



Thirty-ninth session of ECLAC

Buenos Aires, 24–26 October | **2022**

THIRTY-NINTH SESSION OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN (ECLAC)

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BRIEFING NOTE



Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores,
Comercio Internacional y Culto
Argentina

I. INTRODUCTION

The thirty-ninth session of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) will be held in Buenos Aires from 24 to 26 October 2022.

The session is the most important intergovernmental conference for steering the work of the Commission. It serves as a forum for consideration of the most pressing economic and social development issues for the countries of the region, as well as an opportunity to review the progress of the Commission's activities.

The purpose of this document is to provide delegations with useful information to facilitate their work at the meeting.

II. ENTRY AND EXIT REQUIREMENTS FOR ARGENTINA

All persons entering Argentina must be in possession of a valid passport and, when required, the relevant visa issued by Argentine consular authorities.

Citizens of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru, the Plurinational State of Bolivia and Uruguay may enter Argentina with a valid identity card or identity document.

Those who require a visa to enter the country may apply at the corresponding Argentine consular post. Details of the offices can be found at <https://www.cancilleria.gob.ar/en/representaciones>.

More information on the visa application process can be found at:
<https://www.cancilleria.gob.ar/en/services/visas/visa-attend-congresses-and-fairs-or-carry-out-technical-scientific-artistic-or>.

Participants are kindly instructed to retain the arrival form issued upon entry into Argentina. The form is required by the immigration authorities when leaving the country.

III. COUNTRY INFORMATION

General information

The Argentine Republic is located in South America and its territory covers 3,761,274 square kilometres.

The country is bordered to the east by Brazil, Uruguay and the Atlantic Ocean; to the west and south by Chile; and to the north by Paraguay and the Plurinational State of Bolivia.

More information is available at: <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/pais>.

Useful information for your stay

Language	The official language of Argentina is Spanish.
Local time	UTC or GMT -3.
Local currency Argentine peso	The official currency is the Argentine peso. The currency is denominated in coins of 1, 2, 5 and 10 pesos and banknotes of 10, 20, 50, 100, 200, 500 and 1,000 pesos. Credit cards are widely accepted in shopping centres, restaurants and cashpoints. The current exchange rate can be checked at: https://www.bna.com.ar/Personas .
Telephone codes	The country calling code is 54 and the area code for the city of Buenos Aires is 11.
Electricity	The electricity supply in Argentina is 220 volts, 50 Hertz of alternating current (AC). Sockets have two cylindrical holes or three rectangular holes including an earth. It is advisable to travel with an adapter for these sockets.
Climate	The weather in Buenos Aires is pleasant in October, with temperatures ranging from 15°C in the morning to 30°C in early afternoon. Daily weather forecasts can be consulted at: https://www.smn.gob.ar/pronostico .
Shops and other businesses	Banks and currency exchanges: Monday to Friday, 10 a.m.–3 p.m. Business offices: generally, 9 a.m.–12 p.m. and 2–7 p.m. Shops and other businesses: Monday to Friday, 9 a.m.–8 p.m. Saturdays, 9 a.m.–1 p.m. Cafés and bistros: almost always open, with a 2–6 a.m. break. Restaurants: lunch is served from 12:30 p.m. onward and dinner from 8:30 p.m. Many establishments offer fast food at all hours. It is customary to tip 10% of the amount of the bill in cafés and restaurants, as well as to give small tips to doormen, porters and ushers.

Official website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship:
<https://www.cancilleria.gob.ar/en>.

IV. MEETING INFORMATION

1. Venue

The thirty-ninth session of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean will be held at the Centro Cultural Kirchner cultural centre.

The opening ceremony will be held in the Argentina Room on the second basement and the other meetings will be held on the fourth mezzanine of the cultural centre.

Centro Cultural Kirchner

Address: Sarmiento 151 (C1041), Ciudad Autónoma de Buenos Aires

Website: <https://cck.gob.ar/>.

