SECOND MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE REGIONAL AGREEMENT ON ACCESS TO INFORMATION, PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND JUSTICE IN ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

Buenos Aires, 19 a 21 April 2023

BRIEFING NOTE
I. INTRODUCCIÓN

The Second meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Regional Agreement on Access to Information, Public Participation and Justice in Environmental Matters in Latin America and the Caribbean (Escazú Agreement) will be held in person in Buenos Aires, Argentina, from 19 to 21 April 2023.

The aim of the extraordinary meeting will be to elect the inaugural members of the Committee to Support Implementation and Compliance and consider any other matter decided by the Parties. The purpose of this document is to provide delegations with the necessary information to facilitate their participation in the meeting.

II. ENTRY AND EXIT REQUIREMENTS FOR ARGENTINA

Every person who arrives to Argentina must be in possession of a valid national passport and, when necessary, the corresponding visa issued by the Argentine consular authorities.

Nationals of countries bordering the Argentine Republic, as well as nationals of Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Venezuela, may enter the country with an Identity Document. If you have any questions, contact the consulate of the Argentine Republic in your country as soon as possible.

Countries that require an entry visa to the Argentine Republic: Holders of common, official or diplomatic passports that require visas to attend the aforementioned event should contact the Argentine Consular Office in their country. For more information on the type of visa required, please visit: https://www.argentina.gob.ar/interior/migraciones/entrada-y-salida-del-pais

Applications must be filed with the corresponding consular office of Argentina. The contact details of these offices is available at https://www.cancilleria.gob.ar/es/representaciones

More information about the visa process can be found at the following link https://www.cancilleria.gob.ar/es/servicios/visas/visa-para-assist-congresos-y-ferias-o-realizar-actividades-tecnicas-cientificas

Participants are requested to keep the entry form, which will be issued upon arrival to Argentina. The same will be requested by the immigration authorities upon departure.

III. COUNTRY INFORMATION

General information

The Argentine Republic is located in South America and its territory covers 3,761,274 square kilometres. The country is bordered to the east by Brazil, Uruguay and the Atlantic Ocean; to the west and south by Chile; and to the north by Paraguay and the Plurinational State of Bolivia.

More information is available at: https://www.argentina.gob.ar/pais.
### Useful information for your stay

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<th>The official language of Argentina is Spanish.</th>
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<td>The currency is denominated in coins of 1, 2, 5 and 10 pesos and banknotes of 10, 20, 50, 100, 200, 500 and 1,000 pesos. Credit cards are widely accepted in shopping centres, restaurants and cashpoints. The current exchange rate can be checked at: <a href="https://www.bna.com.ar/Personas">https://www.bna.com.ar/Personas</a>.</td>
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<td><strong>Telephone codes</strong></td>
<td>The country calling code is 54 and the area code for the city of Buenos Aires is 11.</td>
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<td><strong>Electricity</strong></td>
<td>The electricity supply in Argentina is 220 volts, 50 Hertz of alternating current (AC). Sockets have two cylindrical holes or three rectangular holes including an earth. It is advisable to travel with an adapter for these sockets.</td>
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<td><strong>Climate</strong></td>
<td>The weather in Buenos Aires in April 2023 has temperatures that range between 16°C and 22°C. Since it is already autumn, some rain can be expected, so it is suggested to bring an umbrella. You can check the weather day by day at the following link: <a href="https://www.smn.gob.ar/pronostico">https://www.smn.gob.ar/pronostico</a></td>
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| **Shops and other businesses** | Banks and currency exchanges: Monday to Friday, 10 a.m.–3 p.m.  
**Business offices**: generally, 9 a.m.–12 p.m. and 2–7 p.m.  
**Shops and other businesses**: Monday to Friday, 9 a.m.–8 p.m. Saturdays, 9 a.m.–1 p.m.  
**Cafés and bistros**: almost always open, with a 2–6 a.m. break.  
**Restaurants**: lunch is served from 12:30 p.m. onward and dinner from 8:30 p.m. Many establishments offer fast food at all hours. It is customary to tip 10% of the amount of the bill in cafés and restaurants, as well as to give small tips to doormen, porters and ushers. |

**Official website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship:**  
[https://www.cancilleria.gob.ar/en](https://www.cancilleria.gob.ar/en)
IV. MEETING INFORMATION

1. Venue

This meeting is face-to-face and there will be a live broadcast.

The opening session of the Second Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Escazú Agreement will take place on April 19, 2023 at the Kirchner Cultural Center (CCK).

Centro Cultural Kirchner
Address: Sarmiento 151 (C1041), Ciudad Autónoma de Buenos Aires
Website: https://cck.gob.ar/.

The sessions on April 20 and 21 will be held in the Grand Bourg Room - located on the 1st floor of the Libertador Hotel
Address: Avenida Córdoba 690, Ciudad de Buenos Aires, Argentina
Tel: (54) 11 4321-0000
T 54-11-4321-0032 // M +54-11-6894-3716
https://www.libertadorhotels.com/

2. Meeting of Heads of Delegation

The meeting of Heads of Delegation will take place between 3:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. at the Hotel Libertador. https://acuerdodeescazu.cepal.org/cop2/en/programme/meeting-heads-delegation-states-parties

3. Opening session

The opening session of the meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 19, and will be held in the Argentina Room, located on the 2nd basement of the Kirchner Cultural Center (CCK).

