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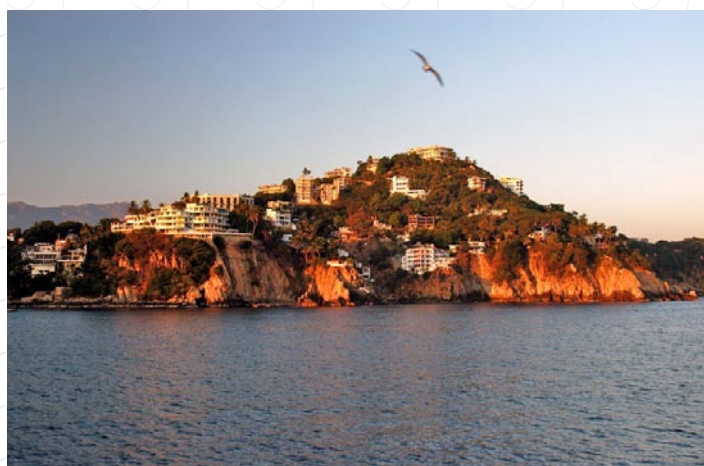


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16a FAO/WHO COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN (CCLAC)

Acapulco Guerrero, Mexico 10–14 November 2008

The Mexican government, through the Minister of Economy, delivers to you the following information about the Sixteenth Meeting of FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Latin America and the Caribbean.





About the CCLAC

- **Time and place of the meeting.**



The Sixteenth Meeting Coordinating Committee FAO/WHO for Latin America and the Caribbean will be held in Acapulco Guerrero, Mexico from 10th to 14th November 2008. The works will take place in the Copacabana Hotel located at:



Tabachines No. 2
Fracc. Club Deportivo
39690, Acapulco Guerrero.

- **Confirmation of Assistance**

To confirm your participation at the meeting we require the registration form before October 15th, such information should be submitted to:

**Dirección General de Normas
Secretaría de Economía
Avenida Puente de Tecamachalco No. 6
Lomas de Tecamachalco, Secc. Fuentes
Naucalpan de Juárez, Estado de México.**

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**E-mail: jalopez@economia.gob.mx
codexmex@economia.gob.mx**

Cc: codex@fao.org

- **Inscription**

All the participants should be registered in order to receive their identification card, as well as the documents and work materials that had not been delivered to the participants by electronic means. The inscription will begin on November 10th at 8:00 am. For safety reasons and in order to improve the process, we will require you to carry in a visible area your identification card during the development of the meeting.

- **Simultaneous Translation Services**

Both during the opening and throughout the working session's simultaneous interpretation will be provided in two languages: Spanish and English.

- **Meeting's 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.**



Lodging

Hotel Accommodation Copacabana Beach Acapulco

To make your stay in our country more enjoyable and comfortable we have a preferential tariff in the Copacabana Hotel, this Hotel offer a special price include breakfast, lunch, dinner and taxes.



The Hotel Coapacabana Acapulco is central to the “Zona Dorara” is located at 25 minutes away from the airport and just 15 minutes away from down town.

Five Start Hotel designed with 18 storey all with terrace and private balconies, spectacular ocean view and deluxe accommodations located on a wide quite beach area surrounded with palms trees.

Facilities:

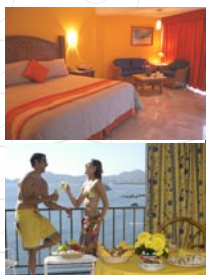








Tariff:

The **preferential tariff** is in Mexican currency, Rates per person, per night.

Price per person	Cost in Mexican currency	Aproximate cost in USD
Single	1,395.00	134.199 USD
Double	945.00	90.9091 USD

Includes:



-  Room whit Air Conditioning, private balconies, y ocean view.
-  3 buffet meals.
-  Open domestic drinks from 10 to 22 hrs
-  Tips and taxes.
-  Snacks from 12 to 17 hrs.
-  Wireless Internet (only in meeting room)

If you require wirelesing Internet in your room or international line, please contact directly in reception.

In this occasion we are going to have a wireless Internet in the meeting room, we suggest you bring your own lap top computer.

