

LOGISTIC NOTE

Workshop

“Synergistic Implementation of Sustainable Consumption and Production of Water and Energy Towards Achievement of Agenda 2030 and the Paris Agreement”

**Training Center of the Spanish Cooperation (AECID)
6a Avenida Norte
Antigua, Guatemala**

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1. Summary

- Antigua, Guatemala is in the department of Sacatepéquez, Guatemala at about 38.2 km from La Aurora International Airport in Guatemala City.
- The event will take place at the Training Center of the Spanish Cooperation (AECID) in Antigua Guatemala. The address of the Center is: 6a Avenida Norte, Antigua, Guatemala.
- During the event, simultaneous interpretation will be provided in English and Spanish.
- It is winter season in October in this region, temperatures might vary between 23°C (73,4°F) maximum and 14°C (57,2°F) minimum. It is also rainy during October.
- Guatemala (GMT-6) has the same time zone in all the country. For more information check the Time Zones section.
- Reservations of accommodation in hotels are the **sole responsibility of the participants**. **Hotels reservations should be made as soon as possible**.
- **It is highly recommended to use the official transportation of the event and not taxis for transport between the airport and the venue**. If taxis are used, be aware that most taxis accept international credit cards, take cash in Guatemalan Quetzal, and some accept dollars, but the eventual change will be in local currency.
- The use of insect repellent is recommended at all times.

2. General information about the Symposium

The Division for Sustainable Development Goals of UN DESA is conducting a number of initiatives and events designed to support the integrated implementation of SDG 6 (water) and SDG 7 (energy). One of these initiatives is the Global Sustainable Water and Energy Solutions Network created in 2018 (<https://www.un.org/en/waterenergynetwork>). The Network aims towards a world where there is an equitable and sustainable use and management of water and energy resources for all, in support of human prosperity, ecosystem integrity and climate change objectives, under the umbrella of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Paris Agreement. UN DESA in cooperation with members of this Network has initiated a capacity development program based on a series of global symposiums designed to provide a global platform for all stakeholders to disseminate knowledge, exchange experiences and showcase best practices on integrated approaches that support sustainable water and energy solutions.

This global capacity development workshop is organized by UN DESA in cooperation with the Network and the governments of Guatemala and Spain and will be hosted by ASAZGUA in Antigua, Guatemala. The event will bring together multi-stakeholders to discuss and showcase existing initiatives and disseminate information on integrated sustainable consumption and production of water and energy actions supporting climate change objectives and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

3. Meeting Venue

The event will be held at the Training Center of the Spanish Cooperation (AECID) in Antigua, Guatemala. The address of the Center is: 6a Avenida Norte, Antigua, Guatemala.

4. Languages

Guatemala's official language is Spanish. Please, be aware that English is not a widely spoken language in the region.

During the event, simultaneous interpretation will be provided in English, and Spanish.

5. Weather

The average minimum temperature (usually the minimum temperature is noted during the night) in Antigua Guatemala in October is 14°C (57.2°F). The average maximum daytime temperature lies around 23°C (73.4°F). The amount of rain in October is high with an average of 448mm (17.6in). It rains on average about 20 days during the month of October. You can expect very pleasant temperatures during the day.

The weather forecast in Antigua Guatemala can be accessed here:
<https://www.accuweather.com/en/gt/antigua-guatemala/186027/weather-forecast/186027>

6. Time Zones

Guatemala

Central Standard Time (CST), which is 6 hours behind Greenwich Mean Time (GMT-6). Guatemala has the same time zone in all regions of the country.

7. Visa

It is highly recommended that participants contact the embassy of Guatemala as soon as possible, depending on where you are planning to stay, to determine if you need a visa.

Visas in Guatemala

General information about visas:

https://www.minex.gob.gt/Visor_Pagina.aspx?PaginalD=21

The period needed to process the visas will rely on the local consulate handling the requirement.

List of Countries that need to apply for a visa to enter Guatemala:

<https://www.ivisa.com/guatemala-blog/guatemala-visa-policy-learn-more>

8. Telephone Codes

Guatemala

The Guatemalan code is +502.

9. Recommended hotels

The recommended hotels are not mandatory. **Reservations of accommodations are the sole responsibility of the participants. Participants should make their hotel reservations as soon as possible.**

The recommended hotels are located within walking distance of the venue. However, the streets of Antigua Guatemala are cobblestone; therefore, comfortable shoes are recommended.

