



GENERAL INFORMATION

(Presented by the Secretariat)

1. Meeting Venue

The Ninth Meeting of Directors of Civil Aviation of the Central Caribbean (C/CAR DCA/9) will be held at the Aruba Surfside Marina in Oranjestad, Aruba, from 9 to 12 July 2007.

2. Address, Telephone, etc.

Aruba Surfside Marina
Oranjestad, Aruba
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Fax: (297) 5830444
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3. Registration of Participants

Participants are requested to register at the Registration Desk, Monday 9 July 2007, between 09.00 and 9.30 a.m. For identification purposes, participants are requested to wear the identification badge that will be provided during registration.

4. General Information

a) Weather

The average temperature in Aruba for July is 82°F or 28°C with humidity of 59%

b) Currency and Credit Cards

The unit of currency is the Aruban Florins
Current exchange rate is Afl.1.78 = US\$1.00
US\$ are widely accepted at all shops, stores, hotels, restaurants and taxi's

International credit cards such as American Express, MasterCard, Visa, Diners Club etc., are usually accepted at major hotels, shops and restaurants. Travelers' cheques should be exchanged at local Banks.

c) Hotel Reservations

Selected Hotels that are close to the meeting venue are listed below. Participants should arrange hotel accommodations well in advance directly with the selected hotels.

HOTEL	SINGLE / DOUBLE ROOM
Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino L.G. Smith Blvd.# 82 Oranjestad, Aruba Telephone: (297)5836000 Fax. (297)5828453 Website: www.arubarenaissance.com	<i>Corporate Rate: US\$149.00</i> <i>excl. 19% serv. charge & tax</i> <i>Housekeeping charge</i> <i>US\$1.00 per day.</i>
Talk of the Town Hotel & Beach Club Lloyd G. Smith Blvd.# 2 Oranjestad, Aruba Telephone: (297)5823380 Fax. (297)5820327	<i>Corporate Rate: US\$87.00</i> <i>excl. 19% serv. charge & tax</i> <i>Price includes breakfast.</i>
Note: • <i>As customary, hotel reservations need to be guaranteed with an international credit card.</i> • <i>Renaissance Hotel is situated in the center of Oranjestad and is accessible to all restaurants, casino, and nightlife of Aruba. It's about 8 min. away by car of the conference venue.</i> • <i>Talk of the Town is few minutes walking from conference venue. To reach main street about 8 minutes by car.</i> • <i>Please mention the C/CAR/DCA/9 Meeting for the group rate.</i>	

d) Arriving Departing/at Airport

Upon arrival at the Reina Beatrix International Airport participants should use the airport taxi services for transportation to their respective hotels.

Taxi fare from the airport to the selected hotel zone is about \$10.00 and up.

The airport departure tax is \$34.00 to \$37.00. Depends on destination.

5. **Local Transportation**

The recommended method of transportation is taxis.

6. **Hospitals**

If necessary, emergency services are available, for more information inquiry at:

Local call

Hospital (297) 5874300

Ambulance: 911

Police: 911

7. Commercial Working Hours

In the City from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm hours approximately.

Banks, Monday to Friday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm hours.

In malls/shopping centers from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm hours approximately (depends on shopping mall and stores).

8. Electricity

120 Volts / 50 Hz is the hotel standard. If 220 Volts are required, please request information at hotel registration.

9. Visa

To be verified at embassies and consulates missions in respective States.

10. Airline Telephone Numbers

You may re-confirm your return flights to the following local telephone numbers:

Dutch Antilles Express	tel: (297) 5881900
American Airlines	tel: (297) 5838809
Aeropostal	tel: (297) 5837739
Avianca	tel: (297) 5837788

11. Other

Tax charged to purchases is 3 % B.B.O. and indicated as “exclusive” if already included in consumer prices. Tips in restaurants and related places are normally not included in the bills. If not, then they are at your discretion. However, 15 % is the norm.

For more detailed information, please visit the official tourism website at www.aruba.com