



**MIDTERM REVIEW MEETING OF LATIN AMERICAN
COUNTRIES PREPARATORY TO THE COMPREHENSIVE
MIDTERM REVIEW OF THE VIENNA PROGRAMME OF ACTION
FOR LANDLOCKED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES FOR THE
DECADE 2014–2024**

Santiago, 11-12 June 2019

GENERAL INFORMATION



INTRODUCTION

The Midterm review meeting of Latin American countries preparatory to the comprehensive midterm review of the Vienna Programme of Action for Landlocked Developing Countries for the Decade 2014–2024 will be held at ECLAC headquarters in Santiago, from 11-12 June 2019.

This document is intended to provide delegates with useful information to facilitate their work at the meeting.

The meeting coordinators will be available to answer any questions concerning logistical or organizational matters that you may have, before or during the event. In addition, you can get more information about the meeting at this web site: <http://www.lldc2conference.org/latin-america-regional-midterm-review/>

1. General information on Chile

Geographical location

Chile is located in the extreme south-west of South America, between the Pacific Ocean and the Andes mountains. The country, whose long, thin territory is divided into 15 administrative regions, has a total population of approximately 17 million. The capital city is Santiago.

General information on Santiago

Santiago is home to almost six million inhabitants. It has a Mediterranean climate and well-defined seasons, with rainy winters (from May to September) with minimum temperatures as low as 0° C, and dry summers (from November to March) with highs of around 30° C. Relative humidity is low and evenings are cool.

It is suggested that visitors drink bottled mineral water, since tap water, although safe to drink, may not agree with those not accustomed to it.

As in all big cities, it is advisable to avoid wearing expensive jewellery and to be careful with handbags and briefcases.

Useful information

LOCAL CURRENCY	The national currency is the Chilean peso (\$). The exchange rate is approximately 676 pesos to the dollar (May 2019).
LOCAL TIME	UTC/GMT -3 (at the date of the meeting).
ELECTRICITY	220 volts, 50 Hertz (AC).
AIRPORT TAX	Airport tax is included in ticket prices.
TIPPING	Tippling is usual practice in Chile, as in many other parts of the world. It is customary to leave a tip of about 10% of total bill in restaurants.

2. Meeting venue

The Midterm review meeting of Latin American countries preparatory to the comprehensive midterm review of the Vienna Programme of Action for Landlocked Developing Countries for the Decade 2014–2024 will take place in the Celso Furtado conference room at the headquarters of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), located at Avda. Dag Hammarskjöld 3477, Vitacura, Santiago. Access is also possible via the entrance at Avda. Alonso de Cordova 3170.

3. Meeting coordination

The meeting is being organized by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) and the United Nations Office of the High Representative for Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLLS) in consultation with the Government of Paraguay.

Questions on substantive matters relating to the meeting may be addressed simultaneously to Mr. Luis F. Yáñez, Officer-in-Charge of the Office of the Secretary of the Commission (email: secretariadelacomision@cepal.org) and Ms. Gladys Mutangadura, Senior Programme Officer, UN Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (email: mutangadura@un.org).

4. Hotel reservations

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

- **Hotel Atton Vitacura (****)**, Av. Vitacura 3201, Vitacura, tel: (+56) 2 2422 7902

Single room: US\$ 110 (includes breakfast and Internet)

Attn: César Lucero, Reservations Department

clucero@atton.com / reservas@atton.com

- **Hotel NH Collection Casacostanera (****)**, Av. Av. Nueva Costanera 3900, Vitacura, tel. (+56) 2 2433 9000

Single room: US\$ 120 (include Internet, *breakfast not included*)

Contact: Fabiola Rivera Lagos, Reservations Department

Email: fa.rivera@nh-hotels.com

These rates do not include value added tax (VAT) of 19%. Guests who pay in dollars using cash, travellers' cheques or an international credit card are exempt from payment of VAT.

Requests for reservations should be addressed directly to the hotel by the deadline given on the hotel reservation form attached. After this date, the hotel reserves the right to change the rate and cannot guarantee that rooms will be available.

To maintain the special ECLAC rate, hotel reservations must be requested personally, not through agencies or other means. Delegates are responsible for their own reservations. You are advised to check that the hotel has processed your reservation and to request a reservation number or confirmation code.

The hotel requires your flight number and date of arrival in and departure from Chile, as well as credit card details, in order to guarantee the reservation. Please complete in full the attached reservation form, which requests all the required details, and submit by the stated deadline.

5. Visa and entry requirements for Chile

Participants must be in possession of a passport valid for at least six months beyond the date of entry into Chile.

Delegates from countries whose citizens require a visa to enter Chile should apply for one in advance at their nearest Chilean embassy or consulate.

