

FIFTH MEETING OF MINISTERS AND
HIGH AUTHORITIES OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT
November 17 to 18, 2022 (V REMDES)
Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

INFORMATION BULLETIN

Delegations may download the documents from the website:

[Fifth Meeting of Ministers and High Authorities of Social Development \(V REMDES\)](#)



1. Venue

The Fifth Meeting of Ministers and High Authorities of Social Development (V REMDES) will be held from November 17 to 18, 2022, in the city of Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. The sessions will take place in the “Main Hall of the Real Intercontinental Hotel”.

2. Coordination

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3. Accommodations

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Office of Social Policies of the Presidency, through the National Coordination, have requested preferential rates for meeting participants at the hotels listed below in order to facilitate accommodation reservations.

Suggested Hotel	Rate USD	Website
El Embajador	Executive Junior Suite: SGL US\$142 DBL US\$165 Ambassador Level Junior Suite: SGL US\$155 DBL US\$170 Ambassador Royal Junior Suite: SGL US\$435 DBL US\$450 Suite Presidencial: SGL US\$3,225.00 Breakfast and Internet included	El Embajador Royal Hideaway Sarasota Avenue # 65, Santo Domingo. https://elembajadorroyalhideawayhotel.com-hotel.com/es/ Phone: 809-221-2131
W&P Santo Domingo	Executive Room: SGL US\$70 DBL US\$115 Breakfast and Internet included	W&P Sant Sarasota Avenue # 53, Santo Domingo. http://workandpleasurehotels.com/es/ Phone: 809-535-0800
All rates are subject to 28% taxes (18% ITBIS and 10% tipping). *Reservations for accommodation at these hotels must be made before November 1, 2022.		

The staff of the OAS General Secretariat and the Ministers of Social Development and/or Heads of Delegation of the Member States will stay at the Hotel Intercontinental Real Santo Domingo, courtesy of the Office for the Coordination of Social Policies of the Presidency from the November 16 to November 19, 2022 (3 nights).

Members of delegations and other meeting participants must make their reservations directly at the hotels indicated before November 1, 2022, identifying themselves as participants of the V REMDES. After that date, the hotels do not guarantee room availability or the validity of the established rate.

To make hotel reservations for the Heads of Delegation of the Member States, you must complete the form (**TRAVEL FORM**) in **ANNEX II** and send it electronically to:

Erlyn Cruz
Protocol Officer
Social Policy Coordination Cabinet (GCPS)
Telephone: +1 (829) 354-1213
Email: erlyn.cruz@gabsocial.gob.do

Each member of a delegation must pay his or her hotel bill (accommodation, consumption, and extras) directly, following usual hotel procedures.

Reservation requests will only be confirmed if they come with a current active credit card number, cardholder's name, and the card's expiration date and security code.

4. Accreditation

The delegations of the OAS Member States, permanent observers, and special guests must send their letters of accreditation electronically to the following email address, no later than **November 7, 2022**:

Organization of American States
Department of Social Inclusion
Secretariat for Access to Rights and Equity (SARE)
Email: mherrera@oas.org; cburjel@oas.org

For delegations from OAS Member States and permanent observers, this letter of accreditation must be sent through their Permanent Mission to the OAS.

If the delegation is made up of more than one member, please **designate a head of delegation (head delegate)**. Likewise, **indicate his/her alternates** in case the head of delegation is unable to participate.

5. Registration of participants

In addition to accreditation, delegates must register by completing the registration form (**ANNEX I**) and send it no later than November 7, 2022, to the Department of Social Inclusion:

Organization of American States

Department of Social Inclusion

Secretariat for Access to Rights and Equity (SARE)

Email: mherrera@oas.org; cburjel@oas.org

When registering, it is necessary for each person to include an email in which they will receive confirmation of their registration, and a telephone number where the OAS Secretariat can contact them via WhatsApp.

The registration of the official delegations after the deadline, as well as the delivery of the identification badges will be attended only from November 16, 2022 on the second level of the host hotel, from 1:00 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. Delegations and other participants are requested to present a copy of the respective official credential at the time of registration.

For security reasons, badges will be required at all meeting activities.

6. Requirements for entering and leaving the country

The following link <https://mirex.gob.do/visas/> has the information about the requirements for entering the Dominican Republic. You must complete the **E-TICKET** process before entering and leaving the Dominican Republic through the following link: <http://eticket.migracion.gob.do/> . Airlines require this form at the time of check-in or boarding.