Antigua, Guatemala

- **Hotel Camino Real Antigua (First Option)**

Reservation link: <https://bit.ly/47aoTzG>

7a Calle Poniente 33B Antigua, Guatemala

+502 7873-7000

Average price per night, including taxes: US\$ 164.00 plus US\$ 10.00 for services only on the first night.

From Hotel Camino Real Antigua to the venue AECID:

- Distance: 600 meters



- **Porta Hotel Antigua**

Reservation link: <https://bit.ly/3YhYuxZ>

8va. Calle Poniente No.1 La Antigua Guatemala 03001, Sacatepéquez - Guatemala, Centroamérica

+502 7931-0600

Average price per night, including taxes: US\$ 198.00.

From Porta Hotel Antigua to the venue AECID:

- Distance: 750 meters



- **El Carmen Hotel**

Reservation link: <https://bit.ly/3DDCAcR>

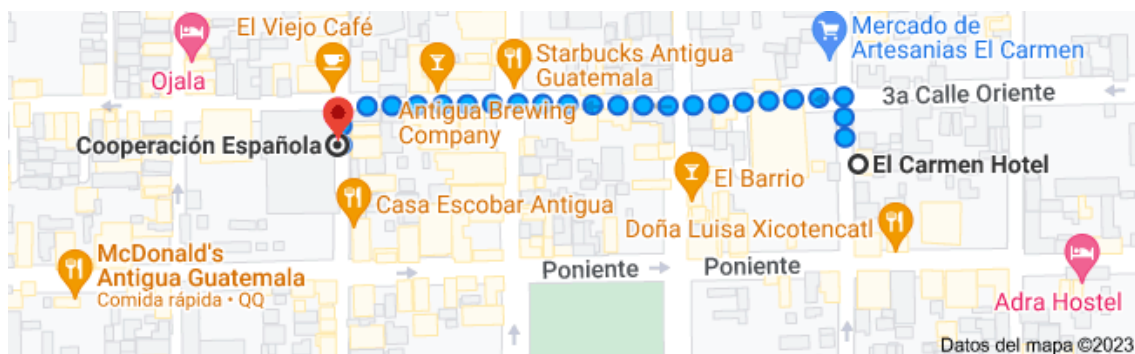
3a. Avenida Norte No. 9, La Antigua Guatemala

+502 7832-3851

Average price per night, including taxes: US\$ 122.00.

From El Carmen Hotel to Antigua to the venue AECID:

- Distance: 400 meters



- **Hotel Casa Antigua by AHS**

Reservation link: <https://bit.ly/3KhRw4t>

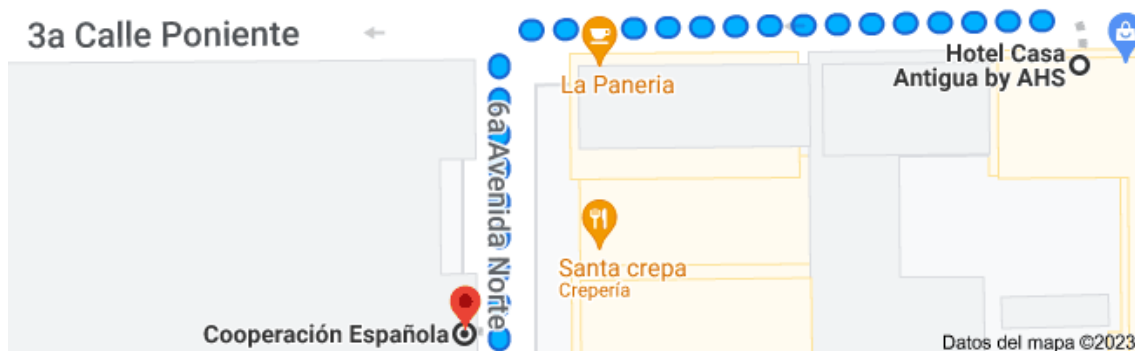
3a Calle Poniente #5, Antigua Guatemala, Sacatepéquez 03001

+502 7832-9090

Average Price per night, including taxes: US\$ 90.00.

From Hotel Casa Antigua by AHS to the venue AECID:

- Distance: 75 meters



10. Transfer and Transportation from Airport to Antigua and from Antigua to the Airport

The arrival is at La Aurora International Airport in Guatemala City which is 38.2 km from downtown Antigua, Guatemala.

La Aurora International Airport to Antigua



It is highly recommended that participants travel from the airport to their hotels in Antigua and back using the official transportation company designated for this event, which is "GT Business & Travel" (<https://gtbusinessandtravel.com/>). Participants should make their reservations with GT Business & Travel **as soon as possible, to ensure the availability of vehicles for transportation.** Transportation from the airport to the hotels in Antigua and back is the **sole responsibility of the participants.** The average cost per trip is \$50.00 US dollars.