Is very important to confirm us if you want to booked in the Copacabana Beach Hotel, please send us the registration form as son as possible with the information necessary for do it, to take advantage of the reduced rate that expires on October 15, 2008.

The following hotels are recommended due to their proximity to the location where the events will be held:

	Hotel	Room Single/Double	Adress
5 STARTS	FIESTA INN ACAPULCO*	173.064 US	Av. Costera Miguel Alemán #2311 Fracc. Deportivo
	ELCANO*	143 US	Av. Costera Miguel Alemán No. 75. Acapulco Zona Dorada, Guerrero
	RITZ ACAPULCO*	157.700 US	Av. Costera Miguel Alemán No. 159 Acapulco, Gro. México. CP. 39670
	CALINDA BEACH ACAPULCO*	129.87 US	Av. Costera Miguel Alemán #1260 Club Deportivo
	HYATT REGENCY*	128.331US	Av. Costera Miguel Aleman 1, Acapulco, Guerrero, Mexico 39869
4 STARTS	The PRESIDENT*	105.82 US	Av. Costera Miguel Alemán #8-9 Fracc. Club Deportivo
3 STARTS	ONE*	94.1476 US	Av. Costera Miguel Alemán 16 Col. Costa Azul 39850, Acapulco, Gro

*For these hotels the participants should make their own arrangements on personal accommodations. These rates only included the room.

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.

- **Weather conditions and Time Zone**



The weather in Acapulco is tropical; the average temperature is about 27°C and 28°C during all year. However; the nights are usually from 18°C to 19°C.

We advise you to use formal casual clothes.

- **Electrical System**

The voltage in Mexico City is about 127 Volts + / - 10%, 60Hz. The outlets are American type, which means they have a flat prong. Be aware that you may need an adapter, which some hotels may provide you.

- **Currency**



The official monetary unit in Mexico is the Peso.
Tickets: 20, 50, 100, 200, 500 and 1000

Coins: 10 c .20 c .50 c, 1, 2, 5, 10.

- **Banking and currency exchange**

It is recommended to change money at banks or authorized exchange houses because they provide a better exchange rate than some hotels and restaurants. Most establishments in Acapulco City only accept national currency. Likewise, there is a large number of banks that have ATMs that accept cards of the major international institutions such as Visa, MasterCard, Electron, Cirrus, American Express, Diner's and others.

The exchange rate of the Mexican peso against the euro and US dollar for September 26th 2008:

1.0 Dollar (s) = 10.766 Mexican Pesos (s)

1.0 Mexican Peso (s) = .092885

1.0 EUR = 15.726 Mexican Pesos

1.0 Mexican Pesos = .0635891 EUR

- **Credit Card**

The generally accepted credit cards are American Express, Diners Club, Visa and MasterCard. They are accepted in most establishments like; restaurants, museums, department stores, theaters and other services.

- **Travelers Checks**

To avoid additional commissions, it is advisable to use travelers checks rated in U.S. dollars or euros, if they are issued by banks and travel agencies internationally recognized, they can be exchanged at banks and hotels.

- **Office Hours**

Establishments	Week days	Saturday	Sunday
Banks	9:00 –16:00 h	9:00 – 13:00 h	Closed
Mailing services	9:00 – 17:00 h	Closed	Closed
Shops	11:00 – 20:00 h	11:00 – 20:00 h	11:00 a 20:00 h
Public Buildings	9:00 –15:00 h	Closed	Closed

- **Transportation**



Acapulco International Airport, an airport is located approximately 26 km from the city of Acapulco on the Pacific coast of Mexico. The terminal is one of the 15 largest airports in Mexico, in terms of passengers and operations. It has all the services for passengers, including VIP lounges and restaurants. Approximately Airport is 25 minutes from the Hotel headquarters (Copacabana).

Upon arrival at the Acapulco International Airport be aware to only use licensed taxis. Their rates are determined by destination, and tickets can be purchased in booths clearly identified in the baggage claim area and major departures from the airport. As in any city in the world, one of the basic security measures for visitors is to avoid addressing taxis on the streets. To move from anywhere in the city you can use the radio service taxis or those who are parked in special areas called "sitios". These offer a safe trip at reasonable prices. It is advisable to call for a taxi at restaurants, hotels and similar establishments. For safety, to take a taxi in the street be sure that the taxi driver's identification is on sight, as well as the taximeter.

