

Sixth expert meeting of the Working Group on Geospatial Information of the Inter-agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goals

Instituto Nacional de Estadística y Geografía, México City, México
9 – 11 March 2020

Information Note

Preamble

In this information note, you will find all relevant information about the logistics for the sixth expert meeting of the Working Group on Geospatial Information (WGGI) of the Inter-agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goals Indicators, including accommodation, venue, visa and general information about México City.

Dates

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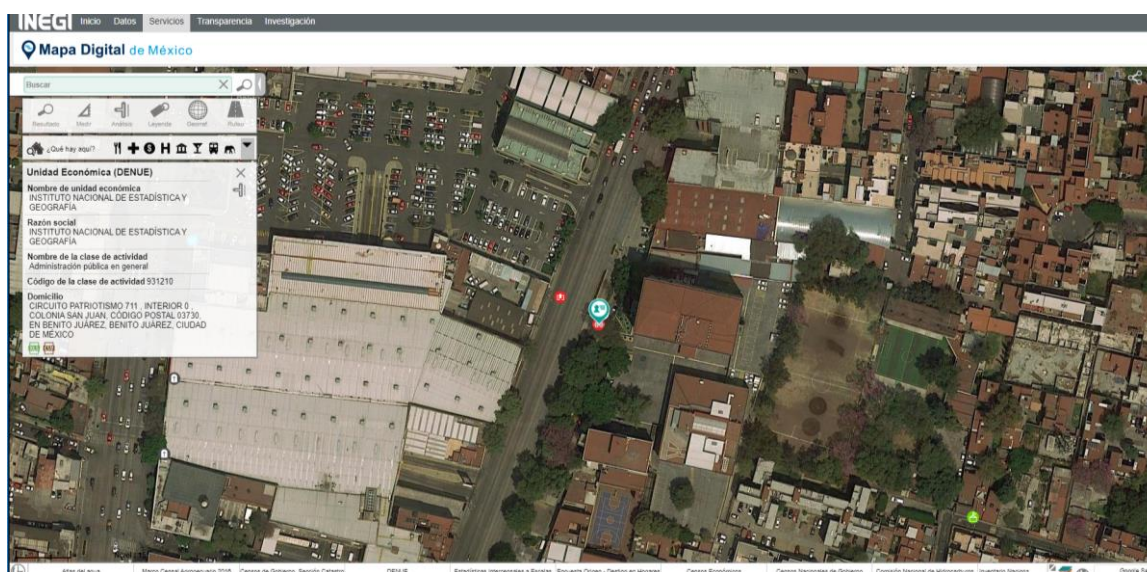
Venue

The sixth expert meeting of the Working Group on Geospatial Information will be held at the México City Headquarters of **Instituto Nacional de Estadística y Geografía** (National Institute of Statistics and Geography) (INEGI), located at:

Av. Patriotismo 711-A
Colonia San Juan, Mixcoac C.P. 03730,
Ciudad de México.

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<http://gaia.inegi.org.mx/mdm6/?v=bGF00jE5LjM3OTQ4LGxvbjotOTkuMTg0MTgsejoxNSxsOmMxMTFzZXJ2aWNpb3M=>



<https://www.google.com.mx/maps/place/INEGI+Torre+A/@19.3795592,-99.1861037,18.25z/data=!4m5!3m4!1s0x85d2001e04aba9a9:0xe82c8d14a0d7c879!8m2!3d19.3796498!4d-99.1850454>

Access by Public Transportation:

Nearby Metro/Metrobus Stations are:



Metro Mixcoac
(7/12 Lines)



Metro San Antonio
(7 Line)



Metrobus Parque
Hundido (Line 1)



Metrobus Ciudad de
los deportes (Line 1)

LANGUAGE

The working language of the sixth expert meeting of the Working Group on Geospatial Information is English.

Immigration Requirements

PASSPORTS:

Travel to Mexico requires passport that is valid for at least 6 months from the date of entry.

VISAS:

A visa is required, except in certain cases. For citizens of countries not requiring a visa, you can obtain a Blue Tourist Card for tourism purposes from your airline, on direct flights, or from a Mexican Consulate before travelling. Please note that Mexico does not issue visas at any Mexican port of entry.

