

WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION



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WMO VOLCANIC ASH ADVISORY CENTRE (VAAC) “BEST PRACTICE” WORKSHOP 2016

BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA

25-27 April 2016

INFORMATION NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS

1. VENUE OF THE MEETING

The WMO Volcanic Ash Advisory Centre (VAAC) “Best Practice” Workshop 2016 will be held at the premises of the Servicio Meteorológico Nacional (SMN), Buenos Aires, Argentina. It will start at 09:00 on Monday 25 and will close at 12:30 on Wednesday 27 April 2016. The address of the venue is:

Servicio Meteorológico Nacional
Av. Dorrego 4019
Palermo
Ciudad Autónoma de Buenos Aires
ARGENTINA

2. REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS

Registration is by contacting Ms Miriam Andrioli (e-mail: andrioli@smn.gov.ar) with copy to Ms Stella Bigagli (e-mail: susyb@smn.gov.ar)

3. WORKING LANGUAGE

The working language will be **English only**.

4. HOTEL INFORMATION

Please make your booking directly with the hotel of your choice. Important: Please send the name of the hotel you have booked to the Local Organizers contacts.

Hotel Name	Room Type	Rate
Cristóforo Colombo Hotel Address: Fray Justo Santa María de Oro 2747, Palermo, Buenos Aires (couple of miles from venue area) Phone: (+ 54.11) 4778.4945 E-mail: reservas@hotelcc.com.ar Website: http://www.hotelcc.com.ar/	Single Standard	from US\$ 93.- + Tax Corporate rate (may vary by April)

<p>Concorde Hotel Address: 25 de Mayo 630, downtown Buenos Aires Phone: (+ 54.11) 4313.2018 E-mail: reservas@concordehotel.com.ar and conserjeria@concordehotel.com.ar</p> <p>Websites: http://www.concordehotel.com.ar/disponibilidad.html http://www.concordehotel.com.ar/</p>	<p>Single (B&B)</p>	<p>from US\$ 70.-</p> <p>Corporate rate (may vary by April)</p>
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There is a great variety of Hotels in Palermo (couple of miles from venue area), please check <https://www.google.com.ar/#q=hoteles+boutique+en+palermo> for more information.

5. LOCAL TRANSPORTATION

From “Ministro Pistarini” International Airport (Ezeiza) to downtown Buenos Aires: Taxis, rented cars with driver and the bus service “Manuel Tienda León” www.tiendaleon.com.ar are available.

From “Jorge Newbery” Domestic and Regional Airport to downtown Buenos Aires: Same transportation as listed above plus the ArBus public transport service <https://www.facebook.com/ArBusTransporte>

6. ENTRY VISA REQUIREMENTS

Some participants may require an entry visa. Please confirm with the nearest Embassy of Argentina. It is strongly recommended that visa applications are organized well in advance as the process can sometimes take a long time. Information is available at: www.cancilleria.gov.ar

7. CURRENCY EXCHANGE

The official currency in Argentina is the Argentine Peso. Currencies can be exchanged at banks and in foreign exchange offices.

1 US\$ = 14.00 Pesos (on 08.01.2016)

Exchange rate varies daily; please consult the Banco de la Nación Argentina website for the latest exchange rates at: <http://www.bna.com.ar/>

No foreign currency is used / accepted in Argentina.

Multiple ATMs are available at the airport. Other ATMs are commonly available (in banks, towns, cities etc.). Getting cash with an international VISA card at an ATM machine is often the most convenient option.

8. LOCAL CLIMATE IN APRIL

The mean weather conditions in Buenos Aires in April are as follows:

Mean daily maximum	:	22.8°C
Mean daily minimum	:	13.3°C
Mean number of days with rainfall > 1 mm	:	12 days

9. USEFUL INFORMATION

Local time in Argentina in April is 3 hours behind Co-ordinated Universal Time (UTC-3).

Electricity:

We use 220V/50HZ in Argentina.



Food/Beverages:

A light lunch and refreshments will be provided during the workshop. Dinner needs to be organized by the participants.

10. LOCAL ORGANIZER

Ms Claudia Campetella is the Chair of the Local Organizing Committee.

However, the Local Organizer contacts are Ms Miriam Andrioli and Ms Stella Bigagli, their contact details are as follows:

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