



V International Conference FOR THE WORLD BALANCE
“With all and for the good of all”
Dialogue of civilizations
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Havana Cuba

Outreach event on IPCC activities and findings, Havana, Cuba
26 January 2023

Information for participants

Introduction

The outreach events on IPCC activities and findings will take place at the Havana International Convention Center, on 26 January 2023. The main objective of the event will be presenting the key findings from the three recently released contributions to the IPCC Sixth Assessment Report on the Physical Science Basis, on Impacts, Adaptation and Vulnerability, and on Mitigation of Climate Change. IPCC Lead Authors and officials will also participate in additional outreach activities on 27 January outside the Conference venue: event with national journalists and event with economists, social scientists and university students.

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1 – Documents for Participants

Information about the outreach events on IPCC work, activities and findings (26 – 27 January 2023) is available here: <https://apps.ipcc.ch/outreach/aboutevent.php?q=675>

IPCC website: www.ipcc.ch

This IPCC outreach events on IPCC work and findings are organized within the V International Conference for the World Balance (25-28 January 2023). This Conference is hosted and organized by the José Martí Programme within the Ministry of Culture of Cuba:

<http://www.porequilibriodelmundocuba.com/es/invitation>

2 – Venue and logistics

Event venue: Havana International Convention Center (Palacio de las Convenciones de La Habana).

Address: *Calle 146, entre 11 y 13, Playa, La Habana, Cuba*

Website: <https://www.eventospalco.com/es/contenido-pagina-de-inicio/welcome-to-our-company>

How to get there?

The most common way is to take a flight to Havana airport. Transportation services can be available to pick-up participants, particularly those who chose the Accommodation Packages for Participants included in this Note, which the Organizing Committee strongly recommends (see Annexes I & II).

Accommodation and meals

The PALCO Hotel**** is the venue hotel to all congresses & events held at the Convention Center. Guests will enjoy comfortable rooms, as well as facilities & services surrounded by a pleasant and quiet ambience. Participants can access the conference halls in minutes via a walking tunnel with a number of shops and various other facilities to the visitor. Lunch facilities are available at the venue at the expenses of the participants. Accommodation and meals are also available at the Palco Hotel, right next to the venue, also at the expenses of the participants (see Annex I). In addition to Palco Hotel, participants can also consider the accommodation options offered by AMISTUR Cuba in Hotel Copacabana*** and Hotel El Viejo y el Mar***** (see Annex II).

It is highly recommended for all delegates to book the Palco hotel due to its close proximity to the venue; or to book the accommodation options offered by Amistur Cuba, which include transfers to the venue and back to the hotel on 26 January, and transfers to the IPCC side-events and back to the hotel on 27 January.

Visa

It is the responsibility of participants themselves to check visa requirements applicable to their country. If you require a visa and have not informed us about this yet, please do so as soon as possible. Participants supported by IPCC who need a visa to enter Cuba are required to provide the Local Organizing Committee (rpichs@yahoo.com.mx / psicologoken@gmail.com) the following information as soon as possible:

- Full name as in the passport.
- Passport Number
- Place and day of birth
- Nationalities
- Country of residence
- Institutional Affiliation
- Copy of the main page of passport to be used (photo page)

The organizers will provide the above information to the Foreign Affairs Ministry to facilitate the visa application processes at the corresponding Cuban embassies.

If needed, the Local Organizing Committee, will provide you with an invitation letter. Please contact them at rpichs@yahoo.com.mx / psicologoken@gmail.com for further details.

Registration at the venue

There will be a registration desk where participants can register and collect badges.

3 – COVID-19-related regulations and other health issues

COVID-19:

Participants are no longer required to show proof of vaccination to enter Cuba. However, rules and regulations regarding COVID-19 may change at short notice and we will keep you informed in case of changes. The Local Organizing Committee will do their best to assist participants but cannot be held accountable for unforeseen restrictions and last-minute changes.

Where applicable, we ask all the participants to adhere to the rules and regulations regarding COVID-19. We recommend that you bring several facemasks with you; and take a self-test prior to the event. Neither the organizers nor the venue can be held accountable for exposure to COVID-19 or any consequences thereof. Extra costs associated with quarantine and extended stay will not be covered by the hosts and organizers.