A foreign citizen holding a valid passport and having any of the following documents does not require a Mexican visa:

- a) Valid multiple entry visa from the United States of America.
- b) A document certifying permanent residence in Canada, USA, Japan, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, or any of the countries of the Schengen Area.
- c) APEC Business Traveler Card (ABTC) approved by Mexico.

Holders of Diplomatic, Official or Service Passport:

To verify if you require visa on your national passport to enter Mexico, please go to the following link: <http://serviciosconsulares.sre.gob.mx/images/stories/dgsc/pdf/visasordinarios.pdf>

In case you require a visa, please contact the Mexican Consular Office where you intend to apply, to obtain the requirements for your visa.

Holders of Ordinary Passports:

To verify if you require visa on your national passport to enter Mexico, please go to the following link: <http://serviciosconsulares.sre.gob.mx/images/stories/dgsc/pdf/regnoordinario.pdf>

Additional information can also be found in the following website:
<http://www.mexperience.com/lifestyle/mexico-essentials/mexico-entry-requirements/>

Accommodations

Arrangements for accommodation and hotel reservation shall be made by each individual participant. A list of hotels is provided below. Please note that a credit card is normally required to make a reservation.

Hotels near INEGI offices (10 -20 min):

Fiesta Inn Insurgentes Sur

Mercaderes No. 20 Col, San José Insurgentes, 03900 Ciudad de México

Tel: +52 (55) 5482 9130

<https://www.fiestainn.com/es/web/fiesta-inn-insurgentes-sur>

Holiday Inn Ciudad De Mexico-Trade Center

Ave Revolución 583 Col. San Pedro de Los Pinos Col, San Pedro de los Pinos

Tel: +52 (55) 5278 9950

https://www.ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/us/en/mexico/mextc/hoteldetail?cm_mmc=GoogleMaps- -HI- -MX- -MEXTC

Crowne Plaza Hotel De Mexico

Calle Dakota 95, Colonia Nápoles

Tel: +52 (55) 11641164

<https://www.ihg.com/crowneplaza/hotels/us/es/reservation>

Courtyard Marriot

Ave. Revolución 333, Col. Tacubaya,

Tel: +52 (55) 56270220

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/mexrv-courtyard-mexico-city-revolucion/>

Filadelfia Suites – Hotel Boutique

Filadelfia 42, Col. Nápoles,

Tel: +52 (55) 5523 5222/+52 (55) 6732 7766

<http://suitesfiladelfia.com.mx/>

Hotels in the Condesa Zone (20-35 min from the INEGI offices):

Hotel Parque México Petit

Av Nuevo León 100, Colonia Condesa, Cuauhtémoc

Tel: + 52 (55) 5286 6319

<https://www.facebook.com/hotelparquemexicoavnuevoleon/>

Casa Mali by Dominion

Av México 107, Hipódromo, Cuauhtémoc

Tel: +52 (55) 5564 0017

<https://www.dominioncondesa.com/>

Hotels in the Polanco Zone (20-45 min from INEGI offices):

Hyatt Regency

Campos Elíseos No. 204, Polanco, Polanco Chapultepec, Miguel Hidalgo

Tel: +52(55) 5083 1234

https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/hotel/mexico/hyatt-regency-mexico-city/mexhr?src=corp_lclb_gmb_seo_latam_mexhr

JW Marriott Hotel Mexico City

Andrés Bello 29, Polanco, Polanco IV Secc, Miguel Hidalgo

Tel: +52 (55) 5999 0000

<https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/mexjw-jw-marriott-hotel-mexico-city/?scid=bb1a189a-fec3-4d19-a255-54ba596febe2>

Presidente InterContinental Polanco

Campos Elíseos 218, Polanco, Polanco IV Secc, Miguel Hidalgo

Tel: + 52 (55) 5327 7700

<https://www.presidenteicmexico.com/es-es.html>

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Benito Juarez International Airport

Benito Juárez International Airport of Mexico City, both Terminal 1 and Terminal 2, offers all the commercial services that meet the needs of globalized commerce and travels including banks, money exchange.