2. Opening session

The opening session of the meeting will begin at 9 a.m. on Monday, 24 October, and will be held in the Argentina Room, located on the second basement of the Centro Cultural Kirchner.

3. Meeting coordination

The session will be organized by ECLAC and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship of Argentina. The contacts are:

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4. Online registration and participant accreditation

An online registration system will be available from **12 September to 21 October** on the website for the session (<https://periododesesiones.cepal.org/39/en>). All participants must complete the online registration process.

Submission of credentials will begin on Sunday, 23 October at 3 p.m. in the main hall of the Centro Cultural Kirchner, the entrance to which is located at Avenida Sarmiento 151, and will continue on Monday, 24 October from 8 a.m. onward. Each participant will receive an identification badge, which, for security purposes, must be shown to enter all meetings.

For any further information on participant accreditation, please contact María Eugenia Barozzi (mariaeugenia.barozzi@un.org; (+56) 2 2210 2520).

Online registration **does not exempt participants** from the requirement to send an official note to the Office of the Secretary of the Commission (secretariadelacomision@cepal.org) indicating the names of the head of delegation and accompanying delegation members.

5. Internet access

The offices and conference rooms set aside for the meeting will have wireless Internet access (Wi-Fi).

6. Session languages

The official language of the meeting will be Spanish. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided from and into English and French. Sign language interpretation will also be provided.

7. Meeting documents

As they become available, documents will be uploaded to the meeting website (<https://periododesesiones.cepal.org/39/en>).

In keeping with the principles of environmental sustainability of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and in accordance with other intergovernmental decisions adopted by ECLAC and the United Nations, **this will be a paper-smart meeting**. Participants will be responsible for downloading the documents from the session website. ECLAC will provide a mobile app on the meeting website, for downloading and viewing the session documents on participants' electronic devices. There will be no document printing or copying services at the meeting venue.

8. Medical services

The Government of Argentina will provide medical services to provide first aid if required at the meeting venue. Visitors are responsible for any additional medical expenses they incur. It is recommended that members of delegations obtain international health insurance that covers major medical expenses.

9. International press centre

To facilitate press coverage of the thirty-ninth session of ECLAC, an international press centre will be set up near the meeting rooms. Journalists wishing to cover the session must register beforehand on the meeting website (<https://periododesesiones.cepal.org/39/en>) and obtain accreditation at the press centre, which will be open every day from **8 a.m. on Monday 24 October 2022**.

An information and documentation office and cubicles and working spaces will be available at the press centre for accredited journalists and other representatives of media outlets.

Questions relating to media coverage of the meeting should be addressed to Guido Camú, Chief of the Public Information Unit of ECLAC (guido.camu@un.org; (+56) 2 2210 2440).

10. Hotel reservations

The ECLAC Conference Services Unit has reserved a limited number of rooms at special rates in the following hotels:

- **HOTEL NH BUENOS AIRES CITY (4*)**
Bolívar 160
Buenos Aires
Tel: (+54) 11 4121 6464
Contact: Gabriela Villar
Email: ga.villar@nh-hotels.com
nhcollectioncentrohistorico@nh-hotels.com
Standard single/twin room: US\$ 110 + VAT
- **HOTEL NH COLLECTION JOUSTEN (4*)**
Av. Corrientes 280
Buenos Aires
Tel: (+54) 11 4321 6750
Contact: Gabriela Villar
Email: ga.villar@nh-hotels.com
nhcollectionjousten@nh-hotels.com
Standard single/twin room: US\$ 170 + VAT

- **HOTEL EMPERADOR BUENOS AIRES (5*)**

Av. del Libertador 420

Buenos Aires

Tel: (+54) 11 4131 4030

Contact: Marcia Dardati

Email: mdardati@hotel-emperador.com.ar

www.hotel-emperador.com.ar

Deluxe single/twin room: US\$ 260 + VAT

To make a reservation, please follow this link:

