

# CODEX COMMITTEE ON FOOD IMPORT AND EXPORT INSPECTION AND CERTIFICATION SYSTEMS

Twenty-Third Session Mexico City, Mexico, 1 - 5 May 2017

To be held at the Sheraton Mexico city Maria Isabel Hotel from Monday, 1 May at 9:30 to Friday, 5 May 2017

The Physical Working Group on the Use of Electronic Certificates will be held on Saturday 29 April from 12:00 - 17:00 at the meeting venue

Item	Subject	Document
1	Adoption of the Agenda	CX/FICS 17/23/1
2	Matters referred to the Committee by the Codex Alimentarius Commission and its subsidiary bodies	CX/FICS 17/23/2
3	Information on activities of FAO and WHO and other International Organizations relevant to the Work of CCFICS	CX/FICS 17/23/3
4	Draft Principles and Guidelines for Monitoring Performance of National Food Control Systems	Appendix III REP 16/FICS
	Comments at Step 6	CX/FICS 17/23/4
5	Discussion paper on Food Integrity/Food Authenticity	CX/FICS 17/23/5
6	Discussion paper on the possible development of Guidance on the use of Systems Equivalence	CX/FICS 17/23/6
7	Discussion paper on the Use of Electronic Certificates by Competent Authorities and Migration to Paperless Certification	CX/FICS 17/23/7
8	Discussion paper on regulatory Approaches to Third party Certification in Food Safety	CX/FICS 17/23/8
9	Discussion paper on Consideration of Emerging Issues and Future Directions for the Work of the Codex Committee on Food Import and Export Inspection and Certification Systems	CX/FICS 17/23/9
10	Other Business and Future Work	
1.1	Date and Place of Next Session	

### Codex online registration system

#### Registration

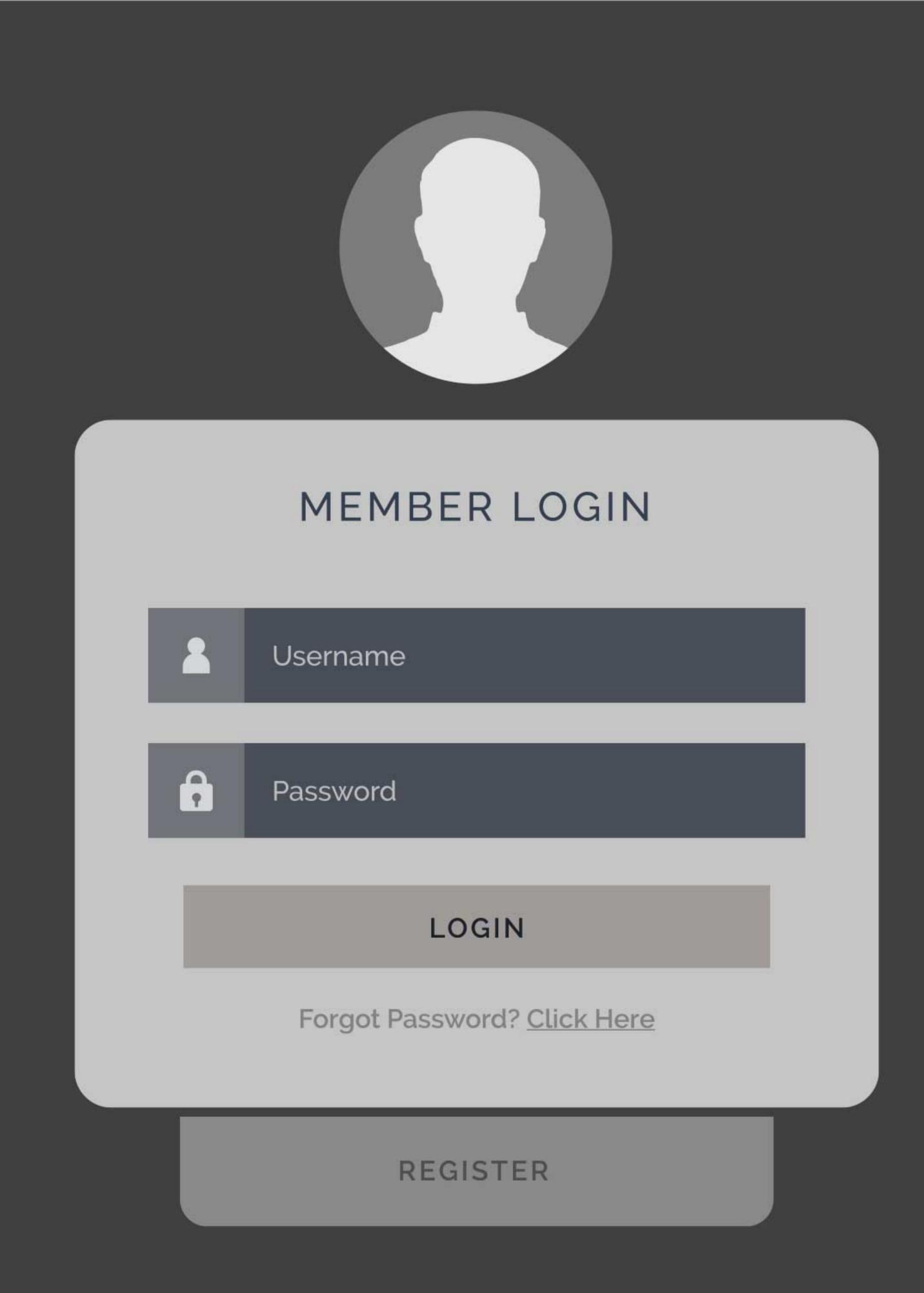
Delegates must be registered by their Codex Contact Point by no later than 1 April 2017 using the following link: www.codexalimentarius.org/login Email or facsimile registrations will not be accepted.

