



International Civil Aviation Organization

Search and Rescue (SAR) Meeting for the North American, Caribbean and South American Regions (SAR/NAM/CAR/SAM)

(Puntarenas, Costa Rica, 18 to 22 May 2009)

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GENERAL INFORMATION

(Presented by the Secretariat)

1. Venue and date of the event

1.1 The Search and Rescue (SAR) Meeting for the North American, Caribbean and South American Regions (SAR/NAM/CAR/SAM) will be held in Puntarenas, Costa Rica, from 18 to 22 May 2009, at the Double Tree Resort by Hilton Puntarenas.

2. Address and Coordinator of the Seminar

2.1 The Double Tree Resort by Hilton Puntarenas is located in the province of Puntarenas.

Phone: (506) 2220-2412 Fax: (506) 2220-3409 Mobile: (506) 8382-7820

E-mail: Jocelyn.viquez@hilton.com

2.2 Messrs. Gerardo Agüero and Ronald León from CAA Costa Rica are the Coordinators of the meeting. They can be reached by telephone: (506) 2290-2352 or 2231-4924, mobile (506) 8307-5860 or 8375-7476, Fax (506) 2290-2352 or 2231-4924 and e-mail addresses: gaguero@dgac.go.cr or rleon@dgac.go.cr

3. Registration of Participants

3.1 The registration of Meeting participants will take place on **18 May 2009**, from 08:30 to 09:00 hrs.

4. Opening of the Event

4.1 The opening session of the Meeting will take place on **18 May 2009, at 09:00 hrs.**

5. Documentation Link

The documentation for the Meeting is being posted on the ICAO NACC Office Website; participants should check the website frequently to download the documentation. **All participants must bring their own set of documentation (hard copy or electronically in a laptop) to the Meeting venue; there will be no hard copies available for distribution.**

<http://www.mexico.icao.int/Meetings.html>

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6. Temperature

6.1 In May, the temperature in Puntarenas is expected to range from approximately 27° to 30° C.

7. Money Exchange

7.1 The national currency is the Colon. Currently the exchange rate is 571 Colons per US\$1.00. It is advisable to exchange money in banks or exchange agencies.

8. Credit Cards

8.1 International credit cards usually accepted in hotels, shops and restaurants are: Visa, Diners, Master Card and American Express.

9. Lodging

9.1 The venue hotel of the meeting will apply special rates to all participants.

HOTEL	SINGLE/DOUBLE ROOM
Double Tree Resort by Hilton Puntarenas Reservations: Mrs. Yocelyn Viquez Telephone: (506) 2220-2412, Fax (506) 2220-3409 Mobile: (506) 83827820 E-mail: yocelyn.viquez@hilton.com	All-inclusive system (lodging, breakfast, lunch and dinner, taxes included) Special rate: US\$94.00 single room. US\$75.00 per person in a double room.

10. Transportation to/from Puntarenas

10.1 The Civil Aviation Authorities of Costa Rica are kindly offering transport from the airport to Puntarenas for the delegates **that indicate their arrival and departure flights in the registration form.** . The van will leave Juan Santamaría International Airport at 15:00 for the hotel on Sunday **17 May** and Monday **18 May**. The same service will be provided from Puntarenas to the airport on Friday 22 and Saturday 23 May respectively.

10.2 Other transportation options are offered by the resort’s travel agency, Interbus, Grey Line and Solisa. You may contact them directly at the following telephone numbers:

Travel Agency: (506) 2663-0808, ext. 5496
Solisa (506) 2229-4228
Interbus (506) 2283-5573
Grey Line (506) 2220-2126

10.3 Taxis Unidos is another option available at the airport.

11. Hospitals

11.1 There is a hospital near the resort, if necessary.

12. Commercial Working Hours

12.1 From 08:30 to 19:30, approx.

13. Electricity

13.1 110 Volts/60Hz.

14. Airport Departure Tax

14.1 The airport departure tax is US\$26.00, some air tickets include the departure tax.

15. Tax on Purchases

15.1 Tax on all purchases is included in the price.