7. Information related to the COVID-19 outbreak and other requirements

President Luis Abinader announced on **February 17, 2022** the end of all the restrictive measures imposed by COVID-19, including the obligation to present vaccines or the mandatory use of a mask.

As of **April 23, 2022**, all passengers and crew members do not need to present the COVID-19 vaccination card, PCR tests, antigen tests, to enter the Dominican Republic, tourist centers, commercial establishments or to receive services. Passengers and crew will no longer be randomly tested for COVID-19 upon arrival in the Dominican Republic. However, when required, random testing operations may be carried out. Passengers who present their vaccination card will be exempt from random tests.

8. Arrival at the airport

The Government of the Dominican Republic will have officials to receive the members of the official delegations at the International Airport of the Americas “Dr. José Francisco Peña Gómez” in the city of Santo Domingo. We will appreciate everyone being able to arrive through this airport.

9. Travel

Delegates, observers and representatives of international organizations and other participants are recommended to make their flight reservations as soon as possible, landing at the International Airport of the Americas "Dr. José Francisco Peña Gómez" (SDQ) preferably on November 16, 2022.

Among the various airlines that operate routes to the Dominican Republic are American Airlines, Avianca, Copa Airlines, Delta Airlines, United Airlines, Air France, Air Canada, British Airways, Iberia, Aeromexico, and JetBlue.

10. Transportation

The Government of the Dominican Republic will offer ground transportation to all participants, from arrival to departure. Likewise, from the selected hotels to the venue of the meeting.

11. Official receptions

The welcome reception will be at the meeting venue "**Intercontinental Real Santo Domingo**", on Thursday, **November 17, 2022 at 09:00 a.m.** The buses will leave the official hotels at **08:30 a.m.** and will transport the delegations back to their respective hotels at the end of the day.

12. Social activities

The General Coordinator of the Cabinet for the Coordination of Social Policies of the Presidency, Mr. Francisco Antonio Peña Guaba, will offer a welcome dinner for the ministers, Secretary General of the OAS, General Secretariat staff, delegations, observers, and special guests, in the typical restaurant **JALAO**, located in the Colonial Zone of Santo Domingo. The activity will be on **November 17, 2022 at 07:30 p.m.**

13. Working languages and documents

The working sessions of the V REMDES will be held in the four official languages of the Organization: Spanish, English, French and Portuguese, for which simultaneous interpretation will be offered.

Pursuing the implementation of ecological efficiency measures, the printing of documents will be limited. Delegations are encouraged to obtain the documents of the meeting through the website of the [Fifth Meeting of Ministers and High Authorities of Social Development \(V REMDES\)](#) and to keep them during all sessions.

14. Delegates working area and communications

Delegates will have at their disposal an area with wireless Internet at the meeting venue. International phone calls are at the user's expense.

15. Media communications

There will be a room or space that the Ministers or Heads of Delegation may use for press conferences and interviews with the media. The corresponding reservations must be made through the National Coordination of the Dominican Republic, to the email and/or telephone number (WhatsApp), indicating in the subject "Press Room".

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16. Security

Security will be managed by the Inter-institutional Security Directorate of the Cabinet for the Coordination of Social Policies, through the Ministry of Defense of the Dominican Republic and the state security agencies.

The Heads of Delegations must inform the security assistant 4 hours in advance of the intention to visit points of interest outside the hotel

Junior Soto

Security Assistant

Social Policy Coordination Cabinet (GCPS)

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17. Medical services

Participants will have first-aid medical services at the venue. Delegations are kindly requested to specify any medical care they require in the section identified as "special requirements" of the Travel Form (Annex II).

The delegations must also specify in the registration form any food restriction, as well as any special requirements (special mobility needs, medical treatments, among others).