#### Working Documents

All working documents for the meeting are available online at www.codexalimentarius.org. No hard copy documents will be available at the meeting (except Conference Room Documents).

#### Onsite Registration

The registration desk will be open from 09:00-17:00 Saturday 29 April and again from 08:00 Monday 1 May outside the plenary room at the venue. Delegates must register at the desk before entering the meeting. Delegates are encouraged to bring a business card with them when registering to assist in the review and finalisation of the official participants list.



# About Mexico city

Mexico City is a fascinating capital that enchants its visitors with endless options.

Nowadays, it is one of the world's mega-cities with a population of almost 9 million people in a surface of 1485 square kilometers, but its beginnings go back to 1325 with the foundation of Tenochtitlan, a city that was constructed in the Valley of Mexico over the ancient lake of Texcoco where the Aztecs built a complicated network of canals to navigate the city. In 1519, with the arrival of the Spanish conquers, most of the Aztec structures and canals were destroyed and replaced with colonial edifications as churches and government buildings, some of them which are still standing.

Mexico is a city full of history and offers a tantalizing experience for its visitors through the food, music and places to visit, from the Teotihuacan pyramids to the colonial and modern museums.



## CCFICS 23 Hotel Venue Sheraton Maria Isabel México

Paseo de la Reforma 325

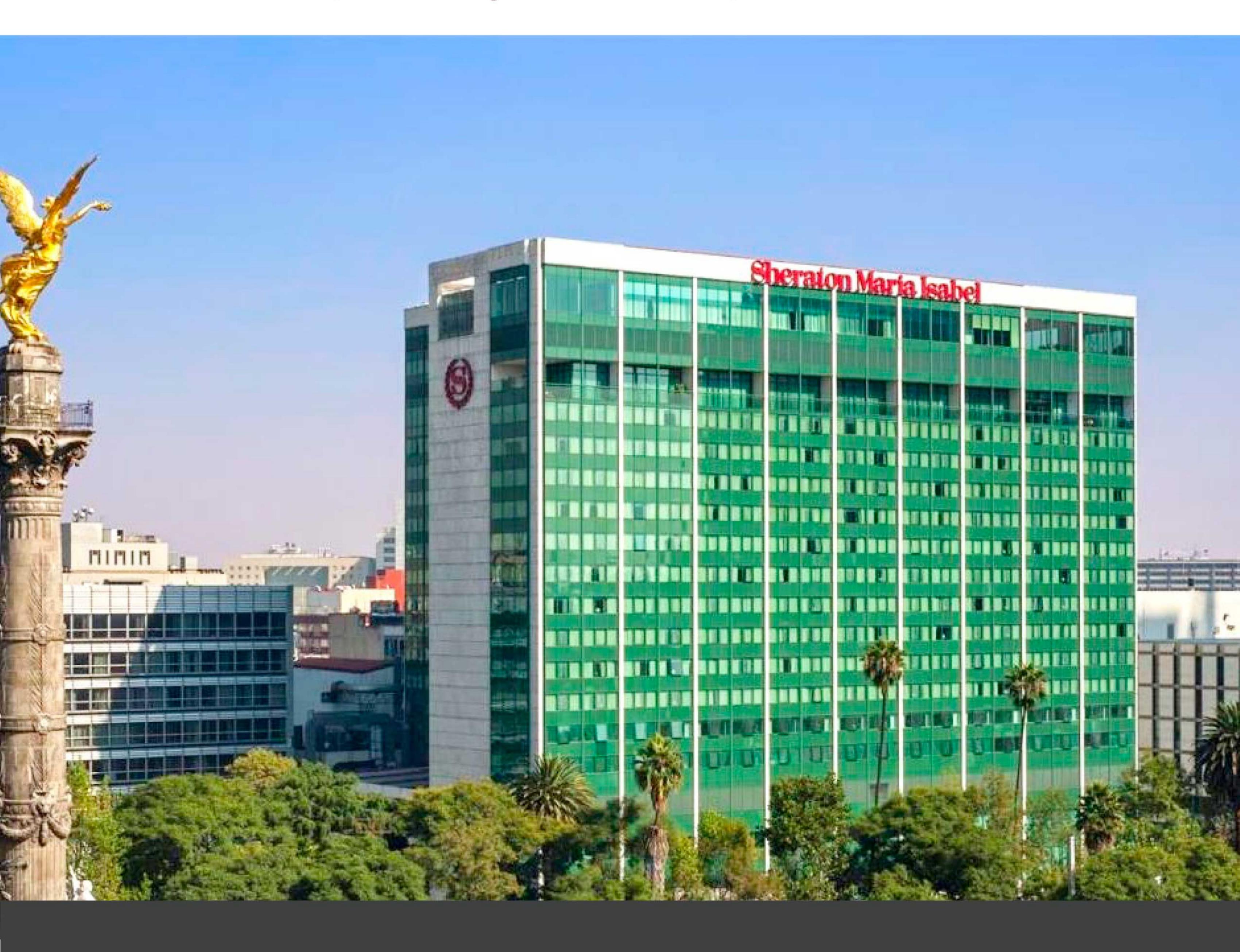
Col. Cuauhtemoc, Ciudad de México, 06500, México

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http://www.sheratonmexicocitymariaisabel.com/

The Mexico City Maria Isabel's rationalistic and functional language is an icon of modern architecture in Mexico and a fundamental work in the career of architects Juan Sordo Madaleno and Jose Villagran Garcia.

