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## Latin American and Caribbean (GRULAC) regional preparatory meeting for the 2017 meetings of the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions and working session to address regional specific issues related to ratification and early implementation of the Minamata Convention on Mercury

Sao Paulo, Brazil, 27-31 March 2017



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## Information for Participants

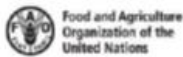
### I. General

1. The Latin American and the Caribbean (GRULAC) regional preparatory meeting for the 2017 meetings of the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions and working session to address regional specific issues related to ratification and early implementation of the Minamata Convention on Mercury is scheduled to be held from Sao Paulo, Brazil, 27-31 March 2017, at the Gran Estanplaza Berrini Hotel, São Paulo – SP. Brazil.

2. The GRULAC regional preparatory meeting for the 2017 meetings of the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions will be opened at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, 28 March 2017 and is scheduled to finish by 6 p.m. on Thursday, 30 March 2017. The working session to address regional specific issues related to ratification and early implementation of the Minamata Convention on Mercury is scheduled during two days. The first day will start at 9 a.m. on Monday, 27 March 2017 and is scheduled to finish by 5 p.m. The second day will start at 9 a.m. on Friday, 31 March 2017 and is scheduled to finish by 5 p.m.

3. CETESB – Stockholm Convention Regional Centre, as Stockholm Convention Regional Centre (SCRC) for Latin America and the Caribbean Region, is co-organizing the meetings.





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## II. Venue of the meetings:

### 4. Gran Estanplaza Berrini Hotel

Rua Arizona, 1517

Meeting room: Literatura Brasileira Room - 2nd floor,

Brooklin Novo - Sao Paulo – SP – Brazil

Phone: +55 11 2162-3500

<http://estanplaza.com.br/mobile/pt-br/hoteis/gran-estanplaza-berrini>

## III. Language

5. The meeting will be conducted in English and Spanish language.

## IV. Registration and identification badges

6. Registrations for these meetings will be open from 8 a.m. on Monday 27 March 2017, for the working session to address regional specific issues related to ratification and early implementation of the Minamata Convention on Mercury and from 8 a.m. on Tuesday, 28 March 2017 for the GRULAC regional preparatory meeting for the 2017 meetings of the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions, at Hotel Gran Estanplaza Berrini, Hall of the Literatura Brasileira Room - 2nd floor.

7. Only the names of duly registered participants will be included in the list of participants.

8. For identification and security reasons, all participants are requested to wear their meeting badges at all times during meetings.

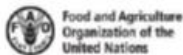
## V. Visa requirements

9. Participants are responsible for obtaining any necessary visa for entering Brazil as well as any transit visa. Check with the Brazilian Embassy or Consulate in your country if you need a visa to enter into Brazil. If support is required, please contact CETESB/SCRC - Ms. Lady Virginia Traldi Meneses ([lmeneses@sp.gov.br](mailto:lmeneses@sp.gov.br) or +55 11 3133-3862) and Ms. Claudia Campanelli ([ccampanelli@sp.gov.br](mailto:ccampanelli@sp.gov.br) or +55 11 3133-3587) at CETESB/SCRC.

## VI. International Certificate of Vaccination

10. **ATTENTION:** An International Certificate of Vaccination against **Yellow Fever** will be required for participants travelling from areas where yellow fever is prevalent. Contact the Brazilian Embassy or Consulate in your country if you require a Certificate.





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## VII. Insurance:

11. The United Nations and CETESB/SCRC accept no responsibility for the death, illness or injury of any participant in a meeting which is not attributable to the performance of services on behalf of the United Nations. You are fully responsible for any expenses incurred as a result of such events and for arranging, at your expense, such life, health, travel and other forms of insurance as you may consider appropriate covering the period of your attendance at the above meetings.

Participants are expected to make their own arrangements for insurance against accidents, if so desired (recommended).

