

JOINT SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE
THIRTY-FOURTH SESSION

Item: INF 1

BRASÍLIA, BRAZIL, 27-31 May 2013

LOGISTICAL INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

(Submitted by the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation, Brazil)

Venue

The meeting will be held at the:

Carlton Hotel Brasília
Setor Hoteleiro Sul - Q.5 - Bloco G
CEP: 70.322-913 - Brasília – DF - Brazil

The Carlton Hotel is located in the central area of Brasilia, the Federal District of Brazil. It meets all the requirements to provide a good venue and service for the JSC-34 meeting.



Brasilia is the capital district of Brazil and it has been inaugurated in 1960 in the country's central plateau. It represents a masterpiece of modern architecture listed as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO and attracts architecture aficionados from many places in the world. The original "central area", named as "Plano Piloto", is home to about 400,000 people. The so-called satellite cities (15 to 40 kilometres away) concentrate the remainder of the 2.2 million inhabitants of Brasília (Distrito Federal).

"Brasiliense" is the name given to those that are born in Brasília. "Candango" is the term that is given to those pioneers who built the city and still live in Brasília. More detailed info can be found at <http://wikitravel.org/en/Brasilia>

The Carlton hotel is close to many local attractions in Brasilia, namely:

1) Praça dos Três Poderes

"The Square of the Three Powers" is the most important civic touristic point of the capital. It is a wide open space surrounded by the three buildings that represent the three powers of the Republic: the Presidential Palace(Executive), Federal Supreme Court (Judiciary) and the National Congress (Legislative). Besides those palaces, the Praça dos Três Poderes, includes the following sculptures: "The Warriors" by Bruno Giorgi, considered as a symbol of Brasília; and the "Justice Sculpture" of Alfredo Ceschiatti. We can still see the Pyre of the Homeland and Marco Brasília, in honor of the Unesco Act that considered Brasilia a World Cultural Heritage.



2) Itamaraty Palace

The Itamaraty Palace is the headquarters of The Ministry of External Relations of Brazil. The building, one of the most well-known work of Oscar Niemeyer, is surrounded by a reflecting pool that shelters the famous sculpture "The Meteor", by Bruno Giorgi.



3) TV Tower

Projected by Lúcio Costa, this is one of the few important monuments in Brasília that is not a creation by Oscar Niemeyer. The Tower is 224 m high and serves as the main antenna for TV and radio stations. An observation deck near its top can be accessed, providing one of the most beautiful 360° view of the city.

4) Sara Kubitschek City Park

The Park has a total area of 4.120 square meters and has been designed by Oscar Niemeyer and Burle Max. It provides many attractions for visitors such as bike tracks, lakes, racing kart tracks, children playgrounds and barbecue places in public areas.

More information on Brasilia and its local attractions can be found at:

<http://www.carltonhotelbrasil.com.br/index.php/content/view/444/brasil.html>

Immigration and Health Requirement

A valid passport (and visa, if applicable) is necessary for all persons entering Brazil. More information on entry and health requirements can be obtained from the Embassy of Brazil in your country.

Get to Hotel From Airport

You may take a taxi to the hotel and the taxi fare is less than BRL 50 (approx. USD 25). Please make sure the driver uses the taxi meter and ask for your receipt. In case you need help, you can call the local organizer that will be at your disposal to provide assistance.

You can print the following sign and take it with you when you travel.

Por favor, gostaria de ir para o Carlton Hotel, no endereço Setor Hoteleiro Sul - Quadra 5 – Bloco G

Please take me to Carlton Hotel, at Setor Hoteleiro Sul - Quadra 5 - Bloco G

For further assistance, please contact Mr Andrei Polejack

Tel.: +55 61 2033 7587 or +5561 9222 4905

There is also an Executive Bus line (line 113) that departs from the airport to the Hotels and Central Brasília on a cost of about USD 4 (BRL 8,00). The service is available daily from 6:30 am to 11:00 pm with the itinerary: Airport, Esplanade, Plano Piloto Bus Station, North and South Hoteliers sectors, back to the Airport. The time table of this line can be found at:

