

Tripartite meeting for consultations on "Decent Work, Climate Change and Sustainable Development"

Monday 13 October 2014

9 AM - 1 PM

Information note

Venue and address

ILO Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean

Auditorium III

Las Flores 275 San Isídro Lima 27 Peru

Working languages

The meeting will be held in English and Spanish. Simultaneous interpretation in both languages will be provided.

Registration

Registration for this consultation meeting will be open from 8:30 AM in the meeting's venue on Monday 13th October.

If you are also a participant at the 18th American Regional Meeting we recommend you to register for the AMRM beforehand or immediately after. This can be done at Los Delfines Hotel with a valid identity document containing a photograph. Registration for the ARM will be open on Sunday, 12 October from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. and will continue on Monday, 13 October, from 8 a.m., and again on Tuesday, 14 October, from 8 a.m. onwards. More information on the AMRM at www.ilo.org/amrm2014.

Document

A background document for the meeting ("Climate Change and Employment: Challenges and Opportunities in the Caribbean") has been prepared and distributed to

participants. In line with the ILO greening policy, very few copies of this report will be available for distribution at the meeting's venue. Participants are therefore encouraged to take the document received prior to the meeting with them.

Practical information

Lima

Lima is the capital city of Peru and has an extensive and densely populated urban area, located in the central coastal region of the country, facing the Pacific Ocean.

The population of Lima is approximately 8.5 million; it is the most populated city in Peru and the fifth most populated city in Latin America and the Caribbean.

It is the political, cultural, financial and commercial centre of the country.

Lima's climate is humid and mild, with spring temperatures averaging around 19°C.

Travel arrangements and hotel room reservations

Travel arrangements have been made either individually or through the ILO Office for the Caribbean, in Port of Spain.

Participants are invited to reserve hotel rooms as far in advance as possible in order to benefit from favourable conditions negotiated by the ILO with various hotels in Lima. A list of hotels has been placed on the website for the AMRM. For practical reasons, it is recommended that delegates contact the hotel of their choice directly.

Passports and visas

Participants should seek information from the Peruvian consulates in their respective countries regarding documents required and formalities to be followed for entry to Peru.

To date, Peru has concluded agreements with around 72 countries exempting holders of diplomatic, official or service passports from visa requirements. See the full list at this URL:

http://www.rree.gob.pe/elministerio/Documents/CUADRO_SUPRESION_DE_VISAS_A GOSTO 2014.pdf.

As a precaution, participants whose countries are included in the visa exemption table should consider printing the list and bringing it with them when travelling, as certain airlines may not be aware of the agreements in force.

In respect of ordinary passports, citizens of a large number of countries in the Americas, Europe and Asia are exempt from visa requirements when entering Peru as tourists. See the full list at this URL:

http://www.rree.gob.pe/servicioalciudadano/Documents/REQUERIMIENTOS_DE_VISA S_PARA_CIUDADANOS_EXTRANJERO_05_08_2014.pdf

Entry documents for Peru

Besides a valid passport, travellers must submit an Andean Migration Card to the General Directorate for Immigration and Naturalization on arrival. This is distributed in the aircraft before landing.

Travellers must also submit a customs declaration form. This form is also distributed in the aircraft before landing, to be completed by travellers indicating that their baggage does not contain any product or sub-product of vegetable or animal origin.

National Customs Services

In Peru, possession and dealing in drugs and psychotropic substances is forbidden and punishable by law, as is possession of any element, material instrument or equipment for the purpose of elaborating, producing, preparing or extracting drugs, which constitutes a criminal offence. If the medical products transported by a traveller are deemed to be of a commercial character, that is, when quantities exceed personal needs, such medical products will be retained by the National Customs Services.

Insurance

Participants are strongly advised to obtain insurance coverage against costs arising out of sickness, accident (including the cost of medical attention), temporary or permanent disability, death and third-party risks, for the entire duration of the meeting, including travel time. The Office neither supplies insurance coverage nor accepts any liability for a participant's claim arising from a medical disorder arising before, during or after the meeting. Participants are kindly advised that they should only travel when in good health, and are encouraged to pay serious attention to such medical procedures as may be introduced at departure and arrival points.

Security

In Lima, as in any other major city, visitors should take precautions to minimize risks: avoid informal taxis, pay close attention to personal belongings in public places, be careful when drawing money from cash machines, avoid being out late at night or in unsafe areas, and never lose sight of credit or debit cards.

The telephone numbers for the UN Security Department call centre are: $+51\ 1\ 625\ 9090, +51\ 997\ 571008$ and $+51\ 997\ 571003$, and are open 24 hours a day.

ILO Security contact person: Marco Ventura, +51 993 535703.

Transport services

For airport transfers to the hotels, participants should take an official taxi from a registered company, easily found on exiting customs at Jorge Chávez International Airport. Transfer costs are to be borne by individual participants.

Participants are recommended to make use of the transfer services provided by their selected hotel, or to contact one of the official taxi companies.

Informal or street taxis are not recommended as they are not considered safe. Due to a significant increase in the number of assaults in informal taxis, use of their services is highly inadvisable. There are taxi companies whose cars may be reserved by telephone; hotels will provide information on these companies. The following information may be of use to participants:

	Telephone	Email
Taxi Remisse	+51 1 417 3606/+51 1 417 3600	reservas@inversionescayma.com
Mitsui Taxi Remisse	+51 1 261 7788	reservas@misoo.net

Please note that Lima taxis do not have meters, and fares are fixed at the moment of engaging the service.

Currency

The Peruvian currency is the nuevo sol (PEN). There are bank notes of PEN10, 20, 50, 100 and 200 and coins of PEN1, 2 and 5. There are also smaller denominations of 1, 5, 10, 20 and 50 cents.

The US dollar exchange rate is roughly PEN2.80 to the dollar, and is relatively stable. The US dollar is a currency that circulates freely in Lima. Money should be changed in change bureaux or banks. These are open from Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Credit cards such as American Express, Visa, Diners and Mastercard are accepted in most establishments.

Purchase tax and tips

VAT (IGV) is 18 per cent in Lima, and is normally included in the prices of goods. When paying the hotel a foreign visitor may be exonerated from the VAT on presentation of their passport together with their temporary entry form.

Generally speaking, tipping in restaurants is at 10 per cent of the total bill. Porters in hotels and at airports restaurants expect to be tipped around US\$1 per suitcase.

Tourism and shopping

	Telephone	Email
Tourist information and assistance 24 hours, PROMPERU	+51 1 574 8000	iperu@promperu.gob.pe
City tourist service MIRA BUS	+51 1 242 6699	

In general, shops, shopping centres and artisan markets are open every day (including Sundays and holidays) between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m.

Communications

The international dialling code for Peru is 51, and for Lima is 1 (for landlines in Peru). Landline numbers have seven digits – for example +51 1 615 0300.

To call a Peruvian cellphone from outside the country, dial 51 (Peru), then the number of the cellphone. Cellphone numbers have nine digits.

Climate and clothing

Maximum and minimum temperatures for the month of October vary between 21 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ and 15 $^{\circ}\text{C}$.

Recommended clothing: a light suit and a coat at night.

Food and drink

Lima offers a wide range of high-quality establishments for all tastes. Helpful gastronomic guides are easy to come by.

Drinking water must be bottled.

Electricity

Electricity in Peru is 220 volts and 60 hertz.

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