



**Ninth Session of the United Nations Regional
Committee on Global Geospatial Information
Management for the Americas (UN-GGIM:
Americas)**

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**VII Meeting of the Group of Experts of UN-GGIM
in Integration of Statistical and Geospatial
Information**

**November 28 to December 02, 2022
Santiago de Chile**

INFORMATIVE NOTE

INTRODUCTION

The Ninth Session of the United Nations Regional Committee on Global Geospatial Information Management for the Americas (UN-GGIM: Americas) will take place between November 28 and 30, 2022.

On December 1 and 2, the VII Meeting of the UN-GGIM Group of Experts on the Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Information will be held. Both activities will be carried out in person, at ECLAC headquarters in Santiago de Chile.

The purpose of this document is to provide the delegations that will attend these meetings with useful information to facilitate their participation.

The coordinators of the meeting will be at your disposal to answer any query regarding administrative, logistical and organizational matters, before the meeting and during its development.

If you make a request via email, please consider keeping a copy for the coordinators of this event.

GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Since October 1, 2022, the country's health situation corresponds to an open scenario, this means that greater flexibility is granted to the restrictions.

The opening scenario involves:

- Use of Mask: It is mandatory only in health facilities, while its use is recommended for people with symptoms of Covid-19, in passenger transport and in crowds.
- Mobility Pass: It is no longer required.
- Capacity: Restrictions on open and closed spaces are eliminated.
- Mass events: No restriction.

For your trip take into consideration:

At the time of embarking to Chile, every person must have proof of vaccination issued by the country where the vaccination was performed. If the traveler does not have a vaccination schedule from his country, he must present a negative result of a PCR test no later than 48 hours before arrival in Chile.

Although it is not mandatory to have health insurance, it is suggested that all attendees obtain travel insurance with coverage for medical and hospital expenses that includes coverage for SARS CoV 2 (COVID19).

VISA AND REQUIREMENTS FOR ENTRY TO THE COUNTRY

To enter Chile, delegates must have a valid passport valid for more than six months from the date of entry into the country. Delegates from Argentina, Brazil, Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Uruguay, Paraguay and Peru can enter with their identity cards or equivalent documents.

For more information visit the following link: <https://immichile.netlify.app/>

LANGUAGE

The Ninth Session will be held in Spanish and English. To facilitate communication between the participants, there will be a Spanish-English and English-Spanish simultaneous interpretation service.

EVENT

The Ninth Session will take place in the offices of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), located at Avenida Dag Hammarskjöld 3477 Vitacura, Santiago de Chile.

<https://goo.gl/maps/8TQYnp6nztasqLV8A>

ECLAC FACILITIES AND SERVICES

Internet

In the conference rooms and in the open spaces of ECLAC, the participants will have a wireless Internet connection (WIFI).

Bank

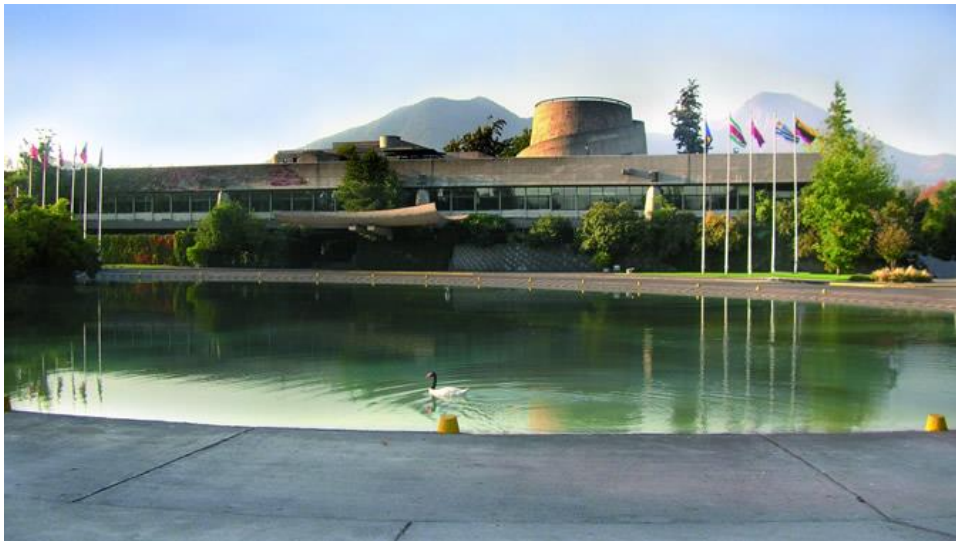
Banco de Chile has an agency located in the basement. Its opening hours to the public are from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Foreign currency can be exchanged from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Medical services

