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18th Meeting of the Coordinating Committee for Latin America and the Caribbean (CCLAC)

**Heredia, Costa Rica
November 19 to 23, 2012**

The Government of Costa Rica through the Department of the Codex, it sends information of interest to the Eighteenth Meeting of the FAO / WHO for Latin America and the Caribbean.

Date and Venue

The 18th Session of the Coordinating Codex Committee for Latin America and the Caribbean (CCLAC), will be held in the city of Heredia, Costa Rica, from November 19 to 23, 2012.

The venue of the meeting will be at the Ramada Plaza Herradura, located at Belen, Heredia, in front of the Mall Real Cariari, about 15 miles from Juan Santamaría International Airport.





About the meeting

Confirmation

The confirmation of the meeting should be send to Miss Isabel Cristina Araya Badilla, Director, Regulatory Improvement and Technical Regulation Bureau of the Ministry of Economy, Industry and Trade, President of CCLAC and Codex Contact Point in Costa Rica, and would appreciate being informed by no later than September 16, 2012 via email to:

A: CodexCostaRica@meic.go.cr and
infocodex@meic.go.cr

With copy to: Codex@fao.org

Registration

Registration will be open on Monday, 19 November from at 7:30 a.m. in the entrance of the meeting room at the Venue Hotel. (Participants attending the workshop on Sunday may registrate before).

Participants should register for their documents and identification badges. For safety reasons and to facilitate identification is asked to wear the badge in a visible location during the course of the meeting.

Meeting Documents

Participants are advised to bring the working papers that were distributed electronically in advance, during the meeting complete sets of these will not be available.

Side events

Sunday November 18, 2012
CCLAC previous workshop at the hotel venue, the invitation will be made later.

Monday November 19, 2012
Welcome cocktail at the hotel venue at 7:00 p.m.

Thursday November 22, 2012
Free day.

Optional tour to Charara and Orosi, coordinated by Costa Rica CCLAC.

You can contact the travel agency of the Hotel to join a day tour. To do this you can contact:
Company: Gray Line Tours Phone: 2209-9836
Executive: Sandro Fernández E-mail: sfernandez@graylinecostarica.com



Information of Costa Rica

Country (long form)	REPUBLIC OF COSTA RICA
Capital	San José
Surface Area	19.730 millas ² 51.100 km ²
Population	4.301.712 (census 2011)
Government	Democratic Republic
Official language	Spanish
Local currency	Colon



- Costa Rica is located in the heart of Central America, borders at North with Nicaragua and with Panama at South. The climate has pronounced variations and major regions include mountain ranges with volcanoes, high plains and coastal lowlands.

- It is a tropical country with a dry season between December and April, but in December received the Northern winds that causes a decrease in temperature, ranging in November between 17 to 21 degrees Celsius.

- The country's biodiversity attracts nature lovers from around the world. National parks cover an area of approximately 12% of the territory.

- International flights arrive at Juan Santamaría International Airport which has connections to major cities in the United States of America, Canada, Europe, with all Central American countries and some capitals of countries in South America.



LODGING Ramada Plaza Herradura

In order to facilitate your attendance and make more pleasant your stay in our country, we have a special rate at the hotel hosting the Meeting (Ramada Plaza Herradura), which includes room, breakfast buffet, lunch buffet, taxes, internet and airport transfers. This Hotel is 5 stars.

Price per person	Price \$
Single room	135,14
Double room	78,64
Triple room	60,56

You can visit the website:
www.ramadaherradura.com

To confirm this Hotel can send the book to:

Idalmis Castillo: icastillo@ramadaherradura.com;
and: CodexCostaRica@meic.go.cr



Other accommodation

It provides for consideration a list of alternative accommodation, consisting of four hotels located near the place where the meeting take place.

Hotel	Category	Price \$	Rate includes
Hilton Tree Cariari	Double 5 stars	Single 168.37 Double 106.78 Triple 86.25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lodging • Buffet breakfast • Lunch buffet • Taxation • Internet • Airport-Hotel-Airport
Crowne Plaza Corobici	Plaza 5 stars	Single 168.37 Double 100.00 Triple 84.75	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lodging • Buffet breakfast • Lunch buffet • Taxation • Intern t • Airport-Hotel-Airport
Country Inn & Suites	Inn & 3 stars	Single 113 Double 124.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lodging • Buffet breakfast • Taxation • Internet • Airport-Hotel-Airport
Terrazas del Golf	3 stars	Single 101.70 Double 107.35	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lodging • Buffet breakfast • Taxation • Airport-Hotel-Airport

We invite you to make your reservations as soon as possible. The Coordinator of CCLAC is not responsible for any reservation.

We advise you to confirm rates and availability directly with the hotel of your preference and to hold an email or fax confirmation of your reservation; as organizers do not have contact with them.



Formalities for entry to Costa Rica

VISA

To know if you need visa to enter Costa Rica you can see the attachments:

- Guidelines visa to Costa Rica
- Requirements

If you need Costa Rica visa, follow the directions in the “Guidelines visa to Costa Rica” and please inform the Codex Contact Point of Costa Rica.

Note: It is important to note that the passport must be valid at least 6 months.

Vaccines

The following countries must carry the card in the yellow fever vaccine and present it at the time of admission along with the passport:

Bolivia
Venezuela
Brasil
Perú

Colombia
Ecuador
Guyana Francesa

For updated information on travel health, visit the website at: http://www.pgr.go.cr/Scij/Busqueda/Normativa/Normas/nrm_repartidor.asp?param1=NRTC&nValor1=1&nValor2=60854&nValor3=73376&m2=1&strTipM=TC&Result=4&strSim=simp&_r=1

Codex Alimentarius Trust Fund (CTF)

If your participation is sponsored by the CTF, you must be sure that your support could be delivery before leaving your country.

Interpretation and Internet Service

There will be simultaneous translation into Spanish and English, in all sessions.

There will be free internet service, so you are encouraged to bring laptop.





Security

Costa Rica is a safe country; however you must follow minimum safety standards including:

- In the city we recommend using only the red taxis with yellow sign of the cooperative or hotel taxis.
 - Do not display jewelry or valuables in public areas.
 - Do not leave your luggage or personal belongings at any time.

Tax

In Costa Rica, the national legislation dictates that the sale prices to consumers should include 13% sales tax.

The tax for the departure from Costa Rica, to date, has cost \$ 28 (twenty eight dollars).

Voltage and Power

Electrical appliances operate on 110 volts (60Hz).

Electricity outlets are of two plates ("spikes") flat and parallel.

If these plugs are different from those used in your country you will need a converter plug.

Emergency Services

In an emergency occurs you can contact the police, fire or ambulance services by calling 1911 from any phone.

Hospitals and medical services

There are hospitals, public and private medical services that offer an excellent standard of care. In emergency situations, the hotel offers private medical attention.

For more information about Costa Rica: : www.visitcostarica.com