## VIII. Local transportation

12. AIRPORT - Participants should make their own transportation arrangements from Airport to their respective hotels. Guarulhos International Airport (GRU) is located 35 km away from the **Gran Estanplaza Berrini Hotel**. Congonhas National Airport (CGH) is located 5 km away from the **Gran Estanplaza Berrini Hotel**. For your safety, we recommend the following means of transportation:

- TAXI: From Guarulhos International Airport - The company of official taxi service of the Guarulhos International Airport (GRU) is GUARUCOOP, a cooperative of taxi drivers who have a concession to exclusively operate at GRU. The estimated taxi fare from the GRU to the Gran Estanplaza Berrini Hotel is approximately R\$187.00, which corresponds to approximately US\$ 66.50 (February 2017). The fare must be paid in advance, by R\$ Real (current currency), by U.S. Dollars, by Euro or by credit cards. The GUARUCOOP service desks are located on the landing sector of Terminal I, II and III.

From National Airport Congonhas - The estimated taxi fare from the CGH to the Gran Estanplaza Berrini Hotel is approximately between R\$ 25,00 and R\$ 30,00.

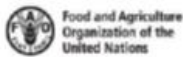
- AIRPORT BUS SERVICE: There is a special airport bus which reaches some hotels in the city. To reach the **Gran Estanplaza Berrini Hotel**, you would have to get the bus line to **Brooklin Novo - World Trade Center**, see attached map. To take the airport bus service, you would need to buy a ticket in the service desks which are located only at the landing sectors of **Terminal 1, 2 and 4** of the Guarulhos International Airport. If you arrive at **Terminal 3** you would need to go to **Terminal 2** to buy the tickets and take the bus service. The ticket rate is R\$42.00 per person, which corresponds to approximately to USD13.00. The bus departs every 2 hours from GRU, starting at 06:00 a.m. The travel time is approximately 1h10min. Further information is available at: <http://www.airportbusservice.com.br>.

## IX. Hotel accommodation

### 13. Funded Participants

CETESB/SCRC booked accommodation, including breakfast, for all funded participants for the entire duration of the meeting at the Gran Estanplaza Berrini Hotel, Rua Arizona, 1517, São Paulo – SP – Brazil





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(venue of the meetings). **Kindly note that the check-in time is from 14h00 and the check-out time is before 12h00.**

14. Non-Funded Participants

- CETESB/SCRC has negotiated special rates for all meeting participants at Gran Estanplaza Berrini Hotel. It is recommended that non-funded participants also stay at the hotel of the meeting venue. Non funded participants are kindly requested to make their own reservations, by sending a message to [commercial@eventox.com.br](mailto:commercial@eventox.com.br), stating that your reservation is a reservation in relation to the “GRULAC preparatory meeting for 2017 BRS Conventions COPs” and “working session Minamata Convention” ORGANIZED BY CETESB/SCRC. Please find below the special rates, including breakfast, at the Gran Estanplaza Berrini Hotel:

Apartments	Rate	
	Single	Double
Collection Room	R\$ 450,00	R\$ 500,00
Suíte Premium	R\$ 675,00	R\$ 675,00
Suíte Master	R\$ 1.150,00	R\$ 1.150,00

- The following hotels are located nearby the Gran Estanplaza Berrini Hotel (see attached map):

**Hilton São Paulo Morumbi**

End: Av. Nações Unidas, 12901, Torre Leste  
São Paulo, SP, Brasil  
Phone: +55 (11) 2845 0000 / 2845 0001  
E-mail / Reservas: [reservations.morumbi@hilton.com](mailto:reservations.morumbi@hilton.com)  
Web: <http://hiltonmorumbi.com.br/>

**Sheraton São Paulo WTC Hotel**

End: Av. Nações Unidas, 12559  
São Paulo, SP, Brasil  
Phone: +55 (11) 3055 8000  
E-mail / Reservas: [reservas@sheratonsaopaulowtc.com.br](mailto:reservas@sheratonsaopaulowtc.com.br)  
Web: <http://www.sheratonsaopaulowtc.com.br/>

