

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **Meeting Location**

Meeting: Workshop for developing countries, in the review of international recommendations for statistics of external merchandise trade.

Date: 11 to 14 November 2012

Number of room: Auditorium

Carrera. 59 No 26-70 Interior I, Building DANE - CAN

Phone: (1) 5978300

### **Official Name:**

- Bogotá DC

Bogota, capital of the Republic of Colombia, is uniquely placed in the center of the country, to 2640 meters. Located on a large plateau, the surrounding fertile lands that house cozy towns where industrial activities, agricultural and crafts

### **Height:**

- 2640 m

Exchange Rates:

- Colombia's official currency is the peso (\$). Foreign currency transaction shall be made in authorized exchange houses, hotels or banks, never on the street.

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U.S. \$ = \$ 1814 (10/08/2012)

### **Climate:**

64 ° F / 17 ° C •

Volt:

110

### **Recommended Hotels:**

- **SHERATON HOTEL**

Eldorado Avenue # 69C-80 • • • Colombia Bogota

Phone: (57) (1) 2105000 •

Located in the new business center of Bogota in the Salitre section. 246 well-appointed rooms.

All rooms feature the Sheraton Sweet Sleeper (SM) Bed, wireless high-speed Internet, two phone lines with data ports and more.

The 14 Junior suites offer the convenience of two separate living rooms with a sofa bed, a king bed, air conditioning, cable TV and a comfortable work area.

Non-Smoking

**FACILITIES**

Air-conditioned room  
Hairdryer  
Individual Temperature Control  
Iron  
Machine for coffee  
Cleaning  
Data Port  
Non-smoking room  
Radio / Alarm Clock  
Courtesy of luxury bathroom  
Wake-up Service  
Work desk  
Suites available  
Telephone in bathroom  
Room service 24 hours  
TV  
Refrigerator

**DISTANCE TO THE DANE**

5 minutes by taxi.

PRICE: \$ 187 USD. Corporate Rate. Including taxes, buffet breakfast, airport-hotel-airport

**• GHY HOTEL CAPITAL**

Avenida El Dorado No 69th Int 2 -51; Conm (1) 4233000 FAX (1) RESERVES 4,233,003 (1)  
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**FACILITIES**

The Capital Hotel has 215 rooms, smoking and non-smoking, single double and Junior Suite.

119 Superiors  
84 Traditional  
12 Junior Suite

**Guest Services**

Transportation Airport - Hotel - Airport  
Transport Hotel - courtesy U.S. Embassy  
Guest Services (guest service) and 24 hour room service

**DISTANCE TO THE DANE**

5 minutes by taxi.

PRICE: \$ 167 USD. Corporate Rate. Including taxes, buffet breakfast, airport-hotel-airport.

• **FERIA HOTEL**

Av Calle 24 # 43A-85 Bogota Colombia  
Tel: (57-1) 5978240 Fax: (57-1) 2696051  
Reservations Tel: (57-1) 5923636

FACILITIES

2 Twin beds or King size  
Cable TV  
Internet  
Minibar  
Magnetic Card Access  
Electronic security box  
Room Service 24 Hours  
Newspapers in Room

DISTANCE TO THE DANE

5 minutes by taxi.

PRICE: \$ 140 USD. Corporate Rate. Including taxes, buffet breakfast, airport-hotel-airport

• **AR HOTEL**

Avenida 60 No. 22-99 career  
PBX: (57/1) 7436690

FACILITIES

Just 10 minutes from El Dorado airport, and 5 minutes form Corferias and the American Embassy.  
163 executive rooms of 30m<sup>2</sup>, 91 equipped with king-size beds and 72 with double beds.  
34 Business Suites rooms of 37m<sup>2</sup> with kitchen.  
2 AR Suites of 63m<sup>2</sup> with kitchen.

DISTANCE TO THE DANE

5 minutes by taxi.