Located on renowned Paseo de la Reforma Avenue and just 30 minutes away from Mexico City International Airport, it was opened on March 31 1962 and has, since then becoming the mirror of the "Angel de la Independencia" and one of the first international-style buildings in Mexico City.



#### Hotel reservations

Please contact the hotel at

https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/events/start.action?id=1702110589&key=2B3C4A1D (please, note that the booking link is only available using Chrome navigator) and ask for group code **CODEX COFEPRIS** to reserve your hotel room now. Please note the special rate is available only until March 28, 2017 on a room available basis; please make your reservations early.

#### Food and Beverages

Room service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week Minibar

#### Services:

Radio alarm clock or wake-up call service.
Butler
Individual temperature control
Iron and ironing board
Air conditioning
Safe-deposit box

#### Bathroom:

Hairdryer Bathrobes

#### Entertainment:

Satellite or cable TV Movie catalogue

#### Office services:

Desk
Data port
Direct international calls
Voicemail

Free Internet access High-speed Internet access for 15 USD/day

## Nearby Hotels

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1 Hotel City Express

Paseo de la Reforma 334, Juarez, Juárez, 06600 Cuauhtémoc, CDMX, Mexico +52 55 5228 7800

www.cityexpress.com

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2 Hotel del Ángel

Calle Río Lerma 154, Centro, Cuauhtémoc, 06500 Ciudad de México, CDMX, Mexico

+52 55 5533 1032

www.hoteldelangel.mx

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3 Hotel Marriot

Paseo de la Reforma 276 Col Juarez, Col Juarez, Juárez, 06600 Mexico City, CDMX, Mexico

