



**15 TH SESSION OF THE CODEX COMMITTEE  
ON FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES  
MEXICO CITY, MEXICO, 19-23 OCTOBER 2009**

# Information for Delegates

## MEETING PLACE:

The 15th meeting of the Codex Committee on Fresh Fruits and Vegetables shall be held in Mexico City, Mexico, on October 19–23, 2009.

The work sessions shall take place in Rooms Mexico I and Mexico II; at the [Crowne Plaza Hotel de México](#), Dakota 95, Col. Nápoles, C.P. 03810, Ciudad de México.

Confirmation of your participation is requested before **August 31 2009**. Send the completed registration form to:

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Secretaría de Economía  
Avenida Puente de Tecamachalco No. 6  
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## SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETATION:

Both during the inauguration and during every work meeting, simultaneous interpretation shall be provided in three languages, that is, Spanish, English, and French.



## VISA:

Should you require assistance in order to obtain a visa, please send a legible copy of valid passport attached to the registration form, to be received **at the latest on August 31, 2009**. Otherwise, the FFV Secretariat shall take no responsibility for the issuance of the visa in due time and manner.

For more information on migratory procedures, please visit the Secretaría de Relaciones Exteriores website:

<http://www.sre.gob.mx/servicios/visas/>

to find out if citizens of your country require a visa.

<http://www.inami.gob.mx/>

The FFV Secretariat does not guarantee the authorization of the request, as the procedure pertains to another Government Agency.

## REGISTRATION:

Every participant must register in order to receive his/her identification badge, as well as the documents and working materials NOT provided by electronic means. Registration shall be carried out on Monday, October 19, from 8:00 a.m.

For security reasons and in order to ease identification, you are requested to wear your identification badge on a visible spot for the duration of the meeting.



## MEETING DOCUMENTS:

We recommend that participants bring along working documents previously dispensed by electronic means, as **NO PHYSICAL COPIES OF THE SAID DOCUMENTS SHALL BE PROVIDED DURING THE MEETINGS.**

## HOSTING HOTEL: CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL DE MÉXICO

The Crowne Plaza® features top quality work-out facilities, exceptional rooms and luscious restaurants.



It features 310 rooms equipped with a computer functioning as the room's control brain, in addition to other services meant to ensure the greatest comfort to the guest during his/her stay.



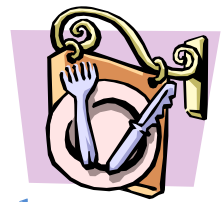
This elegant modern building is to be found in the Nápoles district of the city, and is part of the World Trade Center Complex. Nearby the hotel, you shall be able to enjoy a variety of restaurants and bars, as well as the well-known Zona Rosa, an ideal spot for shopping. The International Airport is only 7.46 miles away.

[See the map.](#)

## FEE:

Price per person	Cost in Pesos Mexicanos
Single or Double room without food	\$ 1,390.00 plus 17% tax.
Single Room with breakfast and lunch buffet	\$2,187.00
Double room with breakfast and lunch buffet	\$1,358.00

Others Hotels		Location
Fiesta Inn Insurgentes Viaducto Insurgentes Sur 553 Colonia Escandón México, Distrito federal México, C.P. 11800 Tel: (55) 52 76 74 00 Tel: (55) 52 76 74 99 rinternet@posadas.com <a href="#">Fiesta Inn Insurgentes Viaducto</a>	★ 5	A 5 minutes from the WTC and 20 minutes from Polanco.
HOLIDAY INN TRADE CENTER Av. Revolución No. 583, Col. San Pedro de los Pinos 03800 Ciudad de México, Distrito Federal Tel: (55) 5278-9950 Llamada sin costo: 01-800-009-9900 <a href="#">Holiday Inn Trade Center</a>	★ 5	South of Mexico City and 12 km from downtown, 25 min from the airport and 5 minutes from the WTC.
Avenue Revolucion No. 333, Col. Tacubaya, Mexico City D.F 11870, MX Tel: (01 55) 56 27 02 20 01 800 900 96 600 <a href="#">flamingos.com.mx</a> hotel@flamingos.com.mx	★ 5	A 5 minutes from the WTC.
VERMONT Vermont No. 29, Col. Nápoles 03810 Ciudad de México, Distrito Federal Tel: (55) 5543-3700 al 04 <a href="#">www.hotelvermont.com</a>	★ 4	Just 4 blocks from the WTC, one street the Insurgentes and of a Viaducto.
El Greco Av. San Antonio No. 22, Col. Nápoles 03810 Ciudad de México, Distrito Federal Tel: (55) 1107-1790 Llamada sin costo: 01-800-640-5211 <a href="#">www.hotelesgreco.com.mx</a>	★ 3	In the commercial and business area, near the World Trade Center. A few steps from Insurgentes Av.



## RESTAURANTS WITHIN THE WTC COMPLEX:



### WTC Terraza Bistró

International Cuisine Buffet. Open Monday through Saturday from 8:00am to 7:00pm; on Sunday from 10:00am until 6:00pm.