PRICE:\$ 184 USD. Corporate Rate. Including taxes, breakfast, airport-hotel-airport

**Places of Interest**

**La Candelaria, the historical center**

This is a place to go for the ride, to admire the large colonial houses ("houses"), colonial churches and museums such as the "Gold Museum", "The Mint", "Botero Donation." Other sites visit: "Teatro Colón" (the opera house and concert), "Luis Angel Arango Library" (the public library exhibitions and currently the host of the series "el Museo del Oro") ", Plaza Bolivar "(the central square and political heart of the nation)," Environmental Axis Jiménez Avenue "(a walk the path that leads to" Bolivar House "" and Cerro de Monserrate ").  
International Centre  
Around "the Hotel Intercontinental Tequendama" you can visit the "Plaza de Toros La Santa Maria", Bogota Modern Art Museum "MAMBO", the National Museum, the Planetarium, the

Museum Bogota and San Diego church.

### **Monserate**

This is the funicular is in service from Monday to Saturday: 7:45 am to 11:45 am, Sunday: 5:30 am to 4:30 pm and Holidays: 5:30 morning a 6:00 pm.

They are two renowned restaurants: Casa Santa Clara, typical Colombian food, and Casa San Isidro, international menu.

### **Usaquén**

Located in the northeast of Bogota, on 116th Street between 7 and 3 races. Retains enough of colonial architecture, making it a pleasant place to walk. The neighborhood is characterized by a large number of Italian restaurants, Peruvian, Mexican, typical oriental fusion, etc., And English-style pubs or bars. On Sundays you can enjoy the craft market, where typical variety of objects found in the country, handmade.

Park 93

Located in Calle 93 between Carreras 11A and 13 is one of the most exclusive areas of the city. In concentrated around a variety of restaurants, cafes, bars and nightclubs. Like many of the parks of the city, is the site of various cultural events throughout the year.

### **Zone T**

It consists of two intersecting pedestrian walkways as T. It is located in front of the Andino Mall, between the "Street of the Sun" and street races 82 and 12 and 13. It is also one of the busiest places in the city, for its wide range of restaurants and bars of different styles.

### **Area G**

Gastronomic center of Bogotá which originally took its name from the way they were placing the first restaurants in the streets 69 to 71, between fifth and seventh races. A place where there are places to make different products Gourmet, relax and listen to good music.

### **Tren de la Sabana**

A tourist train with an old steam locomotive traveling on savanna populations weekends.

Information and reservations: June 17 03 00-3 75 05 57 and March 75 May 58

### **Museums**

#### **Museum of Modern Art in Bogotá**

Calle 24 No. 6-00

Tuesday to Saturday: 10:00 am to 5:30 pm, Sunday: 10:00 am to 3:30 pm Sundays and public holiday no service.

#### **Gold Museum**

Calle 16 Carrera 6 Santander Park

Tuesday to Saturday: 9:00 am to 4:30 pm Sundays and holidays: 10:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday, including holidays, no service.

#### **Botero Museum**

Calle 11 No. 4-21 / 93

Monday to Saturday from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm Sundays and holidays from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm  
Closed Tuesdays.

### **National Museum of Colombia**

Carrera 7 No. 28-66.

Tuesday: 10:00 am to 8:00 pm, Wednesday to Saturday: 10:00 am to 6:00 pm, Sunday: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

### **To make purchases:**

- The Balay

Carrera 15 No. 75-63

Since 1969, the place where you can find the best crafts of the country products as basketry, ceramics, leather, textiles, pre-Columbian art, wood, music, books and sweets, among others, developed by Colombian hands of each of the regions make up the country.

- Salvarte

Local Atlantis Mall 209-3

Born in 2003 as an initiative to raise awareness of the world the potential of national handicrafts and open doors for the many communities that developed. It sells home products, decorating, table, kitchen, and office accessories.

- Atlantis Mall

Calle 81 Carrera 14

Apart from its theaters, and food court, you can find international restaurants such as Hard Rock Café.

- Andino Mall

Carrera 11 No. 82-71

It has a square of a variety of restaurants in the 3rd floor and cinemas, as well as Zone about T.

- Centro Comercial El Retiro

Calle 82 No. 11-75

There you can also find restaurants like the roof, Mexican food, and Festa, complex of 12 restaurants serving American food, Eastern Mediterranean and Lebanese, among others.

- Mall Hacienda Santa Barbara

Carrera 7 No. 115-60

It has an architectural fusion, which is mixed with the modern colonial style. An indoor and an outdoor area, where you can find food court, cinemas and cafes.

