



IX CONFERENCE OF THE PAN AMERICAN NETWORK FOR DRUG REGULATORY HARMONIZATION (CPANDRH)

San Salvador, El Salvador

Date: October 24-26, 2018

Place: Sheraton Presidente Hotel

Avenida de la Revolución. San Salvador, El Salvador

This year, the IX CPANDRH will be held in San Salvador (El Salvador) from October 24 to 26, 2018, with the central theme “Commemorating 20 years of PANDRH and 40 years of Alma-Ata. The contribution of regulatory harmonization in achieving Health for All.” The conference program is being prepared and will be distributed soon.

Important technical documents and guidelines on drug regulation in the Region of the Americas, as well as information from previous conferences, are available at <http://www.paho.org/pandrh>.

MEETING LOGISTICS

All expenses for lodging, travel, and local transportation, as well as visa procedures, will be covered by the interested parties, who should indicate their interest in participating by completing the registration forms and sending them to the contact persons listed below.

We kindly ask that industry representatives contact the following associations for more information: ALIFAR (Miguel Maito, mmaito@cilfa.org.ar) or FIFARMA (Maria Victoria Rodriguez, mvrodriguez@fifarma.org).

Registration

All participants must register prior to the Conference. Please send the registration forms to the PANDRH Secretariat (parf@paho.org).

Industry representative forms should be submitted to the respective associations:

ALIFAR (Miguel Maito, mmaito@cilfa.org.ar) or F

IFARMA (Maria Victoria Rodriguez, mvrodriguez@fifarma.org).

If you do not belong to either of those associations, please contact the PANDRH Secretariat.

For more information: <https://bit.ly/2zQoYLt>

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Visa Information

Entry into El Salvador requires a valid passport. It is the responsibility of each participant to determine whether they need a visa to enter the country, and if so, it is also the participant's responsibility to obtain one.

Transportation

Ground transportation from the airport to the metropolitan area of San Salvador takes 1.5 hours on average. Taxi service to and from the airport costs approximately US\$25.00 to US\$30.00 during daylight hours. The fare may vary outside regular hours. Fares within the city are generally around US\$10.00.

We recommend that you arrange taxi service in advance. Some hotels also offer a transfer service (airport-hotel-airport). Please check with your hotel.

Recommended taxi services:

Línea Ejecutiva: www.lineaejecutiva.com.sv (info@lineaejecutiva.com.sv)

Taxis Acacya: www.taxisacacya.com (reservacionesweb@taxisacacya.com)

Taxi companies:

Taxis Acacya: (503) 2222-1202/2271-1975

Taxis Cobra: (503) 2264-0327

Metrotaxi: (503) 2225-7222/2225-1367

Taxis Fuerza Delta: (503) 2242-0064/2101-7513

Vaccinations

As a Member State of the World Health Organization (WHO), El Salvador observes Articles 130 and 164 of the International Health Regulations (IHR). As such, and since the country is free of the yellow fever virus, a certificate of vaccination against yellow fever is required for all travelers entering El Salvador from countries identified by WHO as posing a risk of yellow fever transmission, namely:

Africa: Angola, Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Republic Democratic of the Congo, Gabon, Ghana, Gambia, Guinea, Liberia, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, and Sudan (except for Eritrea, United Republic of Tanzania, Somalia, São Tomé and Príncipe, and Zambia).

South America: Bolivia, Venezuela, Brazil, Peru, Colombia, Ecuador, Argentina, and Guyana (except for Chile and Uruguay).

Central America: Panama

The certificate should be issued by the competent health authority and must be valid for **at least 10 days from the date the trip begins**.

1. Individuals who are unable to obtain a vaccination certificate because they have a medical contraindication to the yellow fever vaccine must present a medical certificate attesting to their condition, signed and stamped by their physician.
2. Any traveler who does not present the required documentation will be allowed to enter the country after being clinically evaluated in the least intrusive and invasive manner possible by health personnel at the point of entry and must comply with the available epidemiological procedures.

For more information:

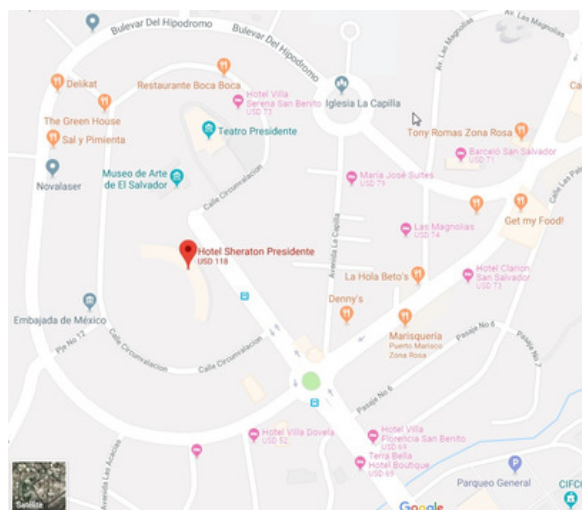
<http://www.salud.gob.sv/fiebre-amarilla/>

Lodging

We recommend you make your travel arrangements (flights and hotels) as soon as possible.

The Conference will be held at the Sheraton Presidente Hotel. There are no special rates guaranteed to attendees.

Below is a map of the area where the meeting will take place and nearby hotels, for your reference.



Recommended Hotels:

Sheraton Presidente: <http://sheraton.com/sansalvador>
Crowne Plaza: <http://www.crowneplaza.com/SanSalvador/CrownePlaza>
Courtyard by Marriott: <https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/salcy-courtyard-san-salvador/>
Hotel Barceló: <https://www.barcelo.com/es/hoteles/el-salvador/san-salvador/>
Beverly Hills: <http://www.hbh.com.sv/>
Real Intercontinental: <https://www.ihg.com/intercontinental>

Official time:

(GMT-6) 6 hours behind Greenwich Mean Time

Climate

El Salvador has a warm, tropical climate, notably tempered by the altitude of the plateau. There are temperate zones in the mountains (12°C annual average) and hot zones on the coast (over 30°C annual average). It has two main seasons: the rainy season (winter) from May to October, and the dry season (summer) from November to April.

Currency

The circulating currency is the US dollar. Fifty- and 100-dollar bills are not widely accepted, except by banks and some department stores. It is recommended that you exchange currency in your country of origin. Banks do not exchange currency, except for the Euro.

Taxes

Most goods and services are subject to a 13% value-added tax. There is also an additional 5% tourism tax on accommodations.

Gratuities

10% is appropriate in most restaurants. Some already include the tip.

Electricity

110 -120 AC volts, 60 Hz, and 200 volts