Clinic, located in the zócalo (office Z-210), annex 2333, participants will only receive first aid care. The hours of this service are from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and from 2:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Foods

ECLAC has a cafeteria and an institutional dining room, which operates continuously from 09:00 to 17:00. These services must be paid for directly by the participants.



TIME ZONE

The time zone of Santiago de Chile corresponds to UTC/GMT −3.

GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION

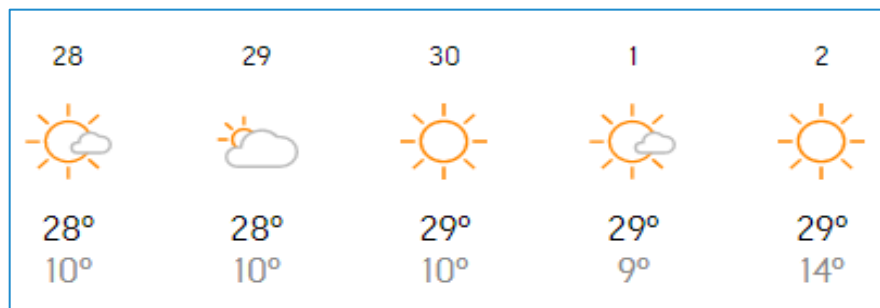
Chile is located in the southwestern tip of South America. Its capital is Santiago and the total population of the country is close to 19 million inhabitants. It is located between the Pacific Ocean and the Andes mountain range and its long and narrow geographical area is politically divided into 16 regions.

THE CAPITAL

Santiago, with almost 8 million inhabitants, is the capital of the Republic. Its climate is Mediterranean and has marked seasons, ranging from rainy winters, with temperatures of up to 0 °C (from May to September), to dry summers, with temperatures close to 30 °C (from November to March). The nights are warm and the relative humidity is low.

ESTIMATED WEATHER

The weather in Santiago during November is pleasantly warm, during the day and at night. Average high temperatures are around 29°C and lows around 10°C.



For more information visit the following link:

<http://www.meteochile.gob.cl/PortalDMC-web/index.xhtml>

BADGE

The Chilean local currency is the Chilean peso (\$). The current exchange rate is approximately 1 USD: 960 Chilean pesos.

Currency exchange can be done at banks, hotels and the airport. All major hotels, restaurants and shops accept international credit cards including Visa and MasterCard.

ELECTRICITY

In Chile, plugs and outlets type C / L are used. The voltage is 220 V and the frequency is 50 Hz.

It is suggested to bring the appropriate adapter as needed.



AIRPORT-CITY TRANSPORTATION

Participants can take international flights to the Arturo Merino Benítez Airport (SCL) in Santiago de Chile. From the airport to the city the transfer is approximately 30 minutes.

From the Airport to the city there are different ways to get to your destination:

official taxis They are located at the exit of the airport and the rate is between 30 and 35 dollars depending on the destination of the city to which you are going.

<https://www.nuevopudahuel.cl/desde-hacia-el-aeropuerto?target=taxis>

busesshared bound for the city center. It includes stops in the most important meters of the route.

<https://www.nuevopudahuel.cl/desde-hacia-el-aeropuerto?target=buses>

Vehicle rental individuals for days.

<https://www.nuevopudahuel.cl/desde-hacia-el-aeropuerto?target=arriendo-vehiculos>

Shared transfer bound for a particular address.

<https://www.nuevopudahuel.cl/desde-hacia-el-aeropuerto?target=transfer>

LOCAL TRANSPORTATION

To get around the city, there are a variety of services available.

Taxis that are taken on the street, these have a taximeter where the user can observe the amount to pay. They are paid in cash at the end of the tour.

Prepaid taxi applications like Uber or Cabify work very well in the city.