It is recommended to check national official sources for more information. Daily updates on Covid-19 in Cuba: <https://salud.msp.gob.cu/category/covid-19/>

To facilitate your entry to Cuba, it is also recommended to fill and keep (printed or digital version) the form D'Viajeros: <https://dviajeros.mitrans.gob.cu/inicio>

Vaccinations / health insurance

- Participants are responsible for checking the vaccination requirements for Cuba.
- Participants are responsible for obtaining comprehensive international travel and health insurance for the duration of their stay. The Local Organizing Committee and hosts disclaim all responsibility for medical, accident and travel insurance, for compensation for death or disability, for loss or damage to personal property and for any other costs or losses that may incur during travel or participation in the event.

4. Electricity

The voltage in Cuba is generally 110 volts, even though in some outlets you may get 220 volts, and they will be signed as such.

Two prongs thin plug is the one mostly used in Cuba. Power plugs and sockets are of type A, B and C.



5. Weather

During January in Havana, Cuba, the temperature ranges from high 26.4 °C (79.5 °F) to minimum 18.8 °C (65.8 °F). Monthly precipitation in January, in Havana, averages 70.2 mm.

<i>Havana, Cuba</i>	<i>December</i>	<i>January</i>	<i>February</i>
Max. Temperature	28.5 °C 83.3 °F	26.4 °C 79.5 °F	27.6 °C 81.7 °F
Min. Temperature	20.6 °C 69 °F	18.8 °C 65.8 °F	20.3 °C 68.5 °F
Monthly rainfall	55.8 mm	70.2 mm	12.2 mm

6. Currency

The currency used in Cuba is Cuban Peso (CUP).

You can bring many types of currency to the island and exchange it for pesos once you arrive (see, for reference: www.bc.gob.cu), however most of your payments during the event will be requested by credit cards or national pre-paid cards as indicated below. If you decide to change a foreign currency to Cuban pesos, be aware that it is not possible to change that amount back into any hard currency. CADECA (money exchange locations) accepts many types of currency. The Euro is still considered to be the currency of choice to bring to Cuba. It is practical, convenient and widely accepted. Despite the Cuban peso being the only official currency in Cuba, there are stores that sell products like groceries, appliances, and other home goods that can be purchased by **using prepaid credit cards (only VISA and Mastercard) issued by non-US banks.**

Travelers and tourists who visit Cuba and have credit or debit cards that are not accepted in Cuban businesses (e.g., those issued by US banks), may buy a prepaid card (tarjeta prepago) in the national territory. This will be valid for the payment of goods and services in the commercial network in freely convertible currency (MLC, in Spanish).

Requirements to obtain the prepaid card:

- Identification document: foreign passport
- Cash amount equivalent to 5 USD to buy the card
- Amount in cash (in hard currencies except for the USD, such as euros, CHF, GBP, and others) for the equivalent value of 1000 USD, 500 USD or 200 USD to recharge the prepaid card. Values in USD used here are only referential, as cash in USD is not accepted for recharging the prepaid cards.

Places to obtain the prepaid card:

- The Credit and Commerce Bank (BANDEC) with branches throughout the national territory
- The Exchange Houses (CADECA) located at airports, tourist poles and in networks distributed throughout the national territory

7. Contact information

Local Organizing Committee of the Outreach event of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) activities and findings:

- Head of the Committee: Celso Pazos-Alberdi (National IPCC Focal Point to the IPCC / General Director of the Institute of Meteorology of Cuba): celso.pazos@insmet.cu / celsopazosalberdi@gmail.com (+53.5286.7015 –Mobile & whatsapp / Spanish)
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Organizing Committee of the V International Conference FOR THE WORLD BALANCE:

- Head of the Committee: Héctor Hernández-Pardo (Deputy Director of the Jose Marti Program Office): hpardo2006@yahoo.es ; hpardo@cubarte.cult.cu

Comprehensive package:

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Website: <http://www.eventospalco.com/es/eventos/>

ANNEX I. CONGRESS PACKAGES FOR DELEGATES AT HOTEL PALCO

In House Facilities:

• 178 rooms • Restaurant a la carte • Grill • Lobby Bar • Pool Bar • Business Center • Tourist Desk Customer Service • Adult pool • Pool chairs • Elevators • Sauna • Car park • Currency exchange office • Hairdressers • Boutiques • Conference rooms • Room service • Laundry • Internet hrs • Taxi • Around the Clock Security Service.