<http://www.tcb.df.gov.br/sites/300/400/00000766.pdf>

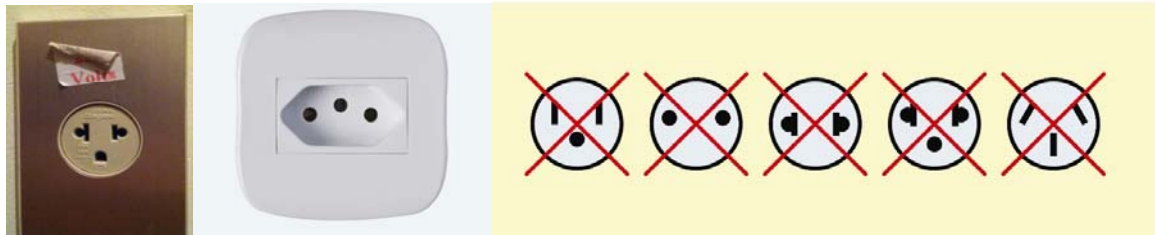
Money

Local currency is the Brazilian Real (BRL), with the approximate value 1 USD = 2,00 BRL, 1 EUR = 2,60 BRL (Exchange rates as of 15 March 2013). The exchange rates are subject to daily variations. Brazilian currency is decimal. Notes come in 100, 50, 20, 10, 5 and 2 Reals (R\$). Coins come in 05c, 10c, 25c, 50c and R\$1,00 denominations. Exchange rates can be viewed at <http://www.bcb.gov.br/?ENGLISH>

Major currencies can be exchanged at the hotel, banks or exchange booths nearby. The most common credit cards (e.g., Visa, MasterCard) are accepted in major hotels and restaurants.

Electricity

The electric power in Brasilia is 220V, 50/Hz, and there has been a recent change on the plug pattern used in Brazil. Therefore, some old models may still be available at the Carlton Hotel. If your appliance’s plug has a different shape, you may need a plug adapter.



Model at Carlton Hotel Rooms

New Model

Old Models

Accommodation

The local Organizing Committee has arranged a special fare for those checking in at Carlton Hotel, highly competitive by comparison to the surrounding hotels. A certain number of rooms have been blocked for JSC-34 meeting participants and confirmation is required as soon as possible. We strongly suggest this option in terms of logistical comfort during the meeting, especially considering there will be a national holiday on May 30-31 and also the upcoming games for the 2013 FIFA Confederation Cup.

The local organizing committee will help with room reservations. Please fill in the **hotel reservation form** and return it to Mr Andrei Polejack (jsc34brazil@mct.gov.br) by email, no later than **10 April 2013**.

See below for room rates, including breakfast (normally served at the restaurant La Fontaine).

Rooms are provided with wireless internet and/or cable at an approximate cost of USD 12/day). Late reservations will be dependent on room availability. Please note that each participant is responsible for his/her own hotel payment; a credit card is needed when checking in.

Apartment type	Regular Fare	Special Fare Mon to Thu	Special Fare Fri to Sun
Single	R\$ 510 / USD 255	R\$ 290 / USD 145	R\$ 185 / USD 92,5
Double or Twin	R\$ 580 / USD 290	R\$ 350 / USD 175	R\$ 225 / USD 112,5
Executive Suite	R\$ 870 / USD 435	R\$ 550 / USD 275	R\$ 450 / USD 225
Luxo Suite	R\$ 1.070 / USD 535	R\$ 680 / USD 340	R\$ 580 / USD 290

Taxes to be included:

- Ten percent (10%) service charge;
- Room Tax of \$ 2.00 per night;

Weather and Climate

For information on the temperature during May, daily weather forecasts etc, please visit the websites either at:

<http://www.cptec.inpe.br/cidades/tempo/224>

or at

<http://www.accuweather.com/en/br/brasil/43348/weather-forecast/43348>

Time

The Brazilian Standard Time is three hours behind of UTC/GMT (-3).

Additional Information

The Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MCTI) is responsible for the local arrangement of the meeting. Should you require further information regarding the meeting, please contact:

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