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Information for Participants

Venue

The Hotel Panamericano will play host to the Assembly. The hotel offers excellent conference facilities with extensive in-house services. The Panamericano boasts stylish rooms, outstanding personal service and a central location, making it the ideal choice for the delegates. It is situated near the historic Obelisk and the Teatro Colón Opera House – one of the world's greatest opera houses. The hotel is right in the centre of the financial and commercial districts where you will also find shops, restaurants, theatres, galleries and museums. High standard, moderately priced accommodation is available within a safe 10 minutes walk from the GA8 venue.

IAPB Secretariat

The IAPB secretariat will operate from Salon 'Sarmiento' located on the first floor (1er Piso) in Hotel Panamericano during the Assembly. Participants may get in touch with Secretariat for any information and assistance from August 21, 2008.

Internet Facility

Hotel Panamericano is Wi-Fi enabled, and internet service is available to participants at USD 9 per day (including taxes).

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About Buenos Aires

Buenos Aires, capital of the Argentine Republic, is located in the southern hemisphere. Including the metropolitan area, the total population of “Greater” Buenos Aires is over ten million, making it one of the 10 most populated urban centers in the world.

Buenos Aires is known for its intellectual flair, European style architecture and distinguished culture and charm. The official language is Spanish. Buenos Aires has always been known for its extraordinary cultural environs: museums, cinemas, theatres and shows offer endless possibilities for entertainment. Plays, musicals, variety theatre, and guided tours are available and of course, the city is the world capital of tango. Argentina is a football-loving nation and you will run into many aspiring ‘Diegos’, ready for a game, around most street corners.

Buenos Aires is well connected by most international airlines. While the Ezeiza International Airport is on the city outskirts, the city is easily reached by taxi and bus.

Currency

The Peso is the currency of Argentina. Locally, the ‘\$’ sign is used to denote pesos. Each peso is divided into 100 centavos. Approximately, 1 US Dollar is equal to 3.0 Argentine pesos.

Climate

The climate is mild all year round and the mean annual temperature is 18° C (64.4° F). It is winter in Buenos Aires from June 21 to September 20. While July is the coldest month, in August, a woolen coat, a jacket or an overcoat and a scarf would be advisable when going out. The temperatures range between 16°C and 6°C in August with a mean temperature of 11°C.

Electric Power

Electric power in Argentina is 220 volt, 50-cycle alternating current. Power outlets have 2 cylindrical holes or 2 flat holes, with ground connection. It is convenient to bring an adaptor for these outlets to use your electric devices without problems.

Transport in the city

There are multiple means of transport to go around Buenos Aires – subtes or subterraneo (subway), colectivos (buses), and interurban railways (or trains). Taxis are however a common means of transport because they are safer and more economical than other cities. Radiotaxis are considered safer than other taxis. There are many taxis in the city and getting a taxi near the tourist areas is easy any time of day or night. Taxis can be easily recognised by their colour, black and yellow taxis.

You can also order for a taxi from the Panamericano hotel desk.