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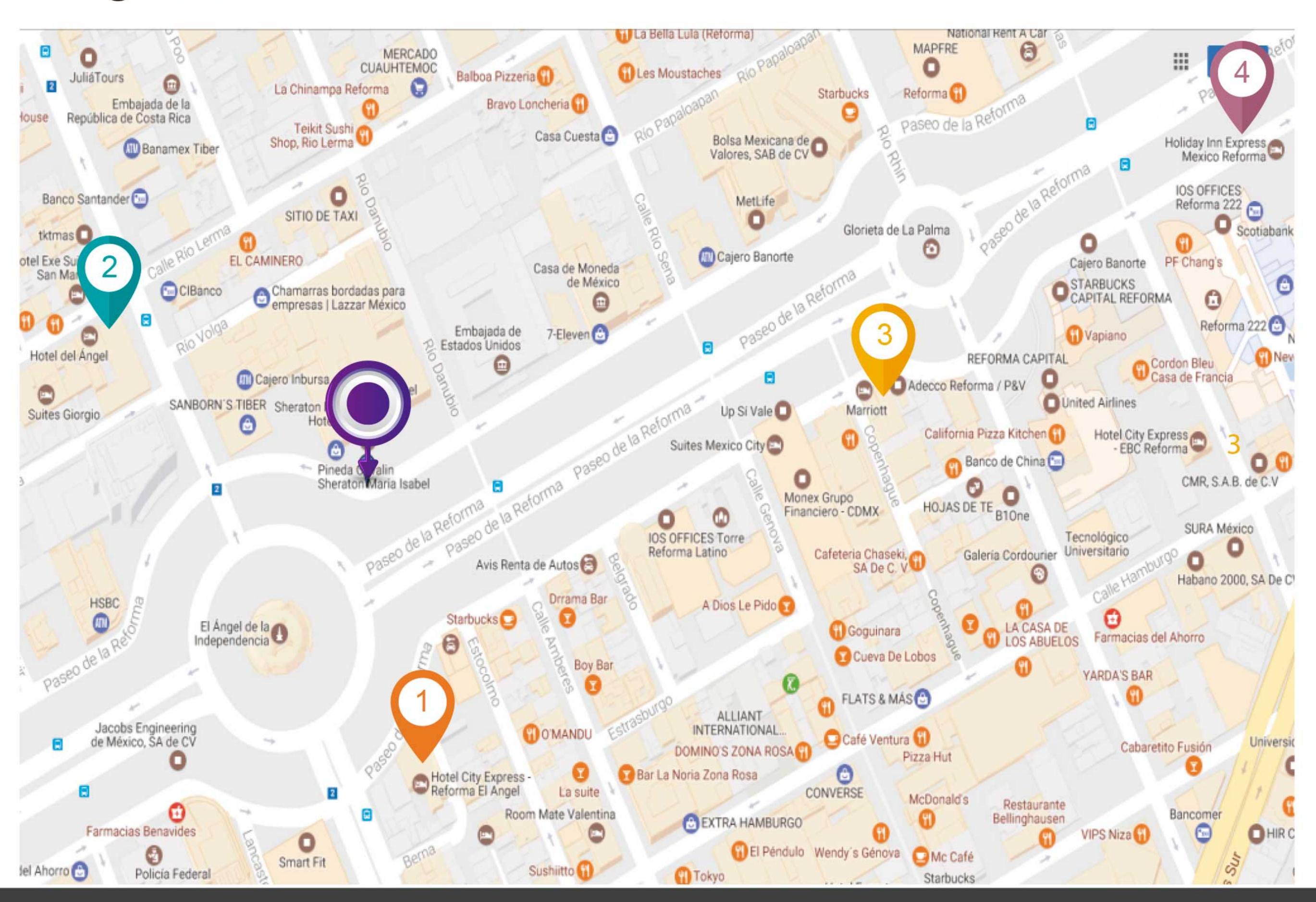
www.marriott.com

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4 Holiday InnExpress México

Paseo de la Reforma 208, Juárez, 06600 Ciudad de México, CDMX, Mexico +52 55 9150 5900

www.ihg.com



# Basic information about México city

# Language

The official language of Mexico is Spanish.

- In most hotels and tourist services the staff speaks English.



