

INFORMATION NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS

Latin America and the Caribbean Regional Meeting in preparation for the third session of the ad hoc open-ended working group on establishing a science-policy panel to contribute further to the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution

May 23 to 24, 2024, Montevideo, Uruguay.

GENERAL

The SPP OEWG-3 preparatory meeting for the Latin America and the Caribbean (GRULAC) is scheduled to be held from 9 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on May Thursday 23 to Friday 24, 2024.

VENUE

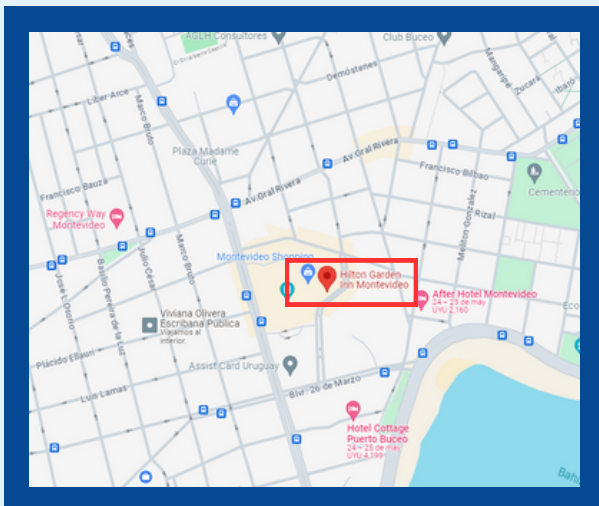
The regional workshop will be held at **Hilton Garden Inn Hotel**.

Address: Luis Bonavita 1315, Montevideo, Uruguay.

Telephone: +598 2623 8000

Web: http://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/mvdmvgi-hilton-garden-inn-montevideo/?SEO_id=GMB-AMER-GI-MVDMVGI&y_source=1_MTIxNjk1NTgtNzE1LWxvY2F0aW9uLndiYnNpdGU%3D

This hotel is located just a few steps from the Montevideo Shopping Mall and the World Trade Center Montevideo. Playa Buco and restaurants are within walking distance, and it is 15 km from Carrasco International Airport.



Ubication: Hilton Garden Inn Hotel



Playa Bucoo



Montevideo Shopping Mall



World Trade Centre Montevideo

REGISTRATION AND IDENTIFICATION BADGES

Participants shall register upon arrival to be able to participate in the meeting. The registration for the meeting will be open at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday 23.

Participants who are not able to register during the time indicated above are requested to do so upon their arrival at the hotel. Only the names of duly registered participants will be included in the list of participants.

VISA REQUIREMENTS

All participants are advised to consult with the Embassy of Uruguay in their respective countries regarding the latest applicable immigration requirements prior to their departure to Uruguay.

For any question related to visa procedures, participants should contact the Basel Convention Coordinating Centre, Stockholm Convention Regional Centre (BCCC-SCRC) in Uruguay. The Centre will facilitate the visa procedure to entry into Uruguay, for those registered and duly confirmed participants attending to the meeting.

DAILY SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE (if applicable)

Participants whose participation in the meeting is sponsored will be provided with a round-trip ticket and a daily subsistence allowance at prevailing United Nations rates to cover accommodation and daily expenses during the attendance to the meeting.

Once confirmed for participation, the sponsored participants will receive additional instructions on their travel arrangements. Air travel will be arranged according to the United Nations regulations, via the most economical and direct means possible in all cases. Please note that changes to air tickets after they have been issued will not be permitted.

In order to facilitate the payment of subsistence allowance at the venue, sponsored participants will be requested to submit copies of their passport and boarding passes to the Secretariat staff at the meeting venue. Please bring your valid Swiss Bankers card (if any) as it will be reused. For any query related to travel and DSA, sponsored participants are invited to contact the Secretariat at: spp-cwp@un.org.

LOCAL TRANSPORTATION

The city has a wide network of buses with good frequency and a good taxi service. The bus ticket price is \$56 Uruguayan pesos (cash only).

If you prefer, you can request a taxi by phone (+598 141; +598 1711); you will be promptly assisted by the taxi company central. Remember that the taximeter must show tokens at pick-up and that the fee (per token) varies according to time of the day (night fee, from 10 pm to 6 am, is 20% more expensive). The same increase applies to Sundays and national holidays. Payment could only be done in Uruguayan pesos using cash or in some cases credit cards. Please note that tips are not included in the taxi fee.

