



Information Guide

Meeting of the Working Groups of the
Inter-American Conference of Minister of Labor (IACML) and
First Preparatory Meeting of the XX IACML

April 27 and 28, 2017 – Asuncion, Paraguay

Information pertaining to this event will be updated in:

https://www.oas.org/en/sedi/dhdee/labor_and_employment/pages/cpo_trab_WG2XIX_IACML.asp

IMPORTANT DEADLINES TO KEEP IN MIND:

Request for financial assistance:	March 31
Responses to Guiding Questions:	April 10
Registration (depends on funding request):	March 31 or April 10

Venue: Crowne Plaza Hotel

Address: Calle Cerro Cora 939 , Con Estados Unidos , Asuncion, Paraguay

1) Overview

In compliance with the Inter-American Conference of Ministers of Labor (IACML) Calendar of Activities for 2016-2017, the following events will take place consecutively in Asuncion, Paraguay:

- Second Meeting of the Working Groups of the XIX IACML: April 27 and 28
- First Preparatory Meeting of the XX IACML: April 28

A detailed agenda complements this Guide.

Objectives:

- 1) WG meetings - Continue the discussion on the topics and tasks assigned by the Declaration and Plan of Action of Cancun 2015 to the Working Groups of the IACML:
 - Working Group 1: *“Integrated public policies for productive employment and decent work with social inclusion”*
 - Working Group 2: *“Institutional strengthening to protect workers’ and employers’ rights and promote cooperation”*
- 2) First Preparatory of the XX IACML – To begin the negotiation process toward the next IACML that will take place in November 2017 in Barbados.

Participants:

- Representatives appointed by the Ministries of Labor of the OAS Member States
- Representatives of workers and employers grouped within COSATE and CEATAL
- Representatives of International Organizations linked to the IACML process and other special invitees.

2) Guiding Questions

The authorities of the Working Groups have developed a list of guiding questions on the topics for each session, which are based on the mandates of the Declaration and Plan of Action of Cancun, adopted at the XIX IACML in 2015, and seek to assist delegations in preparing for the meeting and to enrich the debate.

Participants are kindly requested to answer these questions and send their responses to the Technical Secretariat (trabajo@oas.org) no later than April 10th, 2017. Thank you for your collaboration.

Working Group 1

Panel 1: Transition from the informal to the formal economy

1. What new and innovative strategies and methods is your Ministry implementing to address informality, both to formalize workers from the informal economy and to formalize enterprises?

Panel 2: Labor equality, elimination of employment discrimination and labor inclusion of vulnerable groups – focus on youth and people with disabilities

Sub-panel – Youth

2. What strategies or initiatives are working in your country to promote equitable and inclusive job conditions and opportunities for youth?

3. What strategies or initiatives is your institution developing to ensure that technical education and professional training respond to the development needs of your country, and that they are a viable option for youth? Please mention any coordination efforts with the education sector, if any.

Sub-panel – People with disabilities

4. What strategies or initiatives is your institution developing to prevent and eliminate labor discrimination of people with disabilities?
5. What strategies or initiatives is your institution developing to promote technical education and professional training for people with disabilities, as well as improve their transition into the labor market?

Working Group 2

Panel 1: Strengthen enforcement of labor laws and regulations, beyond labor inspection

1. In addition to labor inspection functions, what initiatives is your Ministry developing to promote compliance of labor laws? Please highlight any training and awareness-raising activities.

Panel 2: Social Protection and Child Labor

2. What social protection policies and support mechanisms for children and their families is your institution implementing, with the goal of preventing and eliminating child labor?
3. What dialogue and cooperation efforts is your Ministry developing with ministries of social development and other relevant entities to achieve greater coordination between social protection strategies, productive development strategies and strategies to eliminate child labor?

Panel 3: Strengthening Labor Administrations: the RIAL

4. What has the impact of labor cooperation in the institutional strengthening of your Ministry been? Please comment on how the programs in your Ministry have been strengthened, as well as your capacity/ability to deliver your institutional commitments.

3) Logistics and travel information

Registration: Please complete the enclosed Registration Form and send it to the Technical Secretariat no later than **April 10, 2017** to trabajo@oas.org. If you need financial assistance, the deadline is **March 31**.

Government delegates should send this Form through the **Permanent Mission** of their country to the OAS.

Funding: Each delegate is responsible for his/her own travel expenses. However, the Government of Paraguay, through the Organization of American States (OAS), will cover the lodging expenses of some officers from Ministries of Labor of small economies to support their participation. The airline tickets and other expenses must be covered by each participating institution.

Resources are limited and requests for financial assistance will be analyzed and granted on a first-come, first-served basis. For those participants that wish to receive funding, we kindly ask that you indicate it in the Registration Form and send it as soon as possible, and no later than March 31st.

Lodging: It is each participant's responsibility to directly book a reservation at a hotel of his or her preference, except for those receiving financial assistance, in which case the OAS will make reservations at the Crowne Plaza Hotel.

Transportation to and from the airport: Each delegate is responsible for making their own local transportation arrangements. We suggest using taxi service upon arrival to the airport. Approximate cost is USD \$ 23 to the Crowne Plaza Hotel.

Arrival and departure requirements: Delegates are responsible for complying with the visa requirements established by the Government of Paraguay. Participants who require a visa to Paraguay should contact the corresponding diplomatic representation to process their visa in advance.

List of countries who do not require a visa to Paraguay:

<http://www.portalconsular.mre.gov.br/estrangeiros/qgrv-simples-port-21-10-2016.pdf>

It is important that all participants verify with the diplomatic representation of Paraguay in their countries if they require a vaccine against **yellow fever**.

Language: Simultaneous interpretation to English and Spanish will be provided at the Meeting.

Currency: The currency in Paraguay is the Guarani. The Exchange rate is USD \$ 1 = PYG \$ 5.740,9 (February 2, 2017)

Weather: The maximum temperature is 28.1°C (82.6° F) and 22.8°C (70.43° F) is the minimum throughout the year.

For further information on the meeting, please contact:

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4) **Registration Form**

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Last Name	First Name
Title	
Organization	
Country	
Telephone	E-mail

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Yes ___ No ___

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