<https://www.uber.com/cl/es/>

<https://cabify.com/cl/santiago/cabify-corp/tarifas>

Santiago Metro (underground railway) It has 7 subway lines that connect the city. To use it, you must have a card (bep!), which corresponds to the official means of payment and can be purchased at any metro station.

<https://www.dtpm.cl/index.php/sistema-transporte-publico-santiago/metro>

buses corresponds to urban public transport that operates in the metropolitan area of the city of Santiago. It integrates bus services with the Santiago metro, so a card (bip!) is also required to use the buses.

<https://www.red.cl/>



OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

The quality of the water in Santiago is drinkable, however, visitors are advised to drink bottled mineral water.

As in all large cities, for security reasons it is recommended not to wear high-value jewelry or neglect wallets or briefcases in public places.

ACCOMMODATION

It is recommended to make a reservation at one of the three hotel alternatives indicated below. All of them are within walking distance to and from ECLAC.

Hotel Director Vitacura (**)**

<https://director.cl/>

A 15-minute walk from ECLAC

Av. Vitacura 3600, Vitacura

<https://goo.gl/maps/FyZt5UEJJxH8FSxF8>



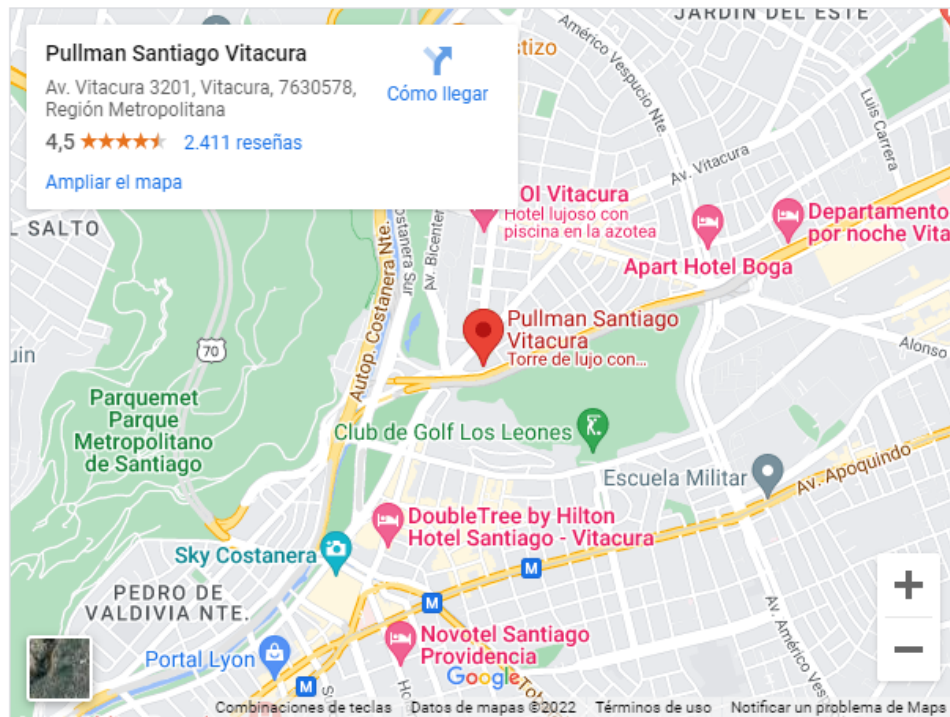
Hotel Pullman Vitacura (**)**

<https://www.pullmansantiagovitacura.cl/>

A 10-minute walk from ECLAC

Av. Vitacura 3201, Vitacura

<https://g.page/pullman-santiago-vitacura?share>



Hotel NH Casacostanera (**)**

<https://www.nh-collection.com/es/hotel/nh-collection-santiago-casacostanera>

13 minutes on foot from CEPAL

Av. Nueva Costanera 3900, Vitacura

<https://g.page/NHCollectionCasacostanera?share>



In the annex you will find the reservation form, which must be filled out and sent by email directly to the contact person indicated there, for each of these hotels.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, participants may opt for other accommodation options if they deem it convenient or necessary.

