General information

I. Workshop information

Venue

The Workshop on Statistics of International Trade in Services for the Latin American and Caribbean Countries, sponsored by the United Nations Statistics Division – UNSD, the Central Bank of Brazil and the Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics – IBGE, with support of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean - ECLAC, will take place at the Teixeira de Freitas Auditorium located at 706 General Canabarro Street, district of Maracanã, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil on December, 1-4, 2009.

Registration

The opening session will start at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, December 1st, 2009. Registered participants may take their material at the reception desk at the lobby of the Teixeira de Freitas Auditorium from 9:00 AM.

Languages

During the workshop, there will be translation services to/from Portuguese, English and Spanish.

Internet and e-mail services

There will be free access to the Internet on computers located at the lobby of the Teixeira de Freitas Auditorium.

Food

Coffee breaks and lunch will be offered during all the days of the event.
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Contact persons

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II. Travel

Visa requirements

Foreign participants should certify the need for visa to Brazil.

Vaccination

Foreign participants should certify the need for vaccination against yellow fever when coming to Brazil.

Accommodation

The participants are responsible for their own hotel reservation.

The organization of the events recommends the following hotels:
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Copa Sul Hotel
Avenida Nossa Senhora de Copacabana, 1284
Copacabana
Tel: +55 21 3202-9450    Fax: +55 21 2287-7342
 E-mail: copasul@copasul.com.br
Fare: Single = R$ 200,00 / Double = R$ 210,00 / Triple = 270,00 + 15%(taxes)
Breakfast is included
http://www.copasul.com.br

Olinda Othon Classic
Avenida Atlântica, 2230
Copacabana
Tel: +55 21 2159 9000    Fax: +55 21 2159 9001
E-mail: reservas.olinda@othon.com.br / monica.amorim@othon.com.br
Fare: Single or double (Deluxe Front View) = R$ 265,00 + 15%(taxes)
Breakfast is included

South American Copacabana Hotel
Rua Francisco Sá, 90
Copacabana
Tel: +55 21 2227-9161    Fax: +55 21 2267-0748
E-mail: reservas@southamericanhotel.com.br
Fare: Single = R$ 185,00 / Double = R$ 203,00
There is no tax.
Breakfast is included
http://www.southamericanhotel.com.br

Transportation

For transportation between the airport and the hotel, we suggest to use the service of special taxis. Tickets may be purchased at the taxi counters just outside customs in the Rio de Janeiro International Airport or at the arrival area in the Santos Dumont Airport.

IBGE will offer shuttle service from the recommended hotels to the venue and back. However, it is necessary that each participant informs to Mr. Renato Moura the name of the hotel in which the reservation was made. Therefore, the shuttle bus will pick up the passengers at 8:00 AM sharp in the reception of each hotel.
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III. Other information

Weather

The weather in Rio de Janeiro in December is generally mild, with temperatures around 30ºC. The venue is air-conditioned at approximately 22ºC.

Money exchange

The participants may bring foreign currency or traveler checks, that 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. The exchange rate is approximately R$ 1,75 for US$ 1.00.

Electric system

Standard voltage in Rio de Janeiro is 110V.