

International Civil Aviation Organization  
Bahamas Civil Aviation Department  
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**GENERAL INFORMATION (REVISED)**  
(Presented by the Bahamas)

**1. Venue and Dates**

The ICAO Sixth Directors of Civil Aviation of the North American, Central American and Caribbean Meeting (NACC/DCA/06) will take place in Nassau, Bahamas, at the Meliã Nassau Beach Hotel, Cable Beach.

**2. Address and contact numbers**

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**3. Geography**

An archipelago, The Bahamas comprises 700 islands and some 2,000 cays, spread over 100,000 square miles in the Atlantic Ocean, located just 50 miles off the coast of Florida. Nassau, the capital and commercial centre, is located on the island of New Providence. Learn more at [www.bahamas.com](http://www.bahamas.com)

**4. Language**

English is the official language.

## **5. Temperature**

During the month of May, the temperature in The Bahamas ranges from 72°-88° F (22°-31°C). The average humidity is 77%. The rainy season is May – October; however, showers are generally short.

The hurricane season is June 1 - November 30.

## **6. Money Exchange**

The legal tender and national currency is the Bahamian dollar, which is equivalent in value to the US dollar; however, one can expect to pay a small commission when exchanging traveller's cheques for local currency and when converting local currency into US dollars (some Bahamian currency and coins are considered novelties and make good souvenirs).

Accepted currency: US dollar, Canadian dollar, British pound/Sterling (all commercial banks) and the Euro (Scotia Bank (Bahamas) Ltd.).

At Lynden Pindling International Airport one may exchange currency at the local banks in the vicinity of Meliã Nassau Beach Hotel, Cable Beach), or in the city (Bay Street, Downtown Nassau). **It is important to note that, when returning home, the banks will only exchange up to \$300 (Bahamian dollars) in US dollars.**

## **7. Credit Cards/ATMs**

The international credit cards usually accepted in hotels, shopping centres and restaurants are: American Express (AMEX), MasterCard and Visa (however, Meliã Nassau Beach Hotel also accepts Discover and Diners). The nearest bank (within walking distance) of Meliã is Scotia Bank (Bahamas) Ltd.). A Scotia Bank ATM is located at Meliã Nassau Beach Hotel; however, **only Cirrus or Plus cards accepted at ATMs.**

## **8. Commercial Working/Banking/Shopping Hours**

**Working Hours:** Monday – Friday 09:00 to 17:00 (generally)

### **Banking Hours:**

Royal Bank of Canada, Scotia Bank (Bahamas) Ltd. and CIBC First Caribbean International Bank are among the banks that are located on Nassau/Paradise Island.

Hours of operation are Monday to Thursday 09:30 to 15:00 and from 09:30 to 16:30 on Fridays. The nearest bank to Meliã Nassau Beach, is Scotia Bank (within walking distance). The majority of banks are closed on Saturday; all are closed on Sunday. Royal Bank of Canada, Carmichael Road, offers Saturday banking, 11:00 to 15:00 (approximately 5 miles/15-20 minute drive from Meliã Nassau Beach Hotel).

A 24-hour ATM is located at Lynden Pindling International Airport (Royal Bank of Canada), International and Domestic Departures, and also at Meliã Nassau Beach Hotel (Scotia Bank) – only Cirrus or Plus cards are accepted at ATMs.

### Shopping Hours:

Most Bay Street stores (Downtown Nassau) are open Monday – Saturday 09:00 – 17:30; some are open Sunday. Most stores in malls and on Paradise Island are open Monday – Friday 09:00/10:00 – 20:00, Saturday until 18:00 – 23:00, and Sunday until 13:00 – 17:00.

### 9. Accommodations

The suggested hotel for all participants is the Meliã Nassau Beach Hotel, which is hosting the NACC/DCA/6 Meeting:

#### **Meliã Nassau Beach Hotel (all-inclusive)**

P O Box N-4914

West Bay Street, Cable Beach, Nassau, Bahamas

Tel: 1-242-327-6000; Fax: 1-242-327-6987

[www.melia.com/en/hotels/bahamas/nassau/melia-nassau-beach/index.html](http://www.melia.com/en/hotels/bahamas/nassau/melia-nassau-beach/index.html)

Room Category		Single Rate	Double Rate	Extra Person	Child (Ages 2-12)
Deluxe View	Pool	\$260.00	\$170.00	\$128.00	\$85.00

**Note:** Children under (2) years old stay for free, when sharing the same room with their parents; children over the age of (12) years are charged at the adult rate. Maximum room capacity is (2) adults and (2) children or (3) adults and (1) child. Quad occupancy is not permitted.

### **RESERVATION PROCEDURES – DEADLINE FOR BOOKING**

Reservations Name: Department of Civil Aviation –In order to guarantee reservations, requests must be guaranteed with a major credit card.

**PLEASE NOTE: Credit Card Payments are subject to an administrative convenience fee of 5%.** A non-refundable deposit in the amount of \$520.00 per room will be taken at the time delegates book, which represents a two-night non-refundable deposit on each room total.

Via Telephone: Meliã Nassau Beach at 1-242-327-6000 (please ask for reservations, ext. 860138, Charmaine Smith or Lenora D. Greene (Groups Coordinators)

Via e-mail: [lenora.greene@melia.com](mailto:lenora.greene@melia.com) or [charmaine.smith@melia.com](mailto:charmaine.smith@melia.com)

Via Fax: 242-327-6987

**Identify yourself as: Department of Civil Aviation - NACC/DCA/06 in order to receive the Special Rates.**

The above rooms will be held until **April 09, 2016**.

