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Presentation

This document is intended to provide delegations the necessary information to facilitate their participation in the 93rd Regular Meeting of the Directing Council of the IIN-OAS. Coordination will be available to address any questions about issues of logistics and organization that wishes to address before the meeting and during its development.

Date and place

The 93rd Regular Meeting of the Directing Council of the IIN-OAS will take place on 2 and 3 October 2018 in Panama City, Republic of Panama.

The meeting place

Sheraton Hotel, Via Israel and calle 77 San Francisco Panamá.

General coordination of the meeting

The Organization of the meeting will be provided by Inter American Children’s Institute (IIN-OAS) and the Government of the Republic of Panama, through the National Secretariat for Childhood, Adolescence and Family (SENNIAF).

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**Records of participants**

Registration of participants duly accredited, and observers duly invited, will take place at the Sheraton Hotel, Salon Great Baru, from 8:30 a.m. of the day, October 2, 2018.

Attached you will find a registration form please send in advance to the Secretariat of the meeting, by fax or e-mail, to its better coexistence (annex 1).

**Expenses**

Participants must cover their own costs of air transport, accommodation and international calls, etc.

As host country, Panama will offer refreshments and lunch during the two days of the meeting, as well as a welcome dinner on October 2 at the Taboga lounge of the Sheraton Hotel.

**Country General information**

The isthmus of Panama, has a length of 78,046 km² with S-shape, is located in the heart of the American continent, between the Republic of Colombia (East) and the Republic of Costa Rica (West); the Atlantic Ocean to the North and the South Pacific.

**Population**

4,073,212 inhabitants.

**Language**

Spanish is the official language, however many people speak or understand English.
Religion

The majority of the population practice Roman Catholicism, which does not exclude freedom of religion since there are temples of practically all religions.

Currency

The monetary unit is the Balboa and is on par with the American dollar, being both currencies in circulation in the country.

Climate

The great oceanic masses of the Atlantic and Pacific are the main sources of the high content of moisture in our environment and because of the narrow strip that separates these oceans, climate reflects a strong maritime influence.

The interaction ocean-atmosphere largely determines the properties of heat and humidity of the masses of air circulating over the oceans. The currents are closely linked to the rotation of the Earth and the winds.

There is a zone of confluence of the trade winds in both hemispheres (North and South) that affects the climate of the places that fall under its influence and that for our country is of particular importance: the convergence Intertropical zone (ITCZ), which moves following the apparent movement of the Sun through the year.

This North-South migration of the ITCZ produces the two seasons (dry and rainy) features most of our territory.

- Dry season: January to March
- Rainy season: April to December

Temperatures for the date of the meeting vary between 30 ° / 23 °

Electric power

110 Volt

Phone code

+ (507)
Local time

It is governed by the East zone’s standard time (Eastern Standard Time GMT-5).

Meals

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Local transportation

The National Secretariat of childhood, adolescence and family will take care of the transfer Airport-Hotel - Airport during the dates of the meeting, delegations staying at the hotels suggested in this newsletter.

*Send your itineraries later on 19 September for scheduled transfers.*

Clothing

For sessions, executive clothing is recommended, since all rooms have air conditioning.

Communications

The hotel has available a room with computers and internet connection for guests use.

Internet

In the Conference room the members of the delegations will have wireless internet (wifi) connection.

Language of the meeting

The official language of the meeting will be Spanish. There will be simultaneous interpretation into English.

Security

As in any cosmopolitan city, there are risks that can be avoided by saving prudence. Be careful with your belongings. If you carry with them valuables (money, jewelry, documents, etc.), it is preferable to store them in a safe inside the hotel.
If you exit the hotel try to do so accompanied and do not carry visible valuables. If you plan to make use of a taxi, ask the hotel reception information on any company that will offer you a secure service. It is not recommended to take any vehicle.

If during the course of the meeting you carry a laptop, camera, video camera, or any other equipment, always take them with you. Do not leave them in your seat or refer them to third parties.

**Accommodation**

**Sheraton Hotel (where the meeting will take place)**

Via Israel and calle 77 San Francisco, Panama

- Single Deluxe Room: USD 115.00 + 10% IMP.
- Double Deluxe Room: USD 115.00 + 10% IMP.

For reservations at the Sheraton Hotel you can access the link:

[https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/events/start.action?id=1806055896 & key = 291BC21E](https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/events/start.action?id=1806055896 & key = 291BC21E)

**Hotel Aloft (is the same chain and connects with the Sheraton Hotel)**

- Deluxe sensilla: USD 95.00 + 10% IMP.
- Deluxe double room: USD 95.00 + 10% IMP.

For reservations of the Aloft Hotel can access the link:

[https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/events/start.action?id=1806055899 & key = A608469](https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/events/start.action?id=1806055899 & key = A608469)

This rate includes: buffet breakfast, high speed wireless internet, courtesy shuttle to Multiplaza Pacific Mall (prior coordination and according to the timetable established previously).
**Requirements for entry and departure from the country.**

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<td><strong>Visa</strong></td>
<td>It is the authorization granted to a foreigner to enter the national territory, as non-resident, for a certain time and request those citizens of countries requiring prior authorization of the service for reasons of immigration policy National migration, to enter the country. This authorization request it from their respective countries (in the Panama consulate in your country) or can request a lawyer that he resides in Panama. They must meet all the requirements that require migration and if visa approves them is notified to the Consulate of Panama, in that country that will stamp the visa in the passport and the person may travel to Panama. This visa, the foreigner must specify if visa is tourist (in this case specify the time you want) or declare that it intends to reside and migration decides if grant it or not and that time will give abroad to be in Panama.</td>
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<td><strong>Card of Tourism</strong></td>
<td>The country that can enter a Panama tourist card do not need visa only acquires the airline a tourist card which costs B. 10.00 the filled with the requested information and presents it with your Passport at the entrance to Panama. From here the importance the importance of immigration classification that makes the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. If the person belongs to a country that can enter Panama, with stamped visa or tourist card, it means abroad has two options or request the visa before the Panamanian Consulate and you can reach Panama visa already stamped in your passport or purchase card tourism in the airline or on arrival. If the person belongs to a country that is classified as a visa only, has no choice, to enter Panama you must request previously in the Panamanian Consulate, will stamp you visa. In all cases it is required to meet other requirements of entry to the country. (Economic solvency, passport with a minimum validity of six months and passage from back home).</td>
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<td><strong>Agreement of Suppression of Visas</strong></td>
<td>Countries listed in this category have concluded agreements with Panama in virtue of which exonerate each other visa requirement to enter the other country.</td>
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For information about requirements for visa’s Member States, we recommend that you consult the page web:  [http://www.migracion.gob.pa](http://www.migracion.gob.pa)

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