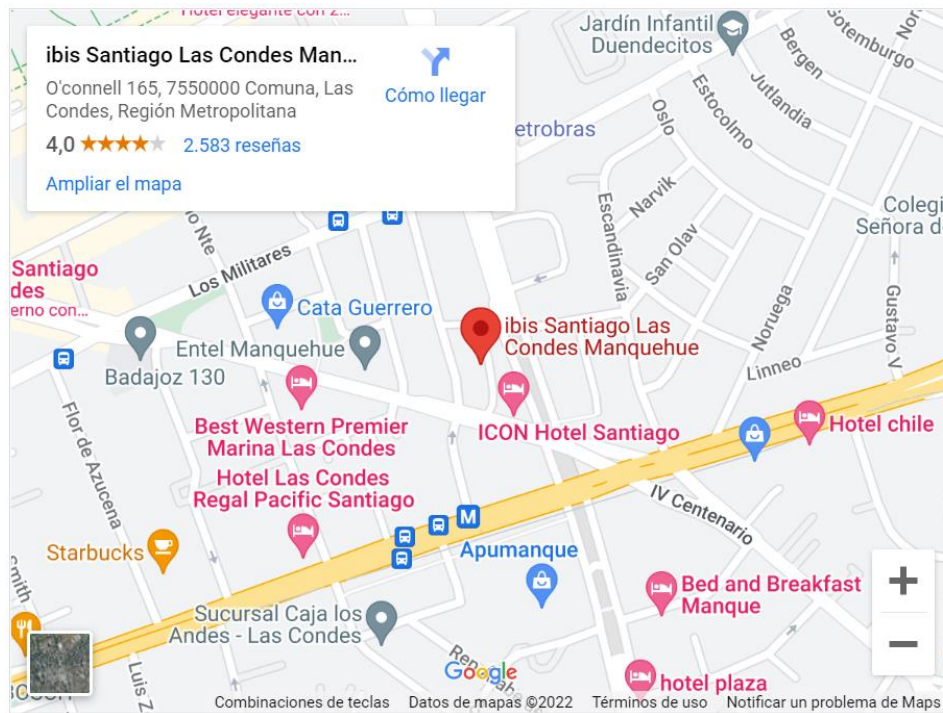
Next, other hotel alternatives are given in which you can make reservations (you must do it directly with the hotel).

Hotel Ibis Las Condes Manquehue

<https://all.accor.com/hotel/7933/index.es.shtml>

13 minutes by car from CEPAL
O'Connell 165, Las Condes.

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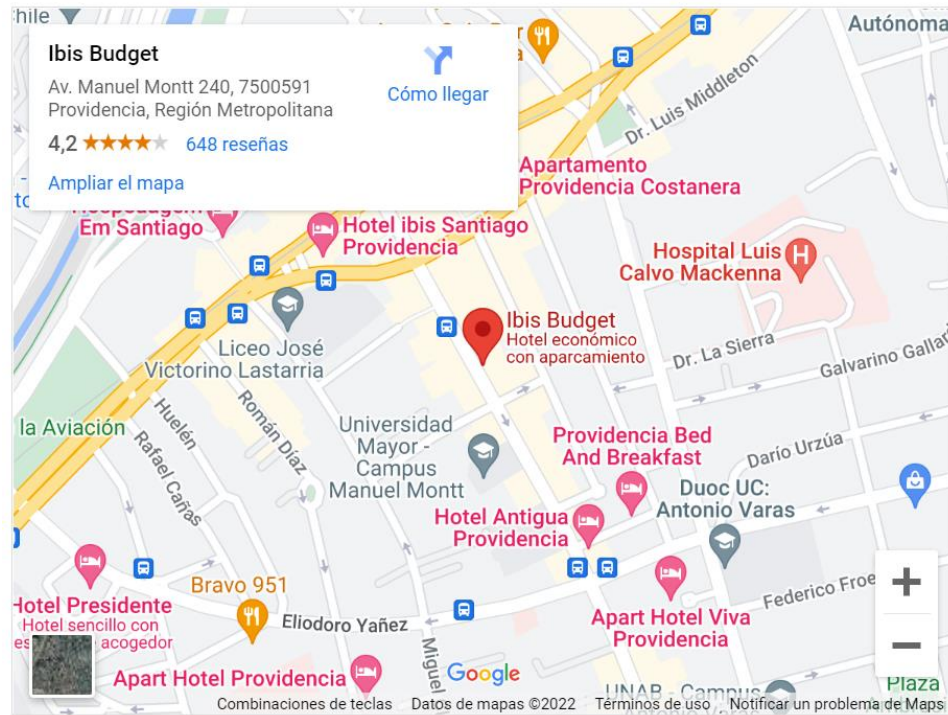


Hotel Ibis Budget Providencia

<https://all.accor.com/hotel/9869/index.es.shtml>

16 minutes by car from ECLAC
Av. Manuel Montt 240, Providencia.