18. Other information

a. Working Hours

Shopping areas open their doors from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. or 11:00 p.m. from Monday to Saturday. Certain shops remain open on Sundays until 3:00 p.m. In the case of supermarkets, they generally work from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday and Sundays from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Banking entities open from Monday to Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and some until 6:00 p.m. Government offices, from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Museums open from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and from 14:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. They also work on Saturdays.

b. Currency

The Dominican peso (DOP) is the national currency. The current exchange rate is 1 USD =54.50 DOP. This may vary by day. We recommend exchanging your currency at banks.

c. Time zone

The official time in the Dominican Republic corresponds to the Atlantic time zone (UTC/GMT -4).

d. Weather

The climate of the Dominican Republic is warm tropical, which presents a stable temperature throughout the seasons, which ranges between 25 °C and 35 °C (77 °F and 95 °F). Between the months of November to January they vary a little, decreasing to 24 °C (75 °F) in Santo Domingo.

e. Dress code (V REMDES)

The dress code is light formal/casual attire for both men and women.

f. Electricity

The electrical service is delivered at 110 volts

g. Taxes

In the Dominican Republic, the acquisition of products is subject to the payment of value added tax at a rate of 18% on the net value of the purchase. In the case of services, it is increased by 10%.

h. Tips

Most restaurants and hotels include gratuity in the bill amount, so any additional gratuity is at the discretion of the customer.

ANEXO I / APPENDIX I

V REUNIÓN DE MINISTROS Y ALTAS AUTORIDADES DE DESARROLLO SOCIAL /
V MEETING OF MINISTERS AND HIGH AUTHORITIES OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

17 y 18 de noviembre de 2022 / November 17 and 18, 2022

Santo Domingo, República Dominicana

FORMULARIO DE INSCRIPCIÓN / REGISTRATION FORM

País u Organización / Country or Organization

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Jefe de Delegación / Head of Delegation

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Representante Alterno / Alternate Representative

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Observador Permanente / Permanent observer

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Invitado especial, organismo internacional / Special guest, international organization

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OEA / OAS

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OTRO / OTHER

Información personal / Personal data:

Apellidos / Last Name		Nombre / First Name
Cargo / Position		
Organización / Organization		
País / Country		
Teléfono / Telephone	Fax	Correo electrónico / E-mail

Envíe por favor este formulario al Departamento de Inclusión Social, DIS/SADyE, a más tardar el **7 de noviembre de 2022** / Please submit this form to the Department of Social Inclusion, DIS/SADyE, by no later than **November 7, 2022**

Correo electrónico: mherrera@oas.org; CBurjel@oas.org

Copia a Coordinación Nacional de República Dominicana/ Copy to the National Coordination of the Dominican Republic::

leticialogrono@gmail.com Telephone: +1 (809) 974-6858

**** Se recuerda a los delegados que además de enviar este formulario, es necesario que sean acreditados por sus Misiones Permanentes ante la OEA. / We remind delegates that in addition to remitting this form, they must also be accredited by their permanent missions to the OAS.**

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*17 y 18 de noviembre de 2022 / November 17 and 18, 2022
Santo Domingo, República Dominicana*

FORMULARIO DE VIAJE / TRAVEL SCHEDULE FORM¹

INFORMACIÓN PERSONAL / PERSONAL INFORMATION			
País / Country			
Organización / Organization		Ocupación / Occupation	
Apellido / Last Name		Nombre / First Name	
Correo electrónico / E-Mail	Código de área / Area Code:	Teléfono / Telephone	Fax:
Tipo de pasaporte (diplomático, oficial, regular) / Passport type (diplomatic, official, regular)		Número de pasaporte / Passport Number	Nacionalidad / Nationality

OTRA INFORMACIÓN PERSONAL ESPECIAL / OTHER SPECIAL PERSONAL INFORMATION					
Alergias / Allergies					
Medicamentos / Medication					
Restricciones alimenticias / Food restrictions					
Requerimientos especiales / Special requirements					

INFORMACIÓN DE VUELO / FLIGHT INFORMATION					
Fecha / Date	De / From	A / To	Aerolínea y número de vuelo / Airline and flight number	Hora de salida / Departure Time	Hora de llegada / Arrival time

HOTEL		
Hotel seleccionado / Hotel selected	Habitación / Room Sencilla/ Single Doble/ Double Otro/ Other	Servicio de transporte / Shuttle service

OTRA INFORMACIÓN RELEVANTE / OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

¹ Envíe, por favor, este formulario a la Coordinación Nacional de República Dominicana a más tardar el **01 de noviembre de 2022**. / Please submit this form to the National Coordination Office in Dominican Republic by no later than **November 01, 2022**. leticiaogrono@gmail.com Telephone: +1 (809) 974-6858