To find out whether you require a visa, go to the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Chile (<http://chileabroad.gov.cl/consulados/>) and click on the name of your country.

6. Transport from the airport to Santiago

The companies Transvip and Transfer Delfos operate minivan services from the airport, offering passenger transportation to different areas of the city. Each van can transport 10 to 12 passengers, at an approximate cost of US\$ 15 per person. Visitors preferring to take a taxi are advised to use the firms Taxi Oficial or Transvip, which are also located at the airport; fares to the city vary between US\$ 35 and US\$ 40 depending on the destination.

Santiago's public transport system includes buses, taxis and five subway lines. Taxi fares are metered and, in general, drivers do not expect tips.

7. Registration

Registration of delegates will take place at the hall entrance of the Celso Furtado conference room on Tuesday 11 June, starting at 8.30 a.m. Participants will receive an identification badge which, for security purposes, must be kept visible and shown at all meetings.

To facilitate the registration process, please send the attached registration form to Paula Warnken (paula.warnken@un.org)

8. Opening session

The meeting will start at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, 11 June.

9. Internet

Delegates will have access to a wireless Internet connection (Wi-Fi) in the conference room and in open areas.

10. Languages

The official language of the meeting will be Spanish. Simultaneous interpretation into English will be provided.

11. Facilities and services at ECLAC

Travel agency	Flight reservations and confirmations are handled by Carlson Wagonlit Travel, located in the basement of the ECLAC building (office 1S7).
Bank	There is a branch of Banco de Chile in the basement of the ECLAC building. It is open to the public from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Foreign currency may be exchanged from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.
Meals	ECLAC has a cafeteria and a canteen, which are open from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Participants must pay directly for their own consumption at these facilities.
Medical service	The ECLAC Medical Service (office number Z-210, ext. 2333) is available to participants requiring medical assistance. It is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2.30 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Shop	The “One World” shop, located in the central foyer on the ground floor, next to the spiral staircase, offers a wide range of attractive gifts, United Nations souvenirs and other items.

12. Places of interest in Santiago

Pueblito Los Dominicos	A handicraft village located close to the foot of the Andes in the east of the city. It offers a diverse array of traditional and contemporary crafts, including furniture, textiles and paintings.
Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes	The national fine arts museum is a major centre for the visual arts in Chile. It is situated in Santiago's Parque Forestal.
Museo de Arte Precolombino	This museum is at the cutting edge in terms of preserving, displaying and studying the continent's pre-Columbian artistic legacy. It has an extensive collection of art from ancient cultures such as the Incas and the Diaguitas. It is located in downtown Santiago.
Municipal Theatre of Santiago	Built in 1857, Santiago's municipal theatre is a national monument of renowned architectural beauty. It is one of the foremost cultural centres in Chile and hosts opera, ballet and musical performances.
Palacio de La Moneda	The Government Palace, located in central Santiago, is the only building of a pure Italian neo-classical style in the Americas. Its cultural centre presents visual and audiovisual exhibitions from Chile and further afield.
Plaza de Armas	Located in the heart of Santiago, this square has been the civic centre since colonial times. The cathedral in the square is a national monument and has an interesting museum, whose main attraction is its library containing manuscripts by important Chilean historical figures. Other historical buildings on the Plaza de Armas are the Santiago town hall and the central post office.
Barrio Bellavista	This vibrant, quintessentially urban neighbourhood combines a highly varied commercial clothing and craft sector with numerous restaurants offering many types of international cuisine. Bellavista nestles between the north bank of the Mapocho River and the foot of San Cristóbal Hill (home to Santiago's largest public park and the national zoo). Its exotic architecture gives it the aspect of an open-air museum, where visitors may discover art galleries, theatres and lapis lazuli jewellery shops, as well as La Chascona, the former residence of poet Pablo Neruda.



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Please send this form to: Paula Warnken

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Hotel Atton Vitacura (****) Av. Vitacura 3201 Tel: (+56) 2 2422 7902/2 2944 7858 Single room: US\$ 110 (includes breakfast and Internet) Attn: César Lucero, Reservations Department, clucero@atton.com reservas@atton.com Group code: 5092059 Block expiry date: 20 May 2019 <input type="checkbox"/>		Hotel NH Collection Casacostanera (****) Av. Nueva Costanera 3900, Vitacura Tel: (+56) 2 2433 9000 Deluxe single room: US\$ 120 (include Internet; breakfast not included) Attn: Fabiola Rivera, Reservations Department Fa.rivera@nh-hotels.com Group Code: 1868132 Block booking deadline: 7 June 2019 <input type="checkbox"/>	
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