

## INFORMATION NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS

*Latin America and Caribbean regional preparatory meeting for the 2022 face-to-face segment of the meetings of the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam, and Stockholm conventions  
3 to 5 May 2022, Montevideo, Uruguay.*

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*Latin America and the Caribbean Regional meeting for the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM)  
6 and 7 May 2022, Montevideo, Uruguay.*

The GRULAC regional meeting in preparation for the BRS COP will be staged face-to-face with no possibility of online participation.

The Regional Meeting for the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM) will take a hybrid format and online participation will be enabled through the zoom platform. On both days, participants will be able to connect via the following link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87197250487?pwd=SitNZ2tYU1JHK2wyUWRZZUI2L1hDdz09>

Please download and import the following iCalendar files (.ics) into your calendar system:

[https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/tZMsfu6qqzsuEtN1G0C3\\_qiwLRZgx0Zfqhqm/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGvrzltGNGVtBGARpwEBYr4KOrwmGJbj7dzzTi1IHNscwrhGtB4NaovKt7B](https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/tZMsfu6qqzsuEtN1G0C3_qiwLRZgx0Zfqhqm/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGvrzltGNGVtBGARpwEBYr4KOrwmGJbj7dzzTi1IHNscwrhGtB4NaovKt7B)

Meeting ID: 871 9725 0487

Access code: 063531

We remind all participants they must be registered in order to participate.

### 1. GENERAL

The Latin America and the Caribbean regional preparatory meeting for the 2022 face-to-face segment of the meetings of the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam, and Stockholm Conventions (BRS COPs) is scheduled to be held from 3 to 5 May 2022. The Latin America and the

Caribbean regional meeting for the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM) will be held back-to-back on 6 and 7 May 2022.

## 2. VENUE

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Both regional meetings will be held at Radisson Montevideo Victoria Plaza Hotel. Address: Plaza Independencia 759, Montevideo, Uruguay.

This hotel is located opposite the Plaza Independencia, offering easy access to various attractions such as the Rambla, the Mother Church and the Old Town. It is also close to several multinational companies and financial institutions.

Please find hereunder the hotel's address and telephone number:

Plaza Independencia 759, Montevideo, Uruguay.

+598 29020062

<http://www.radissonvictoriaplaza.com.uy>

## 3. SCHEDULE

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The regional preparatory meeting for the BRS COPs will be held from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. from Tuesday, 3 May to Thursday, 5 May 2022. The Regional Meeting for the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM) will be held from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday, 6 and Saturday, 7 May 2022.

Lunch breaks are planned to be held from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. every day.

## 4. REGISTRATION AND IDENTIFICATION BADGES

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Participants shall register upon arrival and collect their identification badges to be able to participate in the meetings. The registration for the meetings will be open at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, 3 May and at 8:30 on Friday, 6 May 2022.

Participants who are not able to register during the time indicated above are requested to do so upon their arrival at the hotel. Only the names of duly registered participants will be included in the list of participants.

## 5. VISA REQUIREMENTS

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All participants are advised to consult with the Embassy of Uruguay in their respective countries regarding the latest applicable immigration requirements prior to their departure to Uruguay.

For any question related to visa procedures, participants should contact the Basel Convention Coordinating Centre (BCCC) in Uruguay. The Centre will facilitate the visa procedure to entry Uruguay, for those registered and duly confirmed participants attending to the meeting.

## 6. DAILY SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE (if applicable)

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Participants whose participation in the meeting is sponsored will be provided with a daily subsistence allowance at prevailing United Nations rates. In addition, accommodation at the Radisson Montevideo Victoria Plaza Hotel, including breakfast, will be provided.

For any question related to Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA), sponsored participants should contact the Basel Convention Coordinating Centre (BCCC) in Uruguay, which will be able to provide you with the necessary information.

To facilitate the payment of the DSA, sponsored participants are requested to submit their arrival boarding cards to the BCCC staff before/during the meeting. Please get in contact with Natalia Maciel or Virginia Santana. For your information, DSA will be provided through Cambio Gales Offices. The nearest office to the venue is in Av. 18 de Julio 1046.

## 7. LOCAL TRANSPORTATION

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The city has a wide network of buses with good frequency and a good taxi service. The bus ticket price is \$44 Uruguayan pesos (cash only).

If you prefer, you can request a taxi by phone (+598 141; +598 1711); you will be promptly assisted by the taxi company central. Remember that the taximeter must show tokens at pick-up and that the fee (per token) varies according to time of the day (night fee, from 10 pm to 6 am, is 20% more expensive). The same increase applies to Sundays and national holidays. Payment could only be done in Uruguayan pesos using cash or in some cases credit cards. Please note that tips are not included in the taxi fee.

Taxis available at the airport are more expensive than those in Montevideo. Yet, there is a shuttle service at the airport that may be cheaper. For further information, please visit the official Carrasco International Airport website:

[http://www.aeropuertodecarrasco.com.uy/taxis/ct\\_27/en/](http://www.aeropuertodecarrasco.com.uy/taxis/ct_27/en/)

Uber services are available in Montevideo.