Room facilities

(Standard Room)

• 2 twin beds or king size • Air conditioning • Private bath w/tub & shower • Amenity kit • PC with Internet access • Hairdryer • Cold & hot water • TV cable • Radio • Minibar • Towels • 110 v.

Congress packages for delegates at hotel PALCO include Airport & Hotel pick up for your arrival & departure flights.

Congress Package Rates per person in USD

- Including Breakfast at the hotel:

HOTEL PALCO****	Full accommodation package per person in USD	
Category	DELEGATES	
Kind of room	Standard	
Duration of stay n	DOUBLE	SINGLE
3 days/ 2 nights	338	362
4 days/ 3 nights	379	415
5 days/ 4 nights	420	468

- Including Breakfast and one meal at the hotel (MAP Plan):

HOTEL PALCO****	Full accommodation package per person in USD	
Category	DELEGATES	
Kind of room	Standard	
Duration of stay	DOUBLE	SINGLE
3 days/ 2 nights	356	380
4 days/ 3 nights	397	433
5 days/ 4 nights	438	486

Congress Package Rates per person in EURO

- Including Breakfast at the hotel:

HOTEL PALCO****	Full accommodation package per person in EURO	
Category	DELEGATES	
Kind of room	Standard	
Duration of stay	DOUBLE	SINGLE
3 days/ 2 nights	304	326
4 days/ 3 nights	341	374
5 days/ 4 nights	378	421

- Including Breakfast and one meal at the hotel (MAP Plan):

HOTEL PALCO****	Full accommodation package per person in EURO	
Category	DELEGATES	
Kind of room	Standard	
Duration of stay	DOUBLE	SINGLE
3 days/ 2 nights	320	342
4 days/ 3 nights	357	390
5 days/ 4 nights	394	437

Forms of payment:

Please read section 6 of this Information Note and observe important information about the use of foreign currencies as well as bank and credit cards in Cuba.

The services that have been booked and confirmed by the International Sales Department of the Havana International Conference Center, according to the information in this Annex I, can be paid:

- Online, using only **VISA** or **MASTERCARD**, **issued by non-US banks** according to the prices and type of currency established in the package.
- Bank Transfer using non-US banks (please read below).
- Upon arrival using prepaid credit cards issued by non-US banks or Cuban pre-paid cards (See section on Currency above).

IMPORTANT

- We inform all participants that use of US Banks and/or its branches in US mainland or abroad to order bank transfers to Cuba is COMPLETELY FORBIDDEN. Please consult your bank before ordering payment.
- All bookings are subject to prepayment. In the event that you pay online and decide to cancel your reservation before arriving in the country, you will be charged the 10% of the total amount of your booking.
- Payments at Palco Hotel upon arrival do not include the transfer from the airport to the hotel, nor other services included in the Comprehensive package of the Havana Conventions Center, for instance, the preferential hotel prices listed above.

Register now

Carefully complete all boxes in application form and send it to: ventas@palco.cu with copy to psicologoken@gmail.com / rpichs@yahoo.com.mx. Please note that reservations will be accepted with no less than 7 days prior commencement of the Congress. Full payment for the booking must be received days prior to arrival, once a CONFIRMATION SLIP is emailed to the participant. Failure to comply with the payment term the operator will cancel completely the reservation.

Booking Form

Send to: ventas@palco.cu &
promoevento@palco.cu

With copies to: psicologoken@gmail.com / rpichs@yahoo.com.mx

IPCC EVENT / V CONFERENCE FOR WORLD BALANCE		
DATE OF REGISTRATION:		
Name & Last Name		
Nationality		
Total Days and Nights		
Date of Arrival		
Date of Departure		
Room Type	Double	Single
Standard: <u> X </u>		
Junior Std: <u> </u>		
Selected Accommodation Package	Including only breakfast	Including breakfast and one meal
Arrival		
Flight number		
Airline Company		
Time of Arrival		
Departure		
Flight Number		
Airline Company		
Time of Departure		
E-mail		

ANNEX II. ACCOMMODATION PACKAGES OFFERED BY AMISTUR

OPERATING COMPANY: AMISTUR CUBA

A. REGULAR ACCOMMODATION PACKAGE PER PERSON IN USD

- Including Breakfast at the hotel.