<https://reservations.travelclick.com/4371?groupID=3584503>

- **SHERATON PARK TOWER, A LUXURY COLLECTION HOTEL (5*)**

Av. Leandro N. Alem 1193, Buenos Aires

Tel: (+54) 11 4318 9367

Contact: Cristina Simonelli

Email: Cristina.simonelli@marriott.com

<https://www.espanol.marriott.com/hotels/travel/buepl-park-tower-a-luxury-collection-hotel-buenos-aires/>

Deluxe single/twin room: US\$ 237 + VAT

These rates include breakfast and a Wi-Fi connection in the hotel room.

Reservation requests should be addressed directly to the chosen hotel **by 14 October 2022**. After that date, the hotels reserve the right to change their prices and cannot guarantee room availability. To make reservations, **please complete the form on page 8 of this document.**

Members of delegations are responsible for their own reservations and are advised to check that hotels have indeed processed requests and to ask for a reservation number or confirmation code.

Hotels will request a credit card number to confirm a reservation. Most hotels apply a no-show policy, whereby reservations may be cancelled free of charge up to **24 hours prior** to the scheduled arrival date; otherwise, cardholders will be charged for the first night. All members of delegations must settle their own hotel bills at the end of their stays.

11. Local transport

Participants are responsible for their own transport to and from the airport and the hotel.



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HOTEL RESERVATION REQUEST

First name(s)		Surname(s)	
Head of delegation <input type="checkbox"/>	Delegation member <input type="checkbox"/>	Observer <input type="checkbox"/>	Special guest <input type="checkbox"/>
Official title/position:		Organization:	
Address:			
City:		Country:	
Telephone no.:	Fax:	Email:	

I request a reservation at:

HOTEL NH BUENOS AIRES CITY (4*) <input type="checkbox"/> Bolívar 160 Buenos Aires Tel: (+54) 11 4121 6464 Standard single/twin room: US\$ 110 + VAT * Rate includes breakfast and Internet. Email: ga.villar@nh-hotels.com Contact: Gabriela Villar To make a reservation, please follow this link: https://www.nh-hoteles.es/event/cepal-octubre-2022	HOTEL NH COLLECTION JOUSTEN (4*) <input type="checkbox"/> Av. Corrientes 280 Buenos Aires Tel: (+54) 11 4321 6750 Standard single/twin room: US\$ 170 + VAT * Rate includes breakfast and Internet. Email: ga.villar@nh-hotels.com Contact: Gabriela Villar To make a reservation, please follow this link: https://www.nh-hoteles.es/event/cepal-octubre-2022	
HOTEL EMPERADOR BUENOS AIRES (5*) <input type="checkbox"/> Av. del Libertador 420 Buenos Aires Tel: (+54) 11 4131 4030 Deluxe single/twin room: US\$ 260 + VAT * Rate includes breakfast and Internet. Email: mdardati@hotel-emperador.com.ar Contact: Marcia Dardati To make a reservation, please follow this link: https://reservations.travelclick.com/4371?groupID=3584503	SHERATON PARK TOWER, A LUXURY COLLECTION HOTEL (5*) <input type="checkbox"/> Av. Leandro N. Alem 1193, Buenos Aires Tel: (+54) 11 4318 9367 Deluxe single/twin room US\$ 237 + VAT * Rate includes breakfast and Internet. Email: Cristina.simonelli@marriott.com Contact: Cristina Simonelli Lock code: OPP # M-O4JWPYV	
Date of arrival in Argentina:	Flight no.:	Approx. time:
Date of departure from Argentina:	Flight no.:	Approx. time:

I authorize use of the following credit card to guarantee my hotel reservation:

American Express <input type="checkbox"/>	Mastercard <input type="checkbox"/>	Visa <input type="checkbox"/>	Other <input type="checkbox"/>
Card number/security code (CSC/CVC/CVV):			Expiry date:

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