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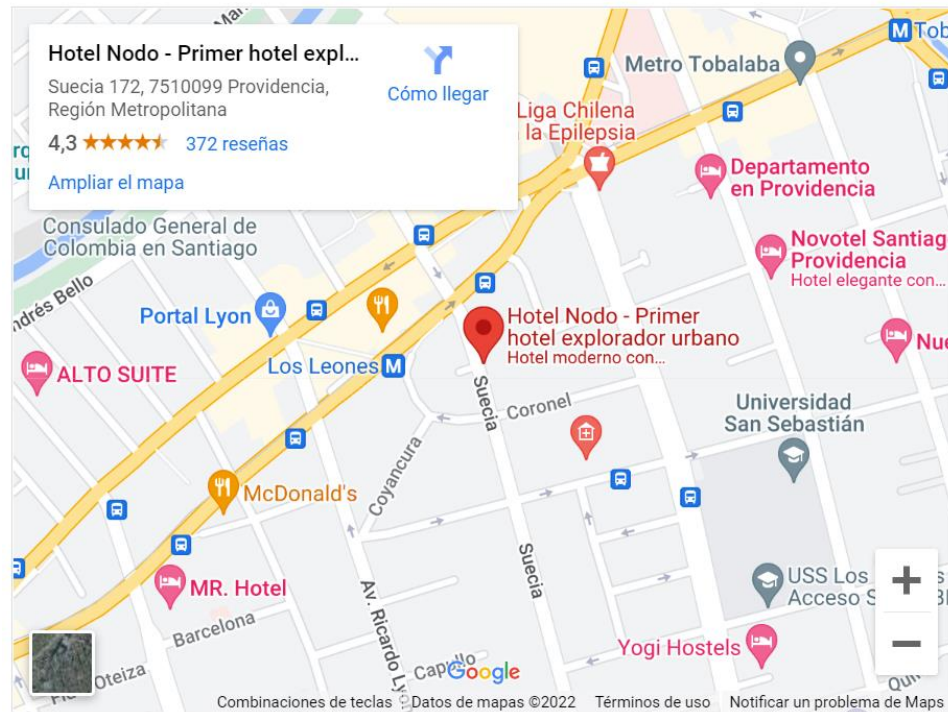


Hotel Node Providencia

<http://hotelnodo.com/>

16 minutes by car from ECLAC
Suecia 172, Providencia.

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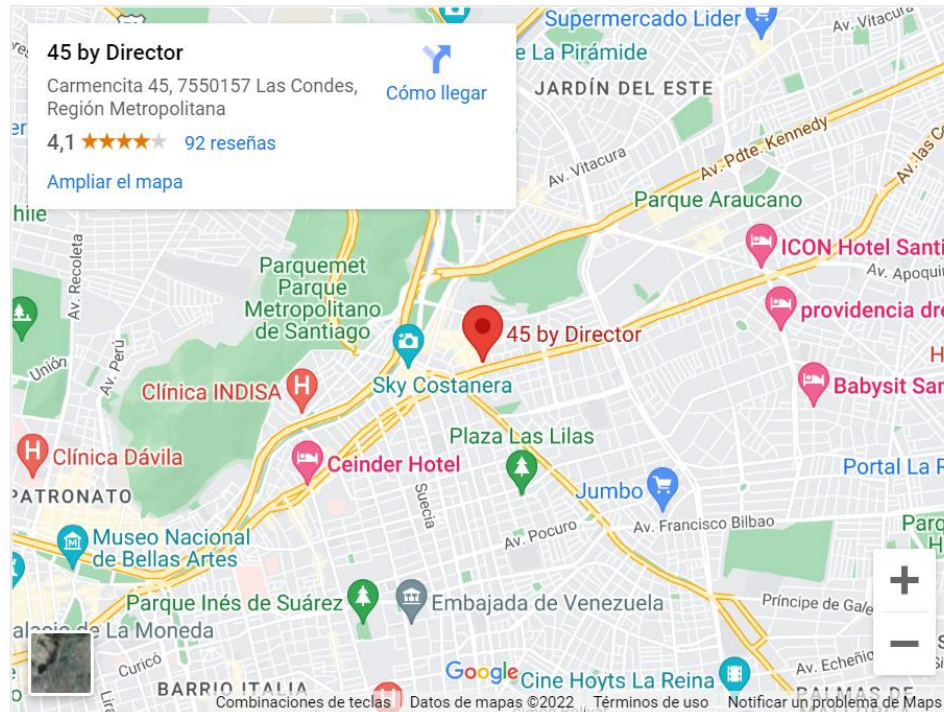