HOTEL COPACABANA *** (around 5 km, 10 min by car to the Conference Centre)		
Category	DOUBLE	SINGLE
3 days/ 2 nights	272,00	300,00
4 days/ 3 nights	321,00	362,00
5 days/ 4 nights	369,00	424,00

HOTEL EL VIEJO Y EL MAR **** (around 5 km, 10 min by car to the Conference Centre)		
Category	DOUBLE	SINGLE
3 days/ 2 nights	287,00	315,00
4 days/ 3 nights	336,00	377,00
5 days/ 4 nights	384,00	439,00

Included services:

- Airport transfer for arrival and departure.
- Transportation from the Hotel to the Convention Center and return to the Hotel.
- Transportation to the collateral activities planned for those participants attending the IPCC dedicated outreach events on 26 and 27 January 2023.
- Accommodation with breakfast included in the hotel of your choice (Hotel Copacabana *** or Hotel El Viejo y el Mar****).
- AMISTUR guide and permanent direct attention

B. EXPANDED ACCOMMODATION PACKAGE PER PERSON IN USD

- Including breakfast, lunch and dinner as indicated below

HOTEL COPACABANA ***		
Category	DOUBLE	SINGLE
3 days/ 2 nights	327,00	348,00
4 days/ 3 nights	382,00	419,00
5 days/ 4 nights	433,00	485,00

HOTEL EL VIEJO Y EL MAR ****		
Category	DOUBLE	SINGLE
3 days/ 2 nights	342,00	363,00
4 days/ 3 nights	397,00	434,00
5 days/ 4 nights	448,00	500,00

Included services:

- Airport transfer for arrival and departure.
- Transportation from the Hotel to the Convention Center and return to the Hotel.
- Transportation to the collateral activities planned for those participants attending the IPCC dedicated outreach events on 26 and 27 January 2023.
- Accommodation with breakfast and dinner included in the hotel of your choice (Hotel Copacabana *** or Hotel El Viejo y el Mar****).
- Lunch at the Convention Center Restaurant on 26 January 2023.
- Lunch at a restaurant in Havana for those IPCC participants attending the IPCC side-events on 27 January 2023.
- Amistur guide and permanent direct attention

Form of payments:

- Bank transfer and/or online payments 7 days before the arrival date.
- Payment in cash will be accepted **ONLY IN EUROS**, according to the exchange rate of the Banco Nacional de Cuba unless previously agreed.

For making the reservation, you must provide the following information:

Booking Form

Send to: amiventas@amistur.cu

With copies to: psicologoken@gmail.com & rpichs@yahoo.com.mx

IPCC EVENT / V CONFERENCE FOR WORLD BALANCE		
DATE OF REGISTRATION:		
Name & Last Name		
Nationality		
Selected Hotel	Copacabana***	El Viejo y el Mar*****
Total Days and Nights		
Room Type	Double	Single
Selected Accommodation Package	Regular Package (including only breakfast)	Expanded Package
Date of Arrival		
Time of Arrival		
Arrival Flight number		
Airline Company		
Date of Departure		
Time of Departure		
Departure Flight Number		
Airline Company		
E-mail		

CANCELLATION POLICY:

All hotels and non-hotel accommodation facilities have policies of penalties for total or partial cancellations 30 days before the date of entry. For AMISTUR booking:

- Accommodation cancellations from 20 to 7 days before the arrival date will be charged 80% of the total price of the requested services.
- Accommodation cancellations 3 days before the arrival date will be charged 100% of the total price of the requested services.
- Cancellations and/or modifications once client arrives, 100% of all requested services will be charged.
- No Show or unexpected departures: 100% of the canceled service will be billed.

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