- Unicentro-MALL

Avenida 15 and Calle 127

It is the oldest shopping center of the city is characterized by its space, comfort, variety of national and international brands and supermarket.

- Great Mall Station

Calle 26 No. 62-47 Av

- Salitre Plaza Mall

Carrera. 68 b # 24-39

The last two, those closest to El Dorado International Airport.

## **Outside Bogota**

- Zipaquirá

To visit out of town, 49 km from Bogota. The park consists of a salt dome, the reservoir, tanks, forests and the Cathedral, with its axis Sacro tour. For more information, visit [www.catedraldesal.gov.co](http://www.catedraldesal.gov.co).

- La Calera

Situated in the north-west of Bogota, where you will have the whole city view and can engage in ecotourism, agritourism, and enjoy different restaurants with dishes.

## **Airports**

- El Dorado

The modules for passenger clearance for domestic and international flights are on the first floor. Counters are also buying tickets, reservations, check-in, immigration and customs. On the second floor are information services, displays arrival and departure of flights, waiting rooms, travel agencies, drug stores, restaurants and coffee shops, bookstores and crafts. Telecom has an office where you can make national and international calls and also offers fax and Internet. There are also taxis offices where the passenger can request the ticket containing the rate equivalent to that held tour.

TEL. 425 1000

## **Transportation:**

### Taxi

- The cost of the service within the city is very affordable and of good quality. The taxi also can hire by the hour.
- It is preferable to take taxis serving hotels or request service by phone. It is advisable not to take taxis on the street, particularly at night.

### TELEPHONE RESERVATION:

2333333 TELETAXI

EXPRESS TAX 4111111

2221111 TELE COPER

## **Transmilenio**

The system became operational with red articulated buses consisting of two bodies joined by a bellows. For their mobilization, have dedicated lanes through the city with street routes 80, the backbone of the North Freeway Caracas and La Avenida Suba

The NQS and Avenida de las Americas. Capacity: 180 passengers (46 seated and 114 standing)  
Passage Value: \$ 1,500 pesos, including the transfer to the feeders (common green buses that go to the neighborhoods where they do not get the Transmilenio). You can scroll in the middle of most used mass transit, you can access the nearest stations and looking at maps that specify

the routes, or in advance through the Internet at [www.transmilenio.gov.co](http://www.transmilenio.gov.co).

### **WHY BUY IN BOGOTA**

#### Esmeraldas

Bogotá is the main distributor of Colombian emeralds, for outstanding color quality, purity, size and hardness, are considered unique in the world. Obviously, your purchase must be made in jewelry demand that are accredited and certified.

#### Metalwork

It is well known the great quality of work offered by the city goldsmith: bracelets, necklaces, earrings, rings and bracelets, among others. Galleries and jewelers enjoy great prestige in the manufacture and sale of jewelry and replicas of pre-Columbian jewelry.

#### Crafts

In Bogotá there are fabrics and textiles, ceramics, wood, rubber, leather, jewelry, furniture and decorative objects, some techniques that work from pre-Columbian times. Expoartesanías is a major craft fair that takes place in December each year.

#### Antiques

Bogotá has an excellent range of antiques. The sector located in the antique street races 79B and 80 between 7 and 9, brings together a number of them. There are others in the Old Town, Gauteng and in the neighborhood of Usaquén enjoying good reputation.

#### Leather and footwear

These products have achieved a reputation that transcends national borders. Bogotá has significant industry manufacturing leather bags, jackets, purses, wallets, belts, wallets and accessories, also supply shoes are wide and varied. Storage of these items are located throughout the city and protrude some traditional sectors such as Barrio Restrepo.

#### Books and Music

Domestic production of books and magazines is recognized for its quality and good prices. Meanwhile, specialty stores offer a variety of music genres such as salsa, boleros, ballads, tango, vallenato, airs American and world repertoire works.

#### Café de Colombia

This national emblem, the world's smoothest coffee is achieved in different places in Bogota. Ground or whole bean, is the best gift to take overseas. In places such as cozy cafes Juan Valdez, Oma, Legend of Don Pedro scattered around the city, you can taste and buy safely in different forms. Likewise, in supermarkets and stores.

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