#### Time zone

Central Daylight Time (CDT). Hora de verano central(CDT). GMT/UTC - 5 h



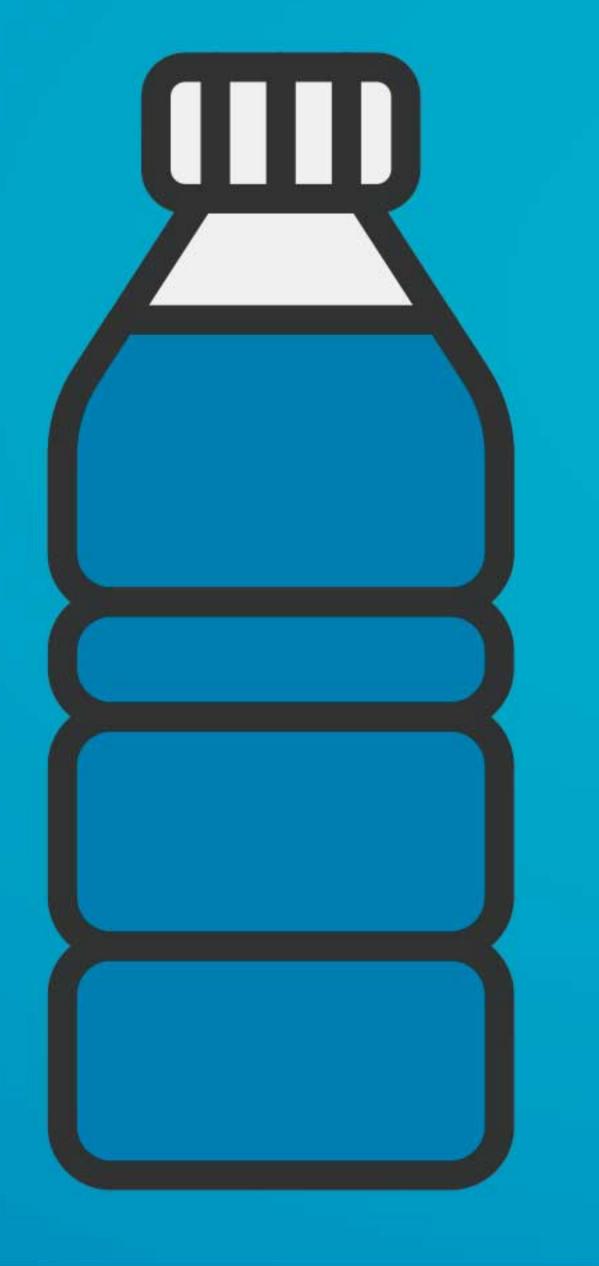
# Weather

During your stay warm temperatures ranging between 25°C (77°F) daytime and 12°C (54°F) at night are expected.



### Water

It is recommended to drink bottled water



# Electrical current

Electrical appliances operate on 110 volts (60Hz).

The plugs are flat pin type A and B of two or three prong plugs

## Basic information about México city

# Currency

Mexican peso.

You can find a currency exchange counter at the international airport of Mexico City. You will have to show your passport in order to be able to exchange money.

ATM machines are available at the airport, banks and some hotels.

Credit cards (American Express, Visa and Mastercard) are accepted at most of the commercial establishments in Mexico City.



# Tips and Taxes

It is usual to leave a tip of 10% or 15%, on the total bill in restaurants, bars and cafes.

In some establishments the tip is included in the final account, so you may check carefully.

It is also customary to give gratuity to valet, gas dispathchers, buttons and other service providers.

A tax of 16% is applied to most goods and services.



## Transportation

#### Uber

Uber transport service is available in Mexico City.



# Airport

To get to Mexico City you should book your flight into Mexico City's International Airport (MEX), also called Benito Juárez International Airport.

For further information of the airport consult the web page: https://www.aicm.com.mx



When arriving to Mexico City's International Airport use authorized taxis.

Taxi tickets are sold inside the airport at the modules located near the arrival gates.

For transportation within the city, the safest conveyance are taxis. When you get in note that the driver's ID is visible and the taximeter starts running.



#### Visa Information

- Whether you need to apply for a Mexican visa before traveling to Mexico depends on which country issued your passport or where you have legal residency.
- It is not necessary to apply for a Mexican Visa if:
  - Passport issued by one of the countries on the list of exempted countries

http://www.inm.gob.mx/gobmx/word/index.php/paises-no-requieren-visa-para-mexico/

- OR
- You hold a document accrediting permanent residence in United States of America, Canada, Japan, the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland, or any country that is signatory to the European Schengen Area; **OR**
- You hold a current visitor visa for the United States of America; OR
- You hold a current APEC/ABTC business traveler's card with pre-clearance approved by Mexico

It is recommended that all the participants consult as soon as possible at the nearest embassy or consulate, the requirements to enter Mexico and the forms that need to be completed







### Places to Visit



Named for the
Nahuatl word
chapultepēc, which
means 'at the
grasshopper's hill', it was
built in1775, on the orders
of the Viceroy Bernardo de
Gálvez. It is now the
National History Museum

Soumaya

Completed in 2011, the Soumaya Museum is home to a private art collection of nearly 70,000 works from 15th to mid-20th century, including the world's largest private collection of Auguste Rodin sculptures.