AIRPORT TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

Terminal 1

+ (52 55) 2482 2424 and 2482 2400

Terminal 2

+ (52 55) 2598 7000

TAXIS AT THE AIRPORT:

Authorized Taxis

This service offers comfort and safety during your transportation from the Airport to your destination. These are the only taxis authorized by the Ministry of Communications and Transport (SCT) of the Federal Government. Taxis are in operation 24 hours a day, 365 days a year in Terminal 1 and Terminal 2, and there are two modes of service: Ordinary service in a sedan type vehicle for 4 passengers, and executive service in 8 passenger vans.

Porto Taxi, Sitio300 and Nueva Imagen. The Terminal 1 taxi boarding areas are located at entrances 1 and 10; and in Terminal 2, boarding areas are located at entrances 3 and 4.

Taxi rates are registered under the Transportation and Communications Ministry (SCT) and include passenger insurance, civil liability and medical expenses for all occupants. To receive the taxi service, you must purchase the corresponding ticket previously at the authorized sale points located within the Airport.



SITIO 300
+52(55) 5571 9344
www.sitio300.com



CONFORT
+52(55) 5615 4658 and 5615 3447
www.taxisconfort.com
(Terminal 2 only)



NUEVA IMAGEN
+52(55) 8421 3701, 8421 3702 and 5716 1616
www.taxisdelaerpuerto.com.mx



PORTO TAXI EJECUTIVO
+52(55) 5786 8993 and 5786 8212
<http://portotaximexico.com>



UBER APP
The UBER application works in Mexico City, however, due to the high demand for the service in the Airport area, there can be a wait of between 15 to 30 minutes to hail a ride.

Other option for taxi services is SERVITAXIS, this company is very safe and provide services in all city areas. Their cabs are red and gold in color. Local Phone: 5516 6020. URL: <http://www.gnsitaxi.com.mx/#/home>

Weather

Mexico City is characterized by a temperate climate with moderate temperatures throughout the whole year. Autumn and early winter is one of the nicest seasons in the city, as the rainy season has just ended, and weather is characterized by mild temperatures up to 20°C with almost cloudless sunny skies and light breeze and fresh. Before sunrise and after sunset, temperatures can drop to 10 °C or slightly below.

Sometimes, the winter season can be cold and dry, and rarely experiences snowfall. Relatively warm clothing is advised, as morning and nighttime can be cool.

To check for current weather condition Mexico City, please refer to:
<http://www.weather.com/weather/today/MXDF0132>

Electricity

In México the power plugs and sockets are of type A and B. Check out the following pictures.



Type A: This socket has no alternative plugs



Type B: This socket also works with plug A

Time Zone

To check the time difference between Mexico City and your country, please refer to
http://www.worldtimeserver.com/convert_time_in_MX-DIF.aspx

Safety

Foreign visitors to Mexico City need not be overly concerned with their safety. However, it is necessary to take the usual precautions whilst travelling abroad and when in crowded areas. It is advisable to keep important things like personal identification, valuable items and money in a safe place.

As the majority of people prefer speaking Spanish, it is a good idea to explore the city with someone who can speak Spanish, especially at night.

Currency and Exchange

The official currency is the Mexican Peso. However, major credit and debit cards are accepted in most commercial establishments. Nevertheless, it is advisable to carry some cash as there are small establishments that do not accept credit cards. Credit Cards are a convenient way to pay for transactions. American Express, Visa and Master Card (among others) are accepted virtually everywhere in Mexico City. For more information visit:
www.mastercard.com/atmlocator/index.jsp or www.visa.com/atm, the 2 most popular networks.

There are fees and daily limits associated with withdrawing money using the above networks. Please check with your bank for this information.

Traveller's cheques are another good and safe alternative. Be sure to keep a record of their serial numbers, so you are ensured a refund in case they are lost. Other currencies especially Euros and Canadian Dollars can be exchanged in most places. However, few banks or currency exchange centres accept different currencies. Currency exchange rates can be consulted at Banco Nacional de Mexico (Banamex). (www.banamex.com/).