4. Meeting coordination

The meeting is organized by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC). The Escazú Agreement Secretariat (Carlos de Miguel, David Barrio and Gabriela Burdiles) is available to participants for substantive inquiries related to the Meeting (secretaria.escazu@cepal.org ) Tel.: (+56) 2 2210 2310).

Questions about operational aspects should be addressed to María Paz Rivera mariapaz.rivera@un.org and Carla López carla.lopez@cepal.org

5. Online registration and registration of participants

Registration of participants is available at the meeting website https://acuerdodeescazu.cepal.org/cop2/en (link for registration https://eventos.cepal.org/event/96/registrations/). All those interested in participating must complete the online registration and, if accepted, will receive an approval email.
The registration for the public was closed once the number of registrants doubled the available room capacity. In the case of Government delegates, this online registration does not replace the requirement of sending an official note indicating the names of the head or the head of the delegation and the members who will accompany him.

In the case of representatives of the States Parties, it is essential to have credentials in order to participate in decision-making.

Name badges for previously registered and accepted participants will be handed out starting on Wednesday, April 19 at 12:00 p.m., in the Link Space located on the ground floor of the Libertador Hotel, right next to the main staircase. Participants will receive an identification (Name Badge) that, for security reasons, will be required to attend all sessions.

6. Credentials of Parties

In order to take part in decision-making at the meeting, parties must be accredited. Credentials for the head of a delegation, alternate representatives and advisers are issued either by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs. Information regarding any change in the composition of the delegation should be submitted using the same procedure.

Parties are invited to submit electronic versions of credentials by Wednesday, 6 April 2023, to facilitate the clearance process. Electronic copies of credentials can be sent to secretaria.escazu@cepal.org

Models of credentials in Spanish and English are available at the conference page.

7. Hotel reservation

The Escazú Agreement Secretariat has reserved a limited number of rooms, at a special rate for ECLAC, in the hotels indicated below:

- **HOTEL LIBERTADOR (5*)**
  AV. Cordoba 690, Buenos Aires
  Phone: (+54) 11-4321-0032 // Mobile +549-11-6894-3716
  Att: Tomás Nacht
  Email: tomas.nacht@libertadorhotels.com
  [https://www.libertadorhotels.com](https://www.libertadorhotels.com)
  Standard single/double room: USD 130* + IVA per room sgl/dbl and includes buffet breakfast and free Wi-Fi in the rooms and common areas.
  * The City Tourist Tax “Visit BA – Law 6278” must be paid directly at the hotel for a value of USD 1.50 per passenger per day

- **HOTEL NH BUENOS AIRES CITY (4*)**
  Bolívar 160, Buenos Aires
  Phone: (+54) 11 4121 6464
  Att: Luisa Patiño
  Email: lf.patino@nh-hotels.com
  To make the reservation use the following link:
  Link in English: [https://www.nh-hotels.com/event/cepal](https://www.nh-hotels.com/event/cepal)
  nhcollectioncentrohistorico@nh-hotels.com
  Standard single/double room: US$ 138* + IVA
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Each participant is responsible for making their reservation and the corresponding payments directly with the hotel. To make reservations, please use the form included at the end of this information. All reservations must be guaranteed with a credit card number (number, expiration date and security code) of the passenger. Reservations must be requested directly from the selected hotel before March 30, 2023. After that date, the hotel reserves the right to change the rate and does not guarantee room availability. Each delegate is responsible for their reservation and must ensure that their request has been processed by the hotel and request the corresponding confirmation number or code.

8. Transportation from and to the airport

The round trip transfer between the airport and the hotel is the responsibility of each participant. At the airport there are several companies that offer the transfer service to and from the airport at any time.

9. Internet access

In the spaces assigned to the meeting and in the conference rooms, the delegates will have a wireless Internet connection (wifi).

10. Languages

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

11. Meeting documents

All official documents and declarations will be available for consultation and download on the website [http://acuerdodeescazu.cepal.org/cop2/es](http://acuerdodeescazu.cepal.org/cop2/es)

In accordance with the principles of environmental sustainability of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and in accordance with other intergovernmental decisions adopted by ECLAC and the United Nations, the meeting will make efficient use of paper. There will be no document reproduction service at the meeting venue.

12. Medical services

The government will provide adequate medical services for the provision of first aid within the venue of the meeting. Any major medical expense must be covered by the affected party. Delegates are recommended to purchase international medical insurance to cover major medical expenses.

13. Office for Press Services

In order to facilitate coverage of the Second Meeting of the Conference of the Parties, an office for press services will be established close to the conference room.
Journalists who wish to cover the meeting should send an email expressing their interest to acuerdosescazu@ambiente.gob.ar

Once this request is received, the team from the Secretariat of Climate Change, Sustainable Development and Innovation of the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development of Argentina will indicate the steps to follow for its final registration.

Accreditation will be available at the venue on the days and times indicated in the meeting Program: https://acuerdosescazu.cepal.org/cop2/es/programa
**HOTEL RESERVATION REQUEST**

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Reservation requests must be sent directly to the chosen hotel by March 30, 2023.