Through Turibus, you can discover the most representative of the history. Through one of the following tours:

Downtown tour Southside tour Polanco-Chapultepec-Hipodromo tour

For more information consult the web page: http://www.visitmexico.com/en/mexico-city

# Emergency Numbers



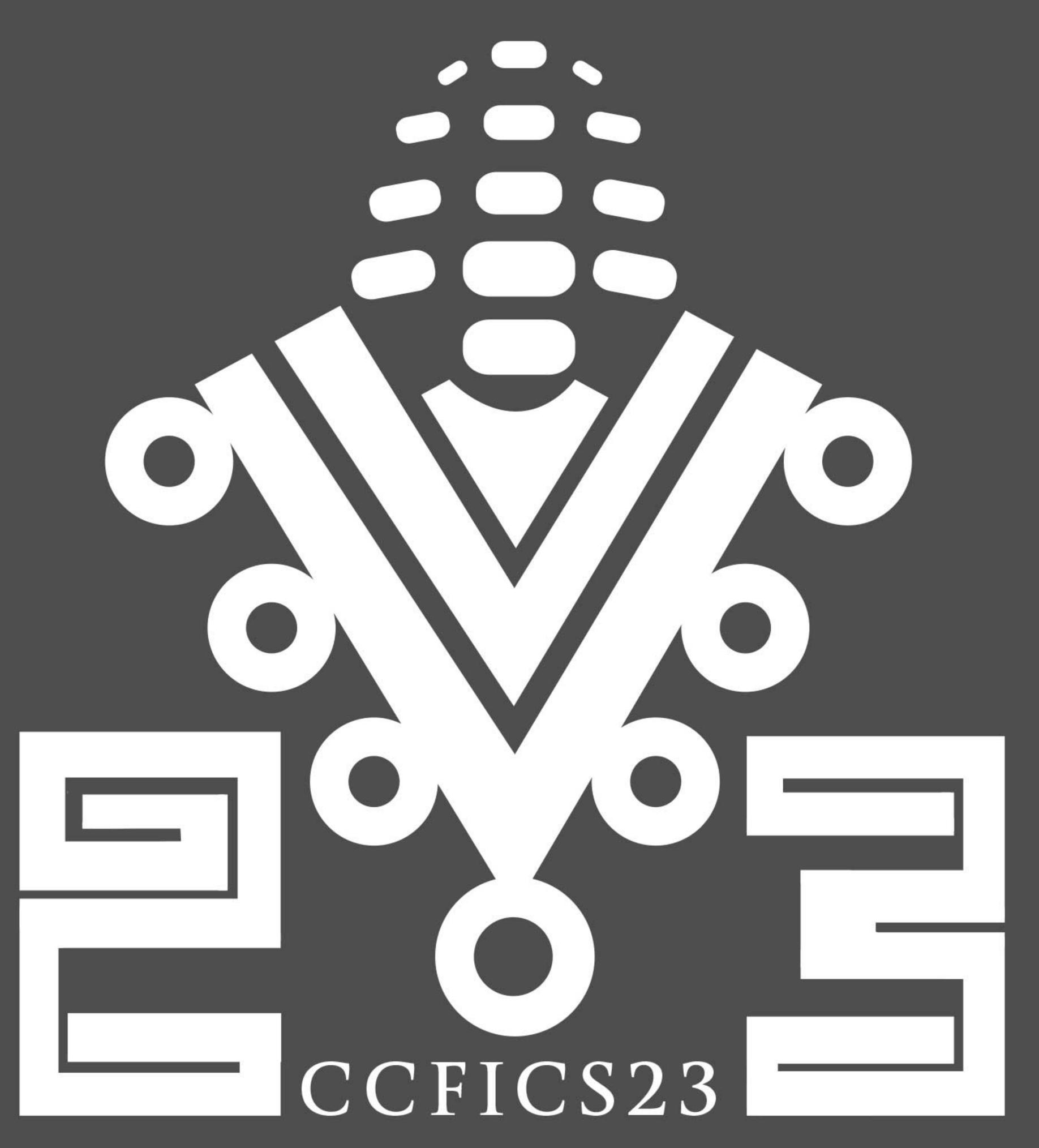


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