

Multi-Hazard Early Warning Conference
Cancun, Mexico
22-23 May 2017

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MATERIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE CONFERENCE

Venue

At the kind invitation of the Government of Mexico, the Multi-Hazard Early Warning (MHEW) Conference will be held in Cancun, Mexico from 22 to 23 May 2017.

The Conference is held in room F of the Moon Palace Arena at the Moon Palace Hotel

Address: Carretera Cancun-Chetumal Km. 36.5, Riviera Maya, 77500 Cancún, Q.R.

Phone: +1 800-986-5632

Opening ceremony will take place at 10.00 a.m. on 22 May 2017.

Working languages

During the Conference, simultaneous interpretation in English, Spanish and French will be provided for the Conference sessions.

Documents

All relevant documents are posted on the Conference website.

Registration of participants

Due to limited space, the Conference is **by invitation only**.

The Conference venue being located inside the Global Platform 2017 area and due to strict security measures, **all** participants to the MHEW Conference must pre-register to the MHEW Conference and **also pre-register to the UNISDR 2017 Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction**.

Participants will receive badges for these events at the time of registration at the location.

Both badges must be worn at all times to access the Conference venue and meeting rooms.

When pre-registering for the MHEW Conference, the Global Platform registration number must be included.

On-site registration for pre-registered participants of the Multi-Hazard Early Warning Conference will start on 21 May 2017, from 15.00 p.m. to 20.00 p.m. at the Conference Information and Registration Desk in the foyer of the Sunrise Convention Center at the Moon Palace Hotel.

Registration continues from 08.00 a.m. on Monday 22 May throughout the Conference. Longer lines are anticipated on Monday 22 May. Therefore, early registration and badge pick-up on Sunday 21 May is strongly encouraged.

Please note that participants must get their badge for the MHEW Conference and separately also their badge for the UNISDR 2017 Global Platform to be allowed to enter the meeting area. We strongly encourage you to get both badges on Sunday 21 May.

List of participants

A provisional list of participants will be made available shortly after the beginning of the Conference.

Entry requirements

A detailed note about visas to Mexico is available in the following document posted on the 2017 Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction website:

http://www.unisdr.org/conferences/2017/globalplatform/assets/documents/2017GP_Mexico_Visa.pdf.

Participants are strongly encouraged to read this document before registration.

Transportation

Participants are recommended to arrive at the Cancun International Airport (<https://www.cancun-airport.com/>) where major companies operate daily flights.

The Moon Palace Hotel is ten kilometers away from the Cancun International Airport.

A free shuttle service is organised between the airport and the Moon Palace Hotel on 21, 22, 23 and 26, 27 May and from different hotels to the Moon Palace on 21-26 May. The shuttle schedule is provided on p 14 of the Conference Handbook of the 2017 Global Platform available at http://www.preventionweb.net/files/48240_gp17officialprogramme.pdf

A taxi from the airport to the Moon Palace hotel costs approximately USD 50.

In town, taxis can be easily found in the main avenues and hotels can provide specific services. It is recommended to agree to the fare with the driver before the travel.

Public bus travels the main avenue of Cancun (Kukulcan Ave) and many places in the touristic and commercial areas.

Private transportation services are also available from the airport and hotels.

Currency

Currency exchange services are available at the Cancun International Airport as well as in all banks.

The local currency is the Mexican Peso (MXN). US dollars are also widely accepted. Most businesses, tour operators, airlines and hotels accept major credit cards and American Express traveller's checks (VAT is 16%).

Average exchange rates can easily be calculated using <http://www.xe.com/en/>.

On April 5, rates were approximately:

1 EUR = 20 MXN

1 USD = 19 MXN

1 CHF = 19 MXN

Health requirements/medical services

It is suggested that you take out personal medical insurance for the duration of the trip.

Up-to-date information on international travel and health requirements are provided by the World Health Organization (WHO) at the following websites:

<http://www.who.int/ith/en/>

<http://www.who.int/countries/mex/en/>.

Information for travellers visiting Zika affected countries can be found at:

<http://www.who.int/csr/disease/zika/information-for-travelers/en/>

Electricity and phone connection

Power systems are generally 127 volts and 60 Hz. The diagram of the Mexican outlet is illustrated below. Please bring an adaptor if your electric plug differs from this.



The country phone code for Mexico is +52. Calling a number in Cancun is +52 998 + the 7 digits phone number. **For mobile phone numbers add 1: + 52 1 ...**

Local climate in May

Cancun has a tropical climate, specifically a tropical wet and dry climate (Köppen Aw) with few differences between seasons. The average climate is warm and rainy with an average annual temperature of 25.5° Celsius. During the summer, the area is affected by tropical storms and cyclones. The hurricane season begins in mid-June. Hardest hits occur in September and October.

Climate data during May in Cancun are listed below:

Mean temperature	27°C
Mean maximum temperature	33°C
Mean minimum temperature	24°C
Mean relative humidity	71%
Mean precipitation	28mm
Mean number of days with precipitation ≥ 1 mm	4 days
Mean duration of sunshine	11 h/day

Clothing

Please note that as part of Greening activities, the air conditioning of the rooms will be low and the expected room temperature is about 25°C (77°F). The Global Platform thus suggests the following as dress code, however, you may of course wear what you feel is comfortable and appropriate for the occasion:

Men: Day: White Guayabera long sleeves, or white shirt, light coloured pants.

Receptions: White Guayabera long sleeves, or white shirt, dark coloured pants.

Women: Linen or cotton clothes

Hotel reservation

Participants are strongly recommended to stay at the Moon Palace Hotel, where the meeting will be held (<http://www.moonpalacecancun.com/en>). Special rate in Sunrise or Nizuc rooms (USD 250 - single occupancy from 21 to 26 May) will be made on a first-come-first-served basis. Please note that the hotel rates are all inclusive (room and meals).

Meals at the venue

The compulsory day-pass (USD 112) for participants not staying at the Moon Palace hotel has been removed.

Participants not staying at the Moon Palace may buy, if they so wish, a day pass for USD 112 which entitles them to eating/drinking at any of the Moon Palace Hotel restaurants and bars.

A restaurant will be set up close to the Sala F where the Conference is held. Participants not staying at the Moon Palace will be able to buy lunch there for USD 40.

Information and contact details of the Local Organizing Committee (LOC)

For any further information please contact the LOC at the following addresses:

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