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## PRACTICAL INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

### Meeting of the Informal Group on Household Waste

Montevideo, Uruguay, 2 to 4 August 2016,

#### Introduction

The following note contains practical information about Uruguay and the Meeting.

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## General information

### 1. Dates and venue

The Meeting will be held at **Pedro Figari Hotel**.

The hotel is located opposite the sea in the area of Carrasco. Located just 30' minutes from downtown and 10' minutes from Montevideo Carrasco International Airport, the hotel is surrounded by the comfort of one of the most important residential areas of Montevideo.

Please find hereunder the hotel's address and telephone number:

Address: Rambla República de México 6535,  
CP 11500 Montevideo, Uruguay  
Phone: +598 2600 8824

<http://www.hotelpedrofigari.com/>

The Latin America and the Caribbean regional consultation will start at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, 2 August 2016 and is scheduled to finish by 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, 4 August 2016.

### 2. Accommodation

#### 2.1 Funded participants

Funded participants will be provided with accommodation at the Pedro Figari Hotel. The rooms will be available according to flight arrivals (as per official arrival and departure date for participation in the meeting).

#### 2.2 Non-funded participants

Non funded participants are responsible for making their own accommodation arrangements. Block bookings for non-funded participants exists at Pedro Figari. The price for Single room at this hotel is USD 80 per night.

Please contact [reservas@hotelpedrofigari.com](mailto:reservas@hotelpedrofigari.com) to receive this agreed rate and **specify you will participate on this Meeting**. A list of other hotels near Pedro Figari Hotel is annexed to the present note.



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## **2.3 Guarantee upon check-in, laundry service at the hotel, rooms with mini-bar**

Upon check-in, Pedro Figari Hotel may require a credit card as a guarantee to cover for any soft or alcoholic drinks taken from the mini-bar, personal phone calls, etc. These are considered personal expenses and therefore need to be covered by the participants.

## **2.4 Internet connection**

Internet connection is available, free of charge, both in the room and in the halls of the meeting.

## **3. Transportation**

### **3.1 Transportation for airport-hotel, hotel-airport**

Costs for transport from the airport on arrival and to the airport upon departure must be covered by each participant.

### **3.2 Public transportation and taxi availability in Uruguay**

In the event that a participant should require transportation within the city or elsewhere due to personal reasons, the related charges shall be covered by the participant.

## **4. Meals**

### **4.1 Allergies, vegetarian meals, other requirements**

Should any participant have food allergies, prefer vegetarian meals or have other special requirements, please inform the organizers prior to the start of the meeting.

### **4.2 Lunch and coffee breaks during the meeting**

Breakfast, lunch and coffee breaks are provided by the organizers throughout the duration of the meeting.



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## **5. Financial support for sponsored participants**

Sponsored participants will be provided with a round trip economy class air ticket from their country of origin to Montevideo by the most economic and direct route. Sponsored participants will also receive daily subsistence allowance (DSA) during the meetings, in line with UN rules and regulations, to cover dinners, visa and other incidental expenses. To facilitate the payment of the DSA, sponsored participants are requested to provide their passports and inbound boarding passes to the organizers, at the meeting venue.

## **6. Laptops**

All participants are encouraged to bring their own laptop. In order to limit the use of paper, work material will not be printed. Please make sure to bring suitable power supply/adapters. Wireless internet will be available at the venue.

## **7. Clothing**

The weather in Montevideo in August is quite cold and humid. It is advisable to bring warm clothes. The meeting will be a formal event.

Before travelling consult:

<https://espanol.wunderground.com/global/stations/86580.html>

## **8. Money and Personal Expenses**

Participants are strongly recommended to have cash in the local currency (Uruguayan pesos) for their personal expenses as well as a credit card for use in emergencies.

## **9. Language**

The meeting will be conducted in English.

## **10. Leisure in Uruguay**

The schedule for the meeting is envisaged to be relatively intense. However, we hope you will find time to enjoy Uruguay by night.



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## 11. Emergency Numbers

The following emergency numbers are used in Uruguay:

*Police Department*            **911**

*Fire department*                **104**



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## General Information about Uruguay

### 1. Currency and Banking

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 \$10, \$5, \$2 and \$1.

Cash and traveler's checks are best exchanged at banks or at foreign exchange offices. 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.

### 2. Credit Cards

The most popular credit cards are Visa and MasterCard. These are accepted for payment to most airline companies, hotels, restaurants, shops and supermarkets.

### 3. Climate and Time

Average maximum and minimum temperatures in winter (August) in Montevideo are 16°C and 7°C respectively. For further information on weather, please visit the following web link: <http://www.wunderground.com/weather-forecast/UY/Montevideo.html>

Local time in Uruguay is GMT-3.

### 4. Individual Travel Insurance

The organizers will not provide participants with individual travel insurance. Participants who acquire travel insurance do so at their own expense. It is advisable to arrange individual travel insurance before traveling to Uruguay.

### 5. Language

Uruguayans are Spanish speakers throughout the whole country and no distinct regional dialects are spoken.

### 6. Electrical appliances



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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, F, I and L.

## 7. Country Phone Code

Uruguay's country phone prefix is +598.

## 8. Transportation

Tourists usually prefer taxis, but a good-frequency bus network is also available. A couple of years ago, the traditional black-yellow taxi cabs started their gradual change into the new white cars with yellow roofs and side strips. The new model keeps the classic TAXI sign roof light and the taximeter red flag indicating availability.

If you prefer, you can request a taxi by phone; you will be promptly assisted by the taxi company central. Remember that the taximeter must show zero 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.

Taxis available at the airport are more expensive than those in Montevideo. Yet, 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/transporte.php>

## 9. Food & Beverages

The tap water in Montevideo is drinkable. However, some visitors may be sensitive to the chlorine or minerals it contains; it may be advisable to drink bottled water. For preparing ice cubes or teeth-washing, tap water is perfectly suitable. The consumption of milk, vegetables, fruits, meats or fish is safe.

## 10. Vaccines and Health Care

The country's sanitary conditions are very good, and no special vaccination is required to enter the national territory.



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## Annex - hotels near Pedro Figari Hotel

## List of

Rates for all the below listed hotels include breakfast and WIFI.

### **Carrasco Cottage Hotel**

Address: Miraflores 1360 and Rambla, Carrasco, Montevideo.

Phone: +598 2600 11 11.

Cost: Standard USD 140 per night.

Link: [http://www.hotelcottage.com.uy/#cottage\\_carrasco](http://www.hotelcottage.com.uy/#cottage_carrasco)

### **Regency Rambla Hotel**

Address: Rambla Republica de Mexico 6079, Carrasco, Montevideo.

Phone: +598 2601 55 55.

Cost: Standard USD 130 per night.

Link: <http://www.regencyrambla.com.uy/>

### **Regency Suites Hotel**

Address: Dr. Gabriel Otero 6428, Carrasco, Montevideo.

Phone: +598 2600 13 83.

Cost: Standard USD 140 per night.

Link: <http://www.regencysuites.com.uy/>