For reservations, please send a message to the attention of Mr. Byron Estrada Straube of "GT Business & Travel" at:

- E-mail: info@gtbusinessandtravel.com
- Telephone: (502) 5555-3512 (can be contacted via WhatsApp) or
- Telephone: (502) 7888-7159

With the reservation message, participants need to submit their travel itinerary and, if necessary, later inform Mr. Estrada Straube of any last-minute changes related to their arrival. The reservation message should be copied to Mr. Luis Fernando Salazar at lsalazar@azucar.com.gt and Ms. Gabriela Girón at ggiron@azucar.com.gt of ASAZGUA.

In case additional assistance is needed upon arrival, please contact:

- Mr. Luis Fernando Salazar
 - Telephone: (502) 3764-9594
- Ms. Gabriela Girón:
 - Telephone: (502) 5721-5271

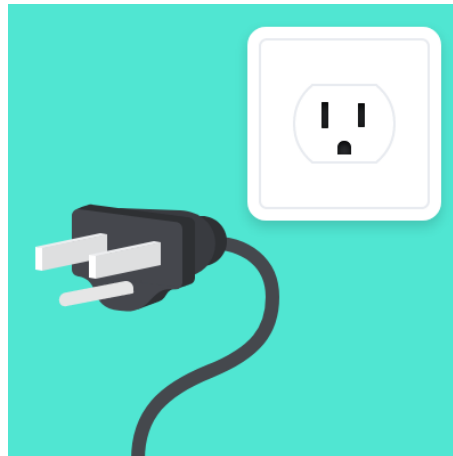
11. Electricity/ Voltage

As voltage can differ from country to country, you may need to use a voltage converter or transformer whilst in Guatemala.

Guatemala operates on a 120V supply voltage and 60Hz. For Guatemala there are two associated plug types, types A and B.



Type A



Type B

12. Currency exchange

The Guatemalan Quetzal (GTQ) is the official currency of Guatemala. 1 US\$ = 7.72 GTQ (rate on 09/09/2024 in https://www.banguat.gob.gt/tipo_cambio/). The exchange rate generally remains stable. However, it may fluctuate a few cents over the months. Therefore, it is recommended to consult the link shown above prior to your visit to Guatemala.

The currency exchange can be done at a nearby bank; however, it is essential that you bring your passport with you to make the exchange. In addition, you can use the automatic teller machines for currency exchange, or the exchange house located inside La Aurora International Airport.

13. Other Recommendations

- It is not recommended to use local taxis for transportation from the airport to the hotels and back. It is recommended to use the official transportation company for the event, as noted above. It is important to make your reservations as soon as possible, to ensure the availability of vehicles for transportation.
- Currency exchange can be done at a nearby bank; however, it is essential that you bring your passport with you in order to make the exchange. In addition, you can use the automatic teller machines for currency exchange, or the exchange house located inside La Aurora International Airport.
- International medical insurance is recommended in case of any eventuality.

- The use of insect repellent is recommended at all times.
- It is recommended to check vaccine requirements for Guatemala – Central America.
- The best way to get around in Antigua, Guatemala is walking. However, the streets of Antigua Guatemala are cobblestone; therefore, it is recommended to wear comfortable shoes to get around.
- Hotel reservations should be made as soon as possible.
- In the case of extending your stay in Guatemala, it is recommend using the following travel agency:
 - GT Business & Travel
 - Telephone: (502) 7888-7159
 - E-mail: info@gtbusinessandtravel.com
 - Website: <https://gtbusinessandtravel.com/>
 - Agency Staff: Byron Estrada Straube.
 - Telephone: (502) 5555-3512

Contact this agency as soon as possible if you need support.

14. Registration and accreditation

If you have not yet registered, please do so by clicking on the following link:

<https://bit.ly/3XhWsvB>

15. Emergency Services

- National Police (PNC): 110
- National Coordinator for Disaster Reduction (CONRED): 119 or 1566
- Volunteer Firefighters: 122
- Municipal Firefighter: 123
- Red Cross: 125 or +502 2381-6565
- La Aurora International Airport: +502 2321-5000

In case of problems or emergencies please contact:

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 - E-mail: lsalazar@azucar.com.gt
- Gabriela Girón:
 - Telephone: (502) 5721-5271
 - E-mail: ggiron@azucar.com.gt