Hotel 45 by Director

<https://45bydirector.cl/>

14 minutes by car from ECLAC
Carmencita 45, Las Condes.

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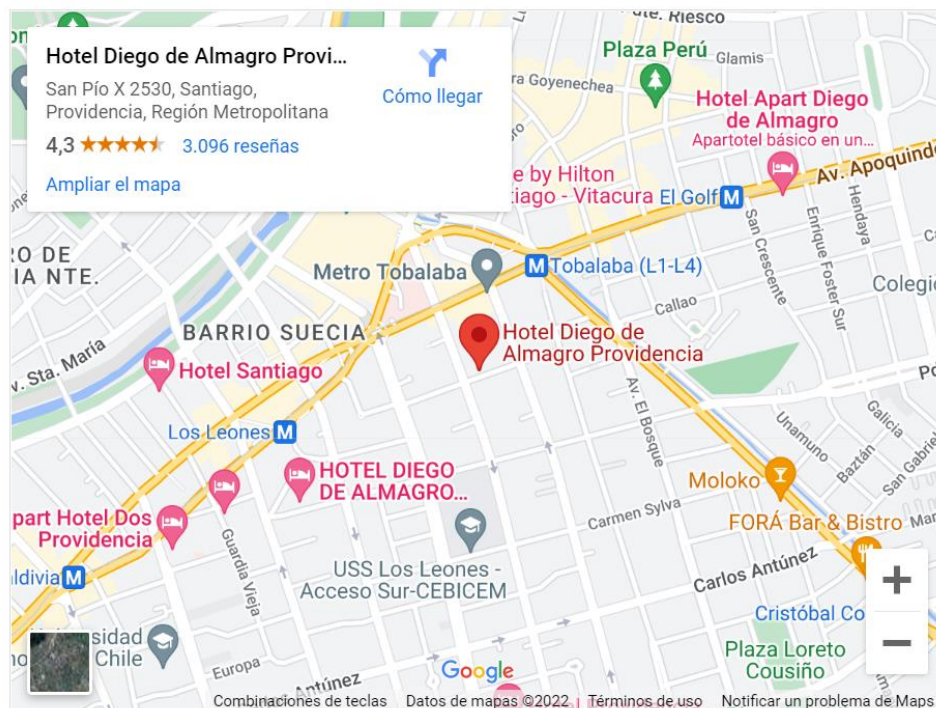


Hotel Diego de Almagro Providencia

<https://www.dahoteles.com/en/accommodation/hotel-diego-de-almagro-providencia>

14 minutes by car from ECLAC
San Pio X 2530, Providencia.

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FOODS

In most hotels, breakfast is included as part of the rate. During the ninth session, ECLAC has a cafeteria and an institutional dining room, which operate continuously from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. These services must be paid for directly by the attendees.

Coffee service is considered during breaks for attendees.

DRESS CODE

The dress code for attendees is formal/semi-formal.

ADMISSION OF PARTICIPANTS TO ECLAC FACILITIES

The official entrance of the participants to the ECLAC facilities will begin on Monday, November 28, starting at 08:30. You will be previously requested to send your full name, passport number, country of origin and institution.

CONTACT POINTS

In case of any requirement or query, please contact our coordination focal points, who will also be available to help you during the event. Please keep everyone in a copy if communication is via email.

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