Additional Information

Mexico City is one of the largest metropolitan areas in the world, with 16 boroughs and more than 300 neighborhoods. It might seem a bit overwhelming to the first-time visitor, though it does not have to be.

Many of the most visited tourist attractions in Mexico City are concentrated downtown, at the *Centro Histórico*, as *Plaza de la Constitución* or *Zócalo*, the National Palace, Metropolitan Cathedral, *Templo Mayor*, Palace of Fine Arts and the Alameda Park. Located west of the *Centro Histórico*, the *Plaza de la República* is home to the newly refurbished Revolution Monument and National Museum.

Chapultepec Park, the largest in Mexico City, is divided into three sections, and is home to some of the capital's top tourist attractions, including Chapultepec Castle, the Modern Art Museum, the National Museum of Anthropology and the Tamayo Contemporary Art Museum. Keep in mind that, with a few exceptions, most museums and archaeological sites in Mexico City are closed on Mondays.

Some other tourist attractions are located in the neighborhoods of Mixcoac, *Zona Rosa*, *Colonia Roma*, *Colonia Condesa*, *Coyoacán* and *San Ángel*, where you can find lovely parks, plazas, shops, markets, coffee shops and some of the top places to visit in Mexico City. These artsy neighborhoods are especially popular among visitors to the city and foreign residents.

Mixcoac, the area around INEGI, is a traditional neighborhood, home to Nobel Laureate Octavio Paz, and to numerous churches, historic buildings and sites that include:

- Glorieta de Goya roundabout & park
- Old textile factory (Antiguo Obraje de Mixcoac) - Universidad Panamericana: previously a silk clothing factory and now part of the university
- Instituto Mora, formerly home of former (XIX century) president Valentin Gomez Farias and Irineo Paz
- Centro Cultural Juan Rulfo: former city hall built under President Porfirio Díaz, now a cultural center
- Casa de la Campana ("House of the Bell")
- Plaza Jaurégui: Main square
- House of Joaquín Fernández de Lizardi
- Galería Arte Quimera

Churches include the Parroquia de Santo Domingo de Guzmán (a.k.a. Ex Convento y Parroquia de Santo Domingo de Guzmán y Capilla de la Virgen del Rayo, *Ex-Convent and Parish of Santo Domingo de Guzmán and Chapel of the Virgin of the Ray*), first founded in 1595.

Coyoacán, named for the coyotes that once roamed around this former village, previously separate from Mexico City, has been home to everyone from Cortés and his Indian mistress La Malinche, to Frida Kahlo, Leon Trotsky (both of their houses are now museums open to visitors).

Cobblestone and quaint, this area is a favorite with Mexican families for a traditional Sunday stroll and has maintained its bohemian flavor.

The main campus of **Mexico's National Autonomous University (UNAM)**, located further South of Mexico City, is known for its architecture and impressive murals—the work of some of Mexico's top artists, such as Diego Rivera and Juan O'Gorman. There you can also find the University's Contemporary Art Museum (*MUAC*), within the University Cultural Centre, which hosts a variety of events and performances.

Further south, you can find **Xochimilco**. The ancient Aztec city of Tenochtitlan, Mexico City, was originally founded in the Valley of Mexico over the ancient Lake of Texcoco. The Aztecs built an intricate network of canals to navigate the city. After the arrival of the Spanish in 1519, most of the Aztec structures and canals were destroyed and replaced with modern roads and buildings. At Xochimilco you can still see and travel through some original canals.

The Turibus tour is a great way to get an overview of the city. The Turibus is a double-decker bus that takes visitors on a guided audio tour through the heart of Mexico City, including Chapultepec Park, historical colonias Condesa and Roma, *Centro Histórico* and the *Zócalo*, as well as up and down Mexico City's major thoroughfares Reforma Avenue and Juárez. Visiting Mexico City isn't complete without a tour of the major museums, parks, historical sites and centers. If your time is limited, but you still want to experience some of the great sights and places that Mexico City has to offer, The *Turibus - Circuito Turístico* is the best way to see it all in a day. And, you can do it without leaving your seat. <http://www.turibus.com.mx/#1>

For additional tourism information: <http://www.visitmexico.com/>