**Other Hotel Accommodations in the Area:**

<b>Hotel</b>	<b>Rate</b>
<p><b>SANDYPORT BEACHES RESORT</b>                      West Bay Street (Cable Beach)                      P. O. Box SP-63162                      Nassau, Bahamas                      Tel: 1-242-327-4279-85;                      Fax: 1-242-327-5612                      www.sandyport.com                      Note: Preferential rates applicable for the period May 9 to 13, 2016. Use Reference: Department of Civil Aviation to obtain preferential rate</p>	<p>Standard Room(2 Queens)                      Single-\$215.30                      Double-\$233.20                      Triple-\$251.10                      Quad \$269.00</p> <p>Inclusive of all applicable taxes and fees; children 13 years and younger stay free.</p>
<p><b>SUPERCLUBS BREEZES RESORT &amp; SPA</b>                      West Bay Street (Cable Beach)                      P.O. BOX CB-13049                      Nassau, Bahamas                      Tel: 1-242-327-5356;                      Fax: (242) 327-3798                      Email: www.breezes.com</p> <p>Go to <a href="http://www.breezes.com">www.breezes.com</a> » Special Offers &amp; Promotions » More information.</p>	<p>(All-inclusive)                      Special Offer of \$168.00 (Deluxe Garden View), available online only for the period March 6 – August 5, 2016; however, must be booked by February 29, 2016. All-inclusive rate includes all meals, activities, applicable taxes and fees (local calls at cost</p> <p>Three-night minimum stay required. All rates shown are per person, per night based on two guests.                      Single occupancy rate = 150% of the per night double rate. .                      Cannot be combined with any other offer or promotion. Subject to existing closeouts.                      Call for complete details.”</p>

**10. Local Transportation**

The recommended methods of transportation are taxis; however, public buses (referred to as jitneys) run throughout New Providence, including Cable Beach to Downtown Nassau and return. Service is generally from early morning (about 06:30) until about 19:00. Fares vary, depending on the route, and exact change is required. Bus stops are marked. The basic fare is \$1.25 per person. Out-of-town zones on Nassau, New Providence could cost up to \$2.25. Also, car rental agencies are available at the airport and in or nearby hotels.

## **11. Hospitals**

If necessary, emergency services are available; for more information, call:

### **Princess Margaret Hospital (Government/Public)**

Shirley Street  
P. O. Box N-3730  
Tel: 1-242-322-2861 thru 2865

### **Doctors Hospital (Private)**

Collins Avenue & Shirley Street  
P. O. Box N-3018  
Tel: 1-242-302-4600/302-4688 or 302-4658 (emergency)

## **12. Electricity**

Electrical outlets are 60 cycles/120 volts, which is compatible with all US appliances. One may request information at hotel registration desk.

## **13. Visa**

To be verified at embassies and consulates in respective States.

## **14. Time Zone**

The Bahamas is in the Eastern Standard Time Zone. In March of 2007, The Bahamas adopted a new policy for Daylight Saving Time (DST); as a result, DST commences at 02:00 on the second Sunday in March and continues until 02:00 on the first Sunday in November. This is the same daylight savings policy practised in the United States. Canada and Australia.

## **15. Taxes/Tips**

There is a 7.5% value-added tax (VAT) charge on purchases at all major establishments. Qualifying establishments (and receipts) will display a Tin #.

The airport departure tax of \$15.00 is included in the air ticket.

Tips in restaurants and related places are normally included in the bill (usually 15%). If not, they are at your discretion (10%-15% is the norm).

## **16. Police Stations**

Police stations are located throughout New Providence. The nearest to Meliã Nassau Beach Resort (walking distance) is:

Cable Beach Police Station  
381 West Bay Street P. O. Box N-458 Cable Beach, New Providence  
Tel: 1-242-327-8800

## **17. Population**

The last census (2000) placed the population at 204,000.

## **18. Economy**

Tourism and international banking are the two leading industries in The Bahamas.

## **19. Government**

A bi-cameral system of government exists with an elected parliament and a senate whose members are nominated by the government and opposition parties. The Prime Minister is the Rt. Hon. Perry G. Christie.

## **20. Activities**

Nassau offers a full array of activities. The What-To-Do and Where-To-Dine booklets that delegates will be provided at registration will assist in planning any additional activity.

However, the most exciting event during May is the 2nd Bahamas Junkanoo Carnival will take place in Nassau, May 5-7, 2016 with non-stop culture and entertainment. For more information, visit [www.bahamasjunkanoo.com](http://www.bahamasjunkanoo.com). If any delegates are interested in travelling earlier for this event, Meliã Nassau Beach Resort will offer the special rate during this period. Additionally, Meliã has its own plethora of land and sea activities - a list of which can be secured upon arrival at the hotel.

Following are activities tentatively planned (gratis) for the delegates:

Tuesday, May 10

18:30 – 20:30 Welcome Reception at Government House (residence of the Governor General) Dress Code is Lounge Suit (no sleeveless attire).

Wednesday, May 11

16:30 – 18:30 A two-hour tour of Lynden Pindling International Airport (LPIA) to view the new state-of-the-art Terminal Radar Approach Control

Thursday, May 12

15:00 – 17:30 A two and a half hour bus tour of Nassau and Paradise Island (to include a half hour stop in the native Straw Market)