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Prince Sultan bin Abdulaziz International Prize for Water***

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General Information Note

Venue

The meeting will take place at:

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship
Auditorium "Manuel Belgrano"
Esmeralda 1212
C1062ABF Buenos Aires
Argentina

The building of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs is conveniently located in downtown, with easy access to the airport.

Accommodations

A list of hotels in the surroundings of the Ministry is at the end of this Note.

Most of participants who are provided by co-organizers with funding support for accommodation will be accommodated in the Hotel de las Américas (Nr. 8 in the above-referenced list). This hotel is located within walking distance (approx. 10 minutes) from the venue of the Conference.

Information and travel tips

All airlines that fly to Argentina arrive at the Ministro Pistarini (Ezeiza - EZE) International Airport of Buenos Aires. The City of Buenos Aires (Capital Federal) is 35 km from the airport along the Teniente General Ricchieri motorway (Information, Tel. 4480-9538).

When you leave customs, and get into the arrivals hall, you will find several booths offering services. The most known transfer service is MANUEL TIENDA LEON where you can take a car to leave right at the moment (AR\$ 141 – approx. USD 35) or the shuttle that leaves every half hour (this is cheaper but it takes you to its terminal at Puerto Madero and you will have to make a connection to your hotel). Check the website for more information: www.tiendaleon.com.ar.

Please always book your transportation at one of the desks do not take any transportation that is offered aloud in the hall.

Note: LOC will arrange for meeting of participants funded by co-organizers at airport and for transporting them to hotel(s). The details will be available on the UN-OOSA web site: <http://www.unoosa.org/oosa/en/SAP/act2011/Argentina/index.html>

Entry formalities

All visitors need a current valid passport to enter the country. A visa may be necessary depending on your nationality. Contact the nearest Argentine Embassy/Consulate to find out whether you need a visa.

Visitors coming from countries not bordering Argentina are exempt from all taxes on traveling articles and new articles with a value not more than US\$ 300. An additional US\$300 dollars of goods are exempt if they are purchased in the duty free shops within the national territory.

No vaccination certificate is required for entry into the country, except for passengers coming from countries where cholera and yellow fever are endemic.

What clothes to bring

Remember that in the southern hemisphere the seasons are the opposite of those in the northern hemisphere. Summer, with its mild temperatures and long days, is the ideal time to visit Patagonia and the Southern Andes. Traveling in the North is recommended in winter when rains are less frequent and the tropical temperatures drop a few degrees.

Autumn and spring are marvelous in Buenos Aires, Cuyo and the pre-mountain range areas of La Rioja and Catamarca.

March is the end of summer/beginning of autumn in Buenos Aires, you can bring lighter clothing.

Currency

Exchange of money at Ezeiza:

At Ezeiza Airport you have a choice between a change bureau located by the Luggage Claim carrousel, and Banco de la Nación Argentina, which is located on the side of the customs area. Usually, Banco de la Nación has a better exchange rate.

You can check information about the current exchange rate and services in Argentina's airports at: http://www.aa2000.com.ar/ip_cambio_moneda.aspx.

The Argentine currency is the peso (\$). You can find notes of \$ 100, \$ 50, \$ 20, \$ 10, \$ 5 and \$ 2, and coins of 1 peso, 50 cents, 25 cents, 10 cents and 5 cents.

The United States dollar is the international currency most frequently used in Argentina. You can exchange foreign currency in banks or exchange offices, for which cases you must show your passport. Many Buenos Aires shops accept credit cards and USA dollars.

Exchange rate as of mid-February 2011:

US\$ 1 = approx. AR\$ 4,02

EUR 1 = approx. AR\$ 5,47

Tips: It is customary to leave 10% in cafeterias and restaurants and to tip doormen, porters, ushers in cinemas, etc.

Value Added Tax (VAT) / Impuesto al Valor Agregado (IVA)

VAT is 21%. Upon departure you may process your VAT refund at the airport Global Refund Office. Please inquire policy and procedures upon arrival.

Links

For further information on how to move around and what to see, please check:

Official site of Buenos Aires City: <http://www.bue.gov.ar/home/>

National Secretariat of Tourism, Tourist Information Center:

Av. Santa Fe 883, (C1059ABC) Buenos Aires,

Tel. 4312-2232 ó 0800-555-0016;

info@turismo.gov.ar

Tourist Information Centers of Buenos Aires:

Av. Pte. Quintana 596 (Recoleta),

Terminal de Ómnibus de Retiro (Local 83),

Florida 100,

Av. Alicia Moreau de Justo 200 (Dique 4, Puerto Madero),

Defensa 1250 (San Telmo);

e-mail: infobue@buenosaires.gov.ar

Toll Free Tourist Assistance in Argentina: 0800 999 2838

Electricity

The standard voltage is 220v AC, 50Hz.