## 8. HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

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The accommodation of funded participants will be at Radisson Montevideo Victoria Plaza Hotel. For funded delegates, the room cost will be covered, and reservation will be made by the BCCC. The room will be available for you according to your flight arrival.

The following hotels, located relatively close to the meeting venue, have been designated as recommended hotels with their corresponding rates for no-funded delegates. Non-funded delegates need to make their own booking.

HOTELS	COSTS& NOTES
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<p><b>Radisson Montevideo Victoria Plaza Hotel</b></p> <p>Plaza Independencia 759. Phone: +598 2902 0111 <a href="https://www.radissonvictoriaplaza.com.uy">https://www.radissonvictoriaplaza.com.uy</a></p> <p>Bookings Email: reservas@radisson.com.uy, You must include the name of the meeting in the subject of the email to access the preferential rate: BRS/SAICM Meeting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Standard USD 94/night</li> <li>• Breakfast &amp;WIFI are included</li> </ul>
<p><b>Holiday Inn Montevideo</b></p> <p>Colonia 823 Phone: +598 2902 0001 <a href="https://www.ihg.com">https://www.ihg.com</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Standard USD 75/ night.</li> <li>• Breakfast &amp;WIFI are included</li> </ul>
<p><b>Esplendor by Wyndham Montevideo</b></p> <p>Soriano 868 Phone: +598 2900 1900 <a href="https://windhamhotels.com">https://windhamhotels.com</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Standard USD 70 per night.</li> <li>• Breakfast &amp;WIFI are included</li> </ul>
<p><b>Smart Hotel</b></p> <p><b>Andes 1240</b> Phone: +598 2903 3222 <a href="https://smarthotelmontevideo.com">https://smarthotelmontevideo.com</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Standard USD 65 / night.</li> <li>• Breakfast &amp;WIFI are included</li> </ul>

The rates provided in the table are subject to change without notice. Please confirm the room rates with the hotel directly.

Before departure from Montevideo, participants should settle directly with the respective hotels all accounts, including room charges and other expenses, such as for local and long-distance telephone calls, Internet use, business center use, laundry, room and hotel transportation services, mini-bar items, as well as restaurant and bar services.

## 9. HEALTH AND VACCINATION

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Please check you comply with the entrance requirements in the country in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic. This information can be found in the office page of the [Oriental Uruguayan Republic](#)

People who wish to enter Uruguay must complete the online Foreigners Declaration Form: <https://declaracionjurada.ingresoauruguay.gub.uy/>

People must also have medical assistance in Uruguay through travel insurance.

## 10. ELECTRIC PLUG AND SOCKET

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The residential voltage in Uruguay is 220V/50Hz. You will need a transformer in order to use your portable devices if they do not run on 220V/50Hz. Please make sure you bring one along or purchase one in Montevideo if you need it.

Plug types in Uruguay are C and L.



## 11. INTERNET SERVICES

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Free wireless internet access is available in the meeting venue.

## 12. CATERING SERVICES

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Coffee breaks will be provided by the organizers throughout the duration of the meeting.  
Lunch will be at the charge of each participant.

## 13. BANKING FACILITIES, POSTAL SERVICES AND CURRENCY

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The Uruguayan Peso (UYU/\$) is the official currency. Bank notes are available in the following denominations: \$2,000; \$1,000; \$500; \$200; \$100; \$50; \$20 while the coins are denominated \$50, \$10, \$5, \$2 and \$1.

**1 USD** - 42 Uruguayan pesos

**1 Euro** - 48 Uruguayan pesos

Uruguay imposes no restrictions on the import or export of any local or foreign currency. Cash and traveler's checks are best exchanged at banks (working hours: from 1 pm to 5 pm) or at foreign exchange offices (working hours: from 9 am to 7 pm). Some hotels also provide currency exchange service, but it should be noted that these rates are not always favorable. ATMs will be found throughout the country. Most places accept credit or debit cards.

## 14. MEETING DOCUMENTS

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Participants are strongly encouraged to read the available documents for the 2021-2022 meetings of the conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions prior to the meeting and to bring copies with them as necessary. The documents can be accessed on the meetings website at:

<http://www.brsmeas.org/2021COPs/MeetingDocuments/tabid/8810/language/en-US/Default.aspx>

## 15. USEFUL CONTACTS ABOUT THE MEETING

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For information about the BRS regional meeting, please contact the Secretariat of the BRS Conventions.

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For information about the SAICM regional meeting, please contact the SAICM Secretariat.

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For information regarding **travel arrangements and payment of DSA for sponsored participants**, please contact the Basel Convention Coordinating Centre, Stockholm Convention Regional Centre for Latin America and Caribbean Region in Uruguay.

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## 16. SAFETY AND SECURITY CONTACT NUMBERS

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The following numbers may be useful in case of emergency:

Police Department and Ambulance     **911**

Fire department     **104**

## 17. DISCLAIMER

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The organizers will not provide participants with travel insurance. Participants must purchase individual travel insurance at their own cost before traveling to Uruguay.

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