- **Insurances**

The organizers will not be held responsible for accidents, loss or harm of persons or property during meetings. That is why it is recommended to have medical, baggage and passenger insurance; all of which are not included in hotel rates.

- **Emergency contact numbers:**

Police: 485 79 80

Red Cross 485 41 00

Fire Department Tel: 484 41 22

Green Angels: : 483 84 70

Tourist Security: 484 44 16/45 83

Tourist Information: 484 85 55 and 01 800 903 92 00

Tourist in the City: 480 01 71/97

General Information Tel: 481 11 00/52



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39690, Acapulco Guerrero
Tel: + 52 (744) 484 32 60
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Link: <http://www.hotelcopacabana.com>



Welcome to Acapulco Guerrero, Mexico

Acapulco de Juevez in Nahuatl means: Acatlan, Polo, co, 'reeds, destroy or pull, place' 'In the place it was bulldozed and destroyed the reeds' is a Mexican port city and located in the State of Guerrero, the southwest of the country, and whose semicircular bay was named Santa Lucia, for the day of its discovery by Spanish sailors. It is one of the major tourist destinations in the world.



Acapulco, the port plays a very important role, because it is considered a cornerstone of international trade since the days of the sixteenth century.

The Fortress of San Diego in 1616, thus was created, to take care of the boats carrying the silver and precious stones from the pirates who roamed the area



La Quebrada. It is one of the most famous attractions of the port of Acapulco. It is a cliff 45 meters high, where the famous nailed commonly made by young people from the port.

It is danger that the diver must calculate the time when the wave makes at the sea levels be higher, otherwise it would be certain death due to hit rock bottom, at a depth where the low sea level due to the waves.



The Fortress of San Diego. It is the most important historical monument in the port of Acapulco, Guerrero fortitude and the most important sea throughout the Pacific Ocean. An essential part of the face and history of the port it is unique trace geometric shape of a turtle.



Park Ignacio Manuel Altamirano, better known as **the Parque Papagayo**, is a comprehensive ecological reserve, full recreation and tourism. It has an area of 218,000 square meters and houses in addition to extensive green areas and three artificial lakes, large numbers of alien species in captivity. On the other hand, the park has recreational sites for children as it is a fair, sports, a skating rink, a library, among many others.



The House of the Mask. It is a museum that displays various masks of the seven regions of the state of Guerrero and Puebla, Morelos and Michoacan and also of the world. It has more than one thousand pieces of two types: those of Decorative and those used by Dancers.



Information for internment of foreigners to Mexico.

- For the following countries is necessary to obtain a visa, you must go to Mexican Consular Representation in your country. **If you are considering participate in this meeting please let us know the Codex Contact Point of Mexico, as soon as possible, to be able to help you with the National Migration Institute (INAMI) in order to simplify procedure.**

COUNTRIES THAT REQUIRE A VISA	
Antigua and Barbuda	Guatemala
Bahamas	Guyana
Barbados	Haiti
Belize	Honduras
Bolivia	Jamaica
Brazil	Nicaragua
Colombia	Paraguay
Cuba	Peru
Dominica	Dominican Republic
Ecuador	Saint Kitts and Nevis
El Salvador	Saint Lucia
Grenada	Suriname
Saint Vicent and the Grenadinas	Trinidad and Tobago

- For nationals of the following countries **is not necessary to have a visa** and thus can enter Mexico by presenting your personal passport and the appropriate immigration form (Immigration Form for Tourist, Transmigrate, and visiting business person or visitor counselor) which can be obtained from travel, airlines or at the point of entry to Mexico.

COUNTRIES THAT DO NOT REQUIRE VISA	
Argentina	Panama
Chile	Uruguay
Costa Rica	Venezuela

Please visit the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Mexico <http://www.sre.gob.mx/servicios/visas/extran.htm> and the National Migration Institute <http://www.inm.gob.mx/Principal.asp>

For further information

<http://www.sre.gob.mx/acerca/directorio/embajadas/dirembajadas.htm>

<http://www.sre.gob.mx/tramites/otrotramites.htm>.