vuelo: Flight Nº:
Fecha de salida del país: Date of departure:	Nº de vuelo: Flight Nº:

Autorizo el uso de la siguiente tarjeta de crédito a fin de garantizar mi reserva de hotel/**I authorize the use of my credit card to guarantee my hotel reservation:**

American Express <input type="checkbox"/>	Master Card <input type="checkbox"/>	Visa <input type="checkbox"/>	Otra/Other <input type="checkbox"/>
Nº de tarjeta de crédito/Credit card Nº:			
Fecha vencimiento: Date of expiration:			

Passengers who pay in dollars or with an international credit card are exempt from VAT.