



**RESOURCE GUIDE TO
BRAZIL and TRAINING COURSE**

**THE UNITED NATIONS GROUP OF EXPERTS
ON GEOGRAPHICAL NAMES
INTERNATIONAL COURSE ON TOPONYMY**

**Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
1 May 2017**

This information has been compiled to assist you in preparation for your travel to Brazil to participate in the UNGEGN International Course in Toponymy. The course is coordinated by the United Nations, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Statistics Division, UNGEGN in collaboration with the Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics, Reference Centre for Geographical Names.

About the Course:

The Toponymy training course is being done to support capacity building for members of the UNGEGN Portuguese-speaking and Latin America Divisions responsible for the standardization of geographical names. The objective of the course is to increase knowledge and understanding of the principles and concepts of geographical naming and the standardization of a country's toponyms; transfer methods and best practices in geographical names data collection; toponymic database building, the design and development of gazetteers, geographical names servers and cartographic applications

On completion, course participants will be asked to complete an evaluation form and will receive a certificate of participation.

Venue: IBGE/Centro de Documentação e Disseminação de Informações – CDDI

Address: Rua General Canabarro, 706 - Maracanã

Hours: 9am to 6pm

Working Language of Course

The course will be delivered in English. Spanish translation will be provided for the field trip.

Main Instructors

The course including field work will be led by three geographical names experts with combined experience of more than 60 years in the standardization of geographical names.

Name	Country	Area of Expertise
Helen Kerfoot	Canada	Long standing experience in toponymic issues
Ferjan Ormeling	Netherlands	Lecturing in toponymy
Pier-Giorgio Zaccheddu	Germany	Responsible for geographical names processing in Germany

Teaching Method

Course will be delivered by lectures, demonstrations, discussions, practical exercises, and field work. Course material includes on-line manuals and documents, and power point presentations.

Lunch

Course participants will be responsible for their own lunch. There are several restaurants in the surroundings of the course venue. Participants will receive a map of the area showing the restaurants and shopping and banking facilities.

Coffee Breaks

Coffee breaks will be offered in the morning and in the afternoon.

General Information

Visa requirements

Visitors are advised to contact Brazilian embassies or consulates on visa requirements and obtain the appropriate entry permit where necessary as early as possible.

Vaccination

Visitors may need to get a vaccine before visiting Brazil. They are advised to see their health care provider at least four weeks before traveling.

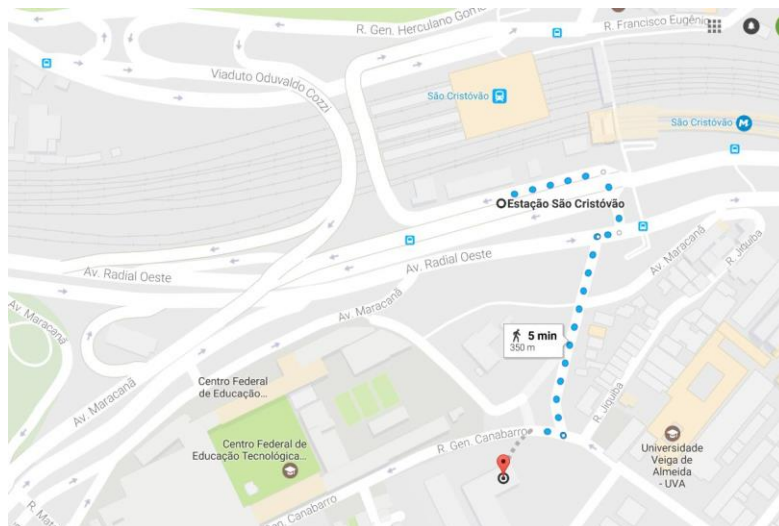
VERY IMPORTANT:

We strongly recommend those who have not yet been vaccinated against yellow fever to do so at least 10 days before their arrival in Rio. There have been a few cases of this disease in the country and the government is vaccinating the population of some States, including Rio de Janeiro.

Airport and Transportation

Galeão/Antônio Carlos Jobim International Airport: Phone: +55 21 3004-6050, located in Ilha do Governador, Rio de Janeiro – RJ, about 20 km from downtown. The service of special taxis is recommended from the airport to the hotel. Vouchers may be purchased at the taxi stands in the Galeão/Antônio Carlos Jobim International Airport in the arrival area. Only credit cards or reais are accepted.

Santos Dumont Domestic Airport: Phone: +55 21 3814-7070. Located at Praça Senador Salgado Filho, about 2km from downtown Rio. The service of special taxis is recommended from the airport to the hotel. Vouchers may be purchased at the taxi stands in the arrival area.



Uber services are available in Rio de Janeiro.

Subway station near the course venue: São Cristóvão

Weather

The Symposium will be held in May, during the autumn of the Southern hemisphere. In this time of the year, the weather is sunny, with temperatures ranging from 23º to 32º C (73,4º to 89,6º F).

Money exchange

Visitors may bring foreign currency or traveler checks, which may be exchanged into local currency, the Real. International credit cards are generally accepted. Currency exchange is available at the airports and in some hotels.

Electric system

Standard voltage in Rio de Janeiro is 110V. The three-pin plug has recently been adopted as standard, but several formats can still be found.

Standard format:



Other formats:



Safe water

Although the tap water in Rio is chlorinated, it is recommended that visitors **only** drink bottled or filtered water.

Suggested accommodation options

Arrangements for accommodation need to be made by individual participants at hotels of their own choice. A list of hotels and hostels in the vicinity of the IBGE is provided below. Please note that a credit card is normally required to make a reservation, participants should plan accordingly.

1. Hotels

GOLDEN TULIP (4 stars)

Address: Rua Gustavo Sampaio, 320 – Leme

Booking: <http://www.goldentuliprioleme.com/>

WINDSOR LEME (4 stars)

Address: Avenida Atlântica, 656 – Leme

Booking: <http://www.windsorlemehotelriodejaneiro.com/>

ORLA HOTEL COPACABANA (4 stars)

Av. Atlântica, 4122 – Copacabana

<http://www.orlahotel.com.br/>

WINDSOR COPA (3 stars)

Av. Nossa Senhora de Copacabana, 335 - Copacabana

<http://windsorhoteis.com/hotel/windsor-copa/>

IBIS COPACABANA POSTO 2 (3 stars)

Rua Ministro Viveiros de Castro, 134 – Copacabana

<http://www.ibis.com/pt-br/brasil/index.shtml>

IBIS BUDGET COPACABANA (2 stars)

Rua Constante Ramos, 96 - Copacabana

<http://www.ibis.com/pt-br/brasil/index.shtml>

2. Hostels

Villa 25 Hostel & Suites

Address: Rua Gago Coutinho, 25

Booking: <http://villa25.com.br/>

Refúgio Hostel

Address: Rua das Laranjeiras, 125

Booking: <http://www.refugiohostel.com.br/>

Hey Rio Hostel

Address: Rua das Laranjeiras, 222

<https://pt-br.facebook.com/heyriohostel/>

Che Lagarto (CLH Suites Copacabana)

Address: Rua Anita Garibaldi, 87

Booking: <https://www.chelagarto.com/en/>

Hoshtel

Address: Rua Sá Ferreira, 189 – Copacabana

<http://hoshtel.com.br/site/o-hoshtel/>

Tourist Information

For tourist information, visitors may access

<http://www.rio.rj.gov.br/web/riotur#>

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