Taxis available at the airport are more expensive than those in Montevideo. There is a shuttle service at the airport that may be cheaper. For further information, please visit the official Carrasco International Airport website:

http://www.aeropuertodecarrasco.com.uy/taxis/ct_27/en/

Location: Arrivals Hall

www.taxisaeropuerto.com

Email: info@taxisaeropuerto.com

Telephones: (+598) 2604 03 23

Uber services are available in Montevideo.



Buses



Taxis Montevideo



Official Carrasco International Airport Taxis

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

Each participant must arrange their accommodation. We attach a list of hotels near the Meeting venue for your information.

HOTELS	COSTS & NOTES	HOTELS	COSTS & NOTES
<p>Hilton Garden Inn Hotel</p> <p>Luis Bonavita 1315 Phone: +598 2623 8000 Email: reservas.hgimvd@hilton.com Mention: Regional Meeting SPP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single USD 119/night • Doble USD 129/night • Breakfast &WIFI are included 	<p>After Hotel</p> <p>Arturo Prat 3755 Phone: (+598) 2628 2828 https://afterhotel.com.uy/ Email: reservas@afterhotel.com.uy Mention: Regional Meeting SPP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single/Doble USD 80/night. • Breakfast &WIFI are included
<p>Palladium Hotel</p> <p>Tomás de Tezanos 1146 Phone: (+598) 2628 8484 www.palladiumhotel.com.uy Email: ventas@palladiumhotel.com.uy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single USD 75/night • Doble USD 85/night • Breakfast &WIFI are included 	<p>Regency Way</p> <p>Av.Gral Rivera 3377 Phone: +598 2628 7777 https://www.regencyway.com.uy/ Email: corporativo@regency.com.uy Mention: Ad hoc group</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single/Doble USD 70/night. • Triple USD 90/night • Breakfast &WIFI are included

HEALTH AND VACCINATION

The sanitary conditions of the country are very good, this means that neither vaccination certificates nor the presentation of test results will be requested from travelers, regardless of their age or nationality.

The need to have health coverage or medical insurance is maintained for foreigners who enter by any means.

HEALTH AND VACCINATION (continued)

Precautionary and hygiene measures will be established at the meeting place, in accordance with the requirements of the United Nations and the Government of Uruguay.

ELECTRIC PLUG AND SOCKET

The residential voltage in Uruguay is 220V/50Hz. You will need a transformer in order to use your portable devices if they do not run on 220V/50Hz. Please make sure you bring one along or purchase one in Montevideo if you need it.

Plug types in Uruguay are C and L.



INTERNET SERVICES



Free wireless internet access is available in the meeting venue.

CATERING SERVICES

Coffee breaks will be provided by the organizers throughout the duration of the meeting.

BANKING FACILITIES, POSTAL SERVICES AND CURRENCY

The Uruguayan Peso (UYU/\$) is the official currency. Bank notes are available in the following denominations: \$2,000; \$1,000; \$500; \$200; \$100; \$50; \$20 while the coins are denominated \$50, \$10, \$5, \$2 and \$1.

1 USD - 38 Uruguayan pesos.

1 Euro - 40 Uruguayan pesos.

Uruguay imposes no restrictions on the import or export of any local or foreign currency. Cash and traveler's checks are best exchanged at banks (working hours: from 1 pm to 5 pm) or at foreign exchange offices (working hours: from 9 am to 7 pm). Some hotels also provide currency exchange service, but it should be noted that these rates are not always favorable. ATMs will be found throughout the country.

Most places accept credit or debit cards.

USEFUL CONTACTS ABOUT THE MEETING

For information about the Meeting, please contact the SPP OEWG Secretariat.

Email: spp-cwp@un.org.

For information regarding VISAS or logistic issues, please contact the BCCC-SCRC for Latin America and Caribbean Region in Uruguay.

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SAFETY AND SECURITY CONTACT NUMBERS

The following numbers may be useful in case of emergency:

- Police Department and Ambulance 911
- Fire department 104

DISCLAIMER

The organizers will not provide participants with individual travel insurance. Participants must purchase individual travel insurance at their own cost before traveling to Uruguay.