Plugs have three pins. Adaptors for European and American electrical items are available at any electrical store.



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**Have a nice travel to Buenos Aires!
We are looking forward to working with you towards a productive and
enjoyable Conference!**

Hotels nearby the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

1.	4*	Loi Suites Arenales	Arenales 855 C1061AAC Ciudad Autónoma de Buenos Aires - Argentina tel. 54 11 4324 9400 / 9493 fax. 54 11 4324 9400 / 9493 edarenal@loisuites.com.ar	http://www.loisuites.com.ar
2.	4*	Argenta Towers	Juncal 868 - 1062 - Buenos Aires - Argentina - CP C1062ABF	http://www.argenta-tower.com.ar/
3.	4*	Gran Hotel Buenos Aires	Marcelo T. de Alvear 767 , Ciudad de Buenos Aires, Argentina, (C1058AAI) (54-11) 4312-3003 Fax: (54-11) 4315-2243	www.granhotelbuenosaires.com
4.	4*	Regente Palace Hotel	Suipacha 964 - C1008AAT - Buenos Aires - Argentina - info@regente.com - Tel. (5411) 4328 6800 - Fax (5411) 4328 7460	http://www.regente.com/
5.	4*	El Conquistador Hotel	Suipacha 948 (cp 1008). Buenos Aires, Argentina	http://elconquistador4-px.trvlclick.com/
6.	4*	Dazzler Suites Arroyo	Suipacha 1359 (C1011ACC)	http://www.dazzlersuitesarroyo.com
7.	5*	Sofitel Buenos Aires	Arroyo 841 , CAPITAL FEDERAL , C1007AAB BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA	http://www.sofitel.com/es/hotel-3253-sofitel-buenos-aires/index.shtml
8.	4*	Hotel de las Américas	Libertad 1020, Centro 1012, Buenos Aires, Argentina Tel: (54-11) 41 29 - 0700 email: web@grupoamericas.com.ar	http://www.grupoamericas.com.ar/hotel/dela-samericas/es/263/ubicacion
9.	4*	Américas Tower	Libertad, 1070, Centro, 1012, Buenos Aires, Argentina	http://www.grupoamericas.com.ar/hotel/americanastowers/es/263
10.	4*	Pestana Hotel	Carlos Pellegrini, n° 877, C1009ABQ Buenos Aires Argentina Tel: +54 11 5239 1000, Fax: +54 11 5239 1141, e-mail: reservas@pestanabuenosaires.com	http://www.pestana.com/hotels/es/hotels/southamerica/BuenosAiresHotels/BuenosAires/Home/
11.		Córdoba 860	Córdoba 860 Ciudad de Buenos Aires Tel: +54-11 5254-5200 info@cordoba860.com	http://www.cordoba860.com
12.	5*	Sheraton Libertador	Avenida Córdoba 680 Ciudad Autónoma de Buenos Aires, Argentina (0)11 4321 0000	www.sheraton.com.ar
13.	3*	Gran Hotel Orly	PARAGUAY 474 - C1057AAD - BUENOS AIRES - ARGENTINA. Tel/Fax.: +54 11 4312-5344 e-mail: info@orly.com.ar	http://www.orly.com.ar/principal.html
14.	3*	Hotel San Antonio	PARAGUAY 372 - C1057AAD - BUENOS AIRES - ARGENTINA. Tel/Fax.: +54-11-5273-1200 e-mail: info@orly.com.ar	http://www.sanantonio372.com.ar/

15.	5*	Caesar Park	Dirección Posadas 1232 Capital Federal Buenos Aires, Argentina C.P. C1011ABF (54 11) 4819 1100 tel (54 11) 4819 1121 fax	http://www.caesar-park.com/portal/Availability/hotelsXcityList.jsp?hotelCode=-100000&country=AR&city=4&checkInDate=&checkOutDate=&numberAdults=1&numberChildren=0&infants=-1&numberSeniors=&numberInfants=&numberRooms=1&iata=&promotion=&group=&agreement=&idioma=en_MX&marca=CP&dominio=www.caesar-park.com&marcadesc=caesarpark&destino=buenosaires&hotelType=-100000
16.	5*	Four Seasons	Posadas 1086/88, C1011ABB, Buenos Aires, Argentina Tel. 54 (11) 4321-1200 Fax. 54 (11) 4321-1201	http://www.fourseasons.com/buenosaires/

