



SECOND MULTI-STAKEHOLDER FORUM ON THE ROLE OF TELECOMMUNICATION/ICTS FOR DISASTER MANAGEMENT

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PRACTICAL INFORMATION

1. VENUE

The Venue will be at Hotel Comos 100, Bogotá, Colombia.

2. ACCOMMODATION

Participants are requested to book their hotel room directly to the hotel of their choice. A complete list of recommended hotels for accommodation will be provided soon.

3. FLIGHTS AND TRANSPORTATION

El Dorado is the Colombian International Airport, which is situated within the city limits of the City of Bogotá. International Airlines with direct flights to Colombia are:

Aerogal, Aerolíneas Argentinas, Aeroméxico, Air Canada, Air France, Aires, American Airlines, AviancaTaca, Continental Airlines, Conviasa, Copa Airlines, DAE, Delta Airlines, Iberia, Insel Air, Jetblue Airways, LAN, Lufthansa, Oceanair, Spirit Airlines, TAME and Tiara Air.

For airport-hotel transfers and for security reasons, participants are advised to take only the taxis located at the exit point of the airport, right after the arrivals and meeting point at the airport where both International and Domestic arrivals take place. For further information please visit:

<https://eldorado.aero/en/>

4. VISA REQUIREMENTS

All foreign visitors entering Colombia must be in possession of a valid passport. Delegates, from countries who do not have visa exemption agreements with Colombia, should contact the Consular Section of the Embassy or Consulate General of Colombia in their country (or closest to their location), or information and advice on how to apply for an entry visa for Colombia. Information on countries that have restriction to

enter to Colombia can be found in the following link: <http://www.colombia.travel/en/practical-information/visa>

5. OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

Spanish is the official language. English is spoken widely, especially in the tourist sites. Concerning tourist services, facility exists to provide guides in English and Spanish.

6. USEFUL INFORMATION

Colombia is a South American country, with the city of Bogotá as its capital. Bogotá is located in the center of the country at 2,600 metres above sea level. With a population of almost 8 million inhabitants, this city is considered as the most diverse and cultural place in the entire country, with many touristic sites to visit and activities to carry out.

✓ WEATHER

Bogotá has an average temperature of 14 °C, which may vary between 9°C and 22 °C. The dry and rainy seasons alternate throughout the year, the driest months are December, January, February, June, July and August, and the rainiest are March, April, May, September, October and November.

✓ TIME ZONE

Bogotá, Colombia is UTC/GMT - 5 hours.

✓ CURRENCY

The official currency in Colombia is the Colombian peso COP \$, which is emitted by the Colombian Republic Bank. The Exchange rate fluctuates daily and as of 26 April 2012 1 USD = 1757.50 COP. The exchange of the currency must be done exclusively in the authorized exchange bureau, airports, hotels and banks, never in the streets.

✓ ELECTRICITY

Colombian appliances operate on 110 volts (60 Hz), which is identical to the US voltage. A universal adaptor is required for overseas electrical devices. Main wall sockets (or power outlets) and plugs for 110 volts are two parallel flat blades. If those sockets are different from the ones used in your country you will need a socket converter.

For more information about Colombia and Bogotá, please visit: <http://www.colombia.travel/en> and <http://www.bogotaturismo.gov.co>.