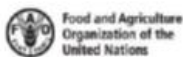
**Wyndham São Paulo Berrini Hotel**

End: Rua Heinrich Hertz, 14  
São Paulo, SP, Brasil  
Phone: +55 (11) 3573 3900  
E-mail / Reservas: [reservas.wbsao@nobilehoteis.com.br](mailto:reservas.wbsao@nobilehoteis.com.br)  
Web: <http://www.nobilehoteis.com.br/hoteis/sao-paulo/wyndham-sao-paulo-berrini/#sobre>

**Hotel The Time Othon Suites**

End: Rua Hans Oersted, 115  
São Paulo, SP, Brasil





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Web: <http://www.othon.com.br/hoteis/hotel-em-sao-paulo/the-time-othon-suites#o-hotel>

### Grand Hyatt São Paulo

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Web: <http://www.pacoteshyatt.com.br/resort/>

### Hotel Premium Flats Berrini

End: Rua Indiana, 1165

São Paulo, SP, Brasil

Phone: +55 (11) 5105 0000

E-mail / Reservas: [sp@ciaux.com](mailto:sp@ciaux.com)

Web: [www.premiumflats.com](http://www.premiumflats.com)

### Estanplaza Berrini

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### Hotel Intercity Premium Berrini

End: Rua Alcides Lourenço da Rocha, 136

São Paulo, SP, Brasil

Phone: +55 (11) 3878 4500

E-mail / Reservas: [reservas@intercityhoteis.com.br](mailto:reservas@intercityhoteis.com.br)

Web: <http://www.intercityhoteis.com.br/hoteis/sao-paulo/hotel-intercity-berrini/>

### Aparthotel Adagio São Paulo Berrini

End: R. Sansão Alves dos Santos, 373

São Paulo, SP, Brasil

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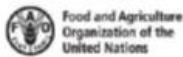
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### TRYP São Paulo Berrini

End: Rua Quintana, 934





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### Prodigy Grand Hotel & Suites Berrini

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E-mail / Reservas: [reservas@prodigyberrini.com.br](mailto:reservas@prodigyberrini.com.br)

Web: <http://www.prodigyberrini.com.br/>

## X. Daily subsistence allowance (only if applicable)

15. Funded participants be provided with Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA) at the United Nations prevailing rates in local currency will be distributed at the meeting venue. The DSA is to cover, according to the United Nations rules, dinner, visa expenses and transport during the attendance to the meetings. Please note that accommodation, including breakfast (during your staying the hotel) and lunch (from 27th to 31st March 2017), has been booked for you at the Gran Estanzola Berrini Hotel.

## XI. Currency

16. The Brazilian currency is Real (R\$) –

Tourism rate: USD \$ 1.00 = R\$ 3.25 (information from 24 February 2017)

## XII. Moving around the city

17. For participants staying far from the Gran Estanzola Berrini Hotel, the fastest and most convenient way to get to the venue of the meetings it is to take Subway (Metrô), yellow line, take train direction to Butantã, get off at the Pinheiros Station, change from the subway station to the train station, Esmeralda line, take train direction Grajaú, and get off at the Berrini Station. The Berrini train station is 500 m far from the Gran Estanzola Berrini Hotel. The ticket price is R\$3,80. Note: Between 07:00 a.m. and 09:00 a.m. and between 05:00 p.m. and 07:00 p.m., the trains are very crowded.

## XIII. Information about São Paulo city

18. Information on Sao Paulo City is available at:

<<http://www.cidadedesapaulo.com/sp/br/o-que-visitar/pontos-turisticos/234-30-programas-imperdiveis-em-sao-paulo>>

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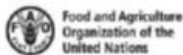
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Weather forecast:

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## XIV. More information

19. For more information regarding logistical arrangements in Sao Paulo, please contact CETESB/SCRC – Stockholm Convention Regional Centre in Brazil, Ms. Lady Virginia Traldi Meneses ([lmenezes@sp.gov.br](mailto:lmenezes@sp.gov.br) ; +55 11 3133-3862; +55 11 991572689), and Ms. Claudia Maria S. Campanelli ([ccampanelli@sp.gov.br](mailto:ccampanelli@sp.gov.br) or + 55 11 31333587).

## XV. Gran Estanzplaza Berrini Hotel Area Map