### Bellini's

The only turning platform restaurant in Mexico City. Open Monday through Sunday from 1:00pm until 1:00am.



### Alpen House

Features fondues and salads. Open Monday through Friday from 1:00pm until 11:00pm.



### Tony Romas

American style restaurant. Open Monday through Sunday, from 12:00am until 12:00pm.

## CLIMATE:

Temperature in Mexico City is 12 ~ 29 °C.



## ELECTRIC VOLTAGE:

Electric voltage in Mexico City is 127 Volts c.a. +/- 10%, 60Hz. The plugs are American style, that is, flat. An adaptor might be needed.



## Restaurantes cercanos a la sede:

Nombre	Dirección	Teléfono
<a href="#"><u>Marie Callender's</u></a>	Insurgentes Sur # 1168 Col. Del Valle	5559-3822
<a href="#"><u>Chateau De La Palma</u></a>	Providencia # 726 Col. Del Valle	5523-1800
<b>Barraca Orraca</b>	Insurgentes Sur # 905 Col. Nápoles Distancia a Pie del WTC 10 minutos	5682-1814
<a href="#"><u>Matisse</u></a>	Eugenia # 111 Col. Del Valle	5687-1356
<a href="#"><u>Angus</u></a>	Insurgentes # 700 Col. Del Valle Distancia a Pie del WTC 03 minutos	5543-5542
<b>Yuppie's Sport Cafe</b>	Insurgentes Sur # 878 Col. Del Valle Distancia a Pie del WTC 07 minutos	5523-4858
<b>La Mansión</b>	Insurgentes Sur # 778 Col. Del Valle Distancia a Pie del WTC 05 minutos	5523-2000
<b>Chilli's Napoles Americana</b>	Av. Insurgentes Sur Num. 643, Nápoles, esq. Altadena.	5523-4599
<b>La Posada Internacional</b>	Av. Insurgentes Sur Num. 724, Del Valle, entre Torres Adalid y Luz Saviñón	5543-0654
<b>La Vitrola Nápoles Internacional</b>	Insurgentes Sur Num. 855, Nápoles, entre Nebraska y San Antonio	5687-5348 5687-5309
<b>Wings Patriotismo</b>	Puente de la Morena 95 Col. San Pedro de los Pinos	5272-4704
<b>Freedom</b>	Insurgentes Sur 1080, Col. del Valle	5575-6284 5575-6864
<a href="#"><u>La Périgola</u></a>	Insurgentes Sur 729 Col. Nápoles Sur	5536-6403
<b>Peña Blanca</b>	Pennsylvania Num. 206, Nápoles, esq. Kansas.	5536-8362
<b>Gabana 945</b>	Insurgentes Sur 945, Col. Nápoles	5536-7382
<b>Promenade</b>	Revolución, Num. 583 Col. San Pedro de los Pinos	5278-9950
<b>Restaurante El Cela</b>	Av. Insurgentes Sur 569, Col. Nápoles	5536 8225 5523 8501

## CURRENCY DISPOSITIONS:

The currency unit in Mexico is the Peso, which circulates in the following values:

Bills (pesos): 20, 50, 100, 200, 500 y 1000

Coins: 10c, .20c, .50c, 1, 2, 5, 10





## BANKING SERVICES:

It is recommended to change currency at Banks or Currency Exchange Bureaus, as they'll offer you more favorable exchange rates than hotels and some restaurants. On the other hand, many banking institutions have ATMs which will accept cards from major international banking institutions such as Visa, Master Card, Electron, Cirrus, American Express, Diner's and others.

## EXCHANGE RATES:



Please consult current [foreign exchange](#) in next link:

<http://www.banxico.org.mx/PortalesEspecializados/tiposCambio/indicadores.html>

## BANKING HOURS:



From 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. from Monday through Friday. Some banks open on Saturdays and Sundays.

## CREDIT CARDS:



The most widely accepted credit cards are American Express, Diners Club, Visa, and MasterCard. They are accepted in most establishments such as restaurants, museums, department stores, theaters and other facilities.

## BUSINESS HOURS:



Establishments	Monday-Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>Banks</b>	9:00 -16:00 h	9:00 - 13:00 h	Closed
<b>Post</b>	9:00 - 17:00 h	Closed	Closed
<b>Stores</b>	11:00 - 20:00 h	11:00 - 20:00 h	11:00 a 20:00 h
<b>Government Offices</b>	9:00 -15:00 h	Closed	Closed

## TRANSPORTATION:



Upon your arrival at the Mexico City International Airport, use authorized taxis, as the service includes traveler's, civil responsibility, and health care insurance for users. In order to make use of the service, you must buy the corresponding ticket at the authorized points of sale at the Airport, to obtain safe transportation at a reasonable price.

Likewise, we recommend requesting a taxi at restaurants, hotels or similar establishments. For your security, upon boarding a taxi on the street, check the driver's identification and make sure he'll set on the taxi meter.

## INSURANCE:



The organizers shall not be held responsible for accidents, losses or damages suffered by the participants on their person or their belongings during the meetings. This is why we recommend having health care, luggage and traveler's insurance, which is not included in the hotel fees.



## EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

CRUZ ROJA	55 57 57 57 53 95 11 11
BOMBEROS	57 68 37 00 068
SEGURO SOCIAL	52 51 02 45 56 27 69 00
SEGURIDAD PUBLICA DF	52 42 51 00 55 88 51 00
RADIO PATRULLAS	060 080
ROBO DE VEHICULOS	51 30 80 00 51 30 86 46
DEPOSITO No 1 DE VEHICULOS	53 46 80 00 (Cabeza de Juárez)
POLICIA FEDERAL PREVENTIVA	56 84 21 42, 54 81 43 26, 52 56 06 06
AUXILIO TURISTICO	52 50 82 21
CONTROL DE INCENDIOS FORESTALES	55 54 06 12, 55 54 70 97, 56 53 13 69
LOCATEL	56 58 11 11
PROFECO	56 25 67 00 55 68 87 22
SECRETARIA DEL MEDIO AMBIENTE DEL DF	55 42 01 17, 55 10 36 63
RED AUTOMATICA DE MONITOREO ATMOSFERICO	57 72 26 94

**Ciudad Universitaria.** At the southwest of the City, on Insurgentes Sur Avenue, between Eje 10 Sur and Periférico, headquarter of the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Mexico (National Autonomous University of Mexico). Many of its buildings are adorned with mural paintings by distinguished Mexican artists such as Diego Rivera (on the University Stadium), David Alfaro Siqueiros (Rectoría Tower) and Juan O’Gorman (Central Library).



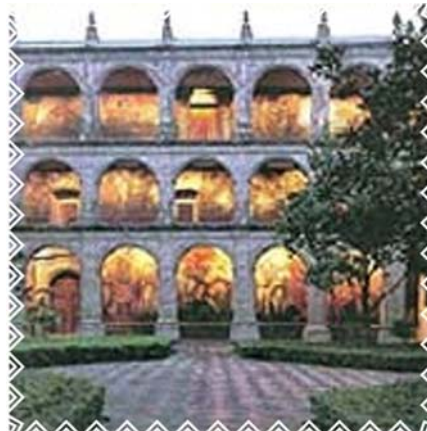
## MODERN ARCHITECTURE:

Mexico City is filled with historical monuments showing the past of a constantly growing nation, which we can appreciate in the modern architecture all around the metropolis. In order to be able to admire it, all you have to do is visit those areas considered as most representative of contemporaneous architecture:

**Roma and Condesa Districts** feature elegant art nouveau and art deco style houses and buildings, once home to porfiriana high society at the onset of the Twentieth Century.



**The Old San Ildefonso College (Antiguo Colegio de San Ildefonso)** has three patios known respectively as the Trainees’ Patio, the Small College Patio, and the Big College Patio. The latter features mural paintings by famous Mexican artists such as Diego Rivera.



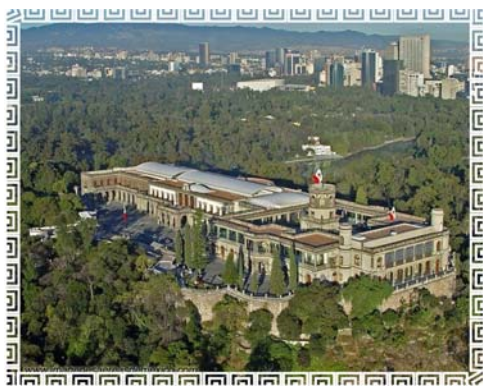


## RELAXATION AND AMUSEMENT:

Mexico City offers a wide variety of choices – natural areas, parks and zoos. Among the best relaxation and amusement spots, you will find:



The Chapultepec Park (Bosque de Chapultepec). One of the major natural sanctuaries in the City, and a traditional family recreational area, due to the many activities to be carried out in its three different sections, including picnics, strolls, bicycle rides or boat rowing on its artificial lakes, as well as museum visits and globe riding up to 400 feet high.



The Chapultepec Zoo (Zoológico de Chapultepec). In the 1st section of Chapultepec Park. It is a 17 acre area showing over 200 animal species, some of them endangered. You will see giant pandas, gorillas, bears, hippos, giraffes, and wolves among many others whose habitat was

successfully recreated, to the point of achieving – many times – breeding in captivity. It also features an aviary and reptile keeping facilities and cages.



Frida Kahlo's "Blue House" Museum (Museo Casa Frida Kahlo 'Casa Azul'). Once home to painters Diego Rivera and Frida Kahlo. Various rooms show personal items, retabes, popular art, and a grand collection of prehispanic objects from West and South as well as Gulf of Mexico cultures, in addition to plastic masterpieces by artists such as José Clemente Orozco, José María Velasco, and Paul Klee. among others.



**Night Life.** If you are coming to Mexico for the first time, don't forget to visit downtown Plaza Garibaldi, where you will enjoy mariachi music and relish one of Mexico's most traditional liquors: tequila, of course! Walk around the plaza and its gardens and have a great time listening to the vast repertory of Mexican music.

