



II Hemispheric Conference on Inland Ports, Waterways, and Dredging: Inland Transport as an Engine for Competitiveness

HOTEL PANAMERICANO, BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA

May 17-19, 2017

ABOUT

The *Second Hemispheric Conference on Inland Ports, Waterways, and Dredging: Inland Transport as an Engine for Competitiveness* will take place on May 17-19, 2017, in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and provides an international platform for public-private dialogue on strategic actions and efficient logistics operations through waterways and their inland ports. Industry experts will discuss the economic and environmental benefits of sustainable dredging for the development of the Western Hemisphere port sector.

Organized by the Under Secretariat of Ports and Waterways of Argentina (SSPYVN) and the Secretariat of the Inter-American Committee on Ports (S/CIP) of the Organization of American States (OAS), and in collaboration with the Port of Bahía Blanca, the Port of Buenos Aires, the Port Authority of Rosario (ENAPRO), the Argentine Naval Prefecture, and the Port of Quequén, the event will focus on the key aspects of inland transport, as well as efficient inland port operations and infrastructure, all in the context of increased competitiveness. Decision-makers from public entities, industry experts, and representatives from the private sector will present successful practices in dredging, navigation, and inland transport, which will address the following topics:

- Facilitation of intra-regional trade through waterways
- Inland ports as catalysts for efficient waterway logistics
- The benefits of multimodal transportation
- Inland transport safety and security
- The competitive benefits of environmentally sustainable dredging.

 **DATE & PLACE**

May 17 - 19, 2017
Buenos Aires, Argentina

VENUE

Hotel Panamericano
Carlos Pellegrini 551
Buenos Aires, Argentina

PARTICIPANTES

Port Authorities of CIP/OAS Member States; CIP Associate Members; port managers and executives, industry experts, private sector representatives, and special guests from the port sector, academia and the public interested in the subject.

CONFERENCE COORDINATION

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ADMISSION

The conference is free of charge. Those interested in attending must fill out the attached registration form and send it no later than May 3rd, 2017, to the Secretariat of the CIP (mswoboda@oas.org). Space is limited. Notifications of registration will be sent out accordingly.

DRESS CODE

The dress code is business casual.

LANGUAGE

The Meeting will be held in Spanish with simultaneous English interpretation.

MONEDA Y CAMBIO

The currency in Argentina is the Argentine Peso (ARS). Foreign currency can be exchanged at Ezeiza International Airport, banks and/or exchange bureaus. The exchange rate is approximately US \$1 to 16,20 ARS.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR ARGENTINA

All foreigners must at least carry a valid passport to enter the country. Please be advised that visa requirements vary depending on your country of origin and could imply several administrative processes. Please plan accordingly and consult the *Argentine Embassy or Consulate* in your country for further information.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

Travel arrangements and travel expenses must be assumed by each participant individually and/or their respective governments, institutions/organizations.

AIRPORT

Attendees shall arrive at Ezeiza International Airport (EZE). It is located approximately 35 km (22 miles) from the

city center of Buenos Aires. Ground transportation to the city center via taxi is approximately US \$ 50. Regional and domestic flights arrive at Aeroparque Internacional Jorge Newbery (AEP) located 2 km (1.2 miles) outside of Buenos Aires city center.

CUSTOMS

Attendees must clear customs individually at their first point of entry.

HOTEL ACCOMODATION

Please find a list of recommended hotels further below.

CLIMATE

The city of Buenos Aires has temperate climate. In the month of May, temperatures range between 14° and 23° C (57° F y 73° F) with occasional rain showers.

LOCAL TIME

Buenos Aires is located in the Argentina Time Zone (UTC-03:00).

TOURISTIC INFORMATION

For touristic information on Buenos Aires, please visit:

<https://turismo.buenosaires.gob.ar/es>

<http://www.turismo.gba.gov.ar/>

Hotels	Preferential Rates*
	(US\$)
<p>ASPEN SUITES http://www.aspensuites.com.ar/</p> <p>Esmeralda 933, Buenos Aires</p> <p>Tel.:+ 54 011 5219 1800</p> <p>Email:reservations@aspensuites.com.ar</p>	US\$ 62
<p>PARK SILVER OBELISCO http://www.parksilverobelisco.com/</p> <p>Cerrito 330, Buenos Aires</p> <p>Tel.:+54 11 4106 4444(int 4420)</p> <p>Email:ventas@parksilverobelisco.com</p>	US\$ 85 (LUJO ROOM) US\$ 97 (OBELISCO ROOM)
<p>HOTEL UNIQUE PARK PLAZA https://www.hotels-unique.com/es/hoteles/uniqueexecutivecentral/</p> <p>Diagonal Roque Saenz Pena 1178, Buenos Aires</p> <p>Tel.:+ 54 11 4807-7008 (int. 114/115)</p> <p>Email:reservas.bsas@hotels-unique.com</p>	US\$ 68
<p>DAZZLER MAIPU https://www.dazzlerhoteles.com/es/hoteles/argentina/hoteles-en-ciudad-de-buenos-aires/dazzler-maipu/</p> <p>Maipu 856, Buenos Aires</p> <p>Tel.: + 54 115217-5799</p> <p>Email:epastor@fenhoteles.com</p>	US\$ 85

*Please note that these rates are estimates and subject to change and availability. The organizers cannot guarantee the indicated fare.

REGISTRATION FORM

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Please send this form no later than May 3rd, 2017, to Mona Swoboda, Project Coordinator of the CIP Secretariat, mswoboda@oas.org.

Country: _____

Name and last name: _____

Title: _____

Institution: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Name and numbers of companion(s): _____

Emergency Contact:

Name and last name: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Date _____

Signature _____