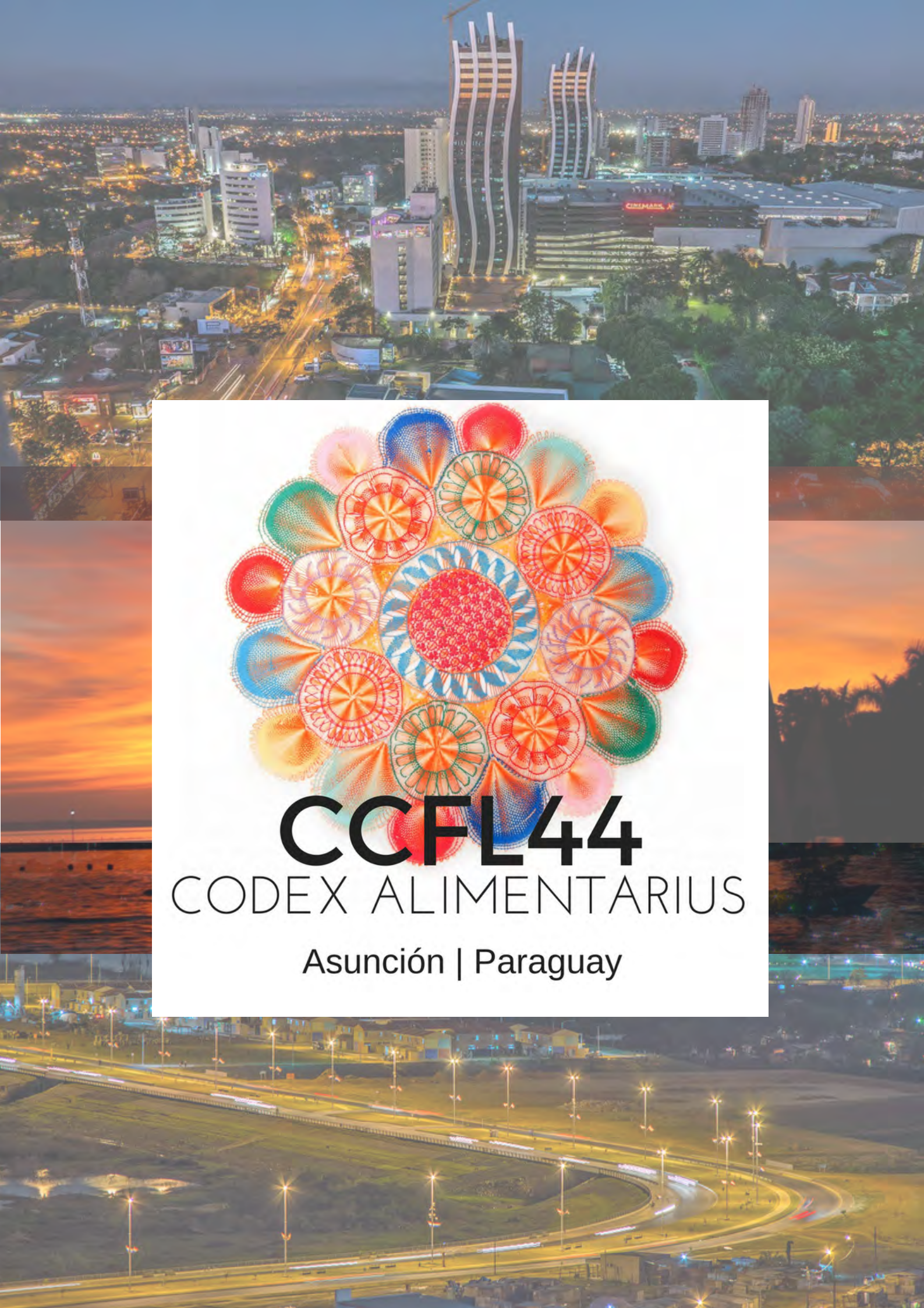


# CCFL44

## CODEX ALIMENTARIUS

Asunción | Paraguay

# THE 44TH SESSION OVERVIEW

CODEX ALIMENTARIUS Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations World Health Organization

The 44th Session of the Codex Committee on Food Labelling will be held at the Sheraton Asunción Hotel, Asunción, at the kind invitation of the Government of the Republic of Paraguay and the Government of Canada.

**The plenary session will begin at 9:30 on Monday 16 October and conclude after a report adoption on Friday 20 October.**

Registration facilities will be open on Sunday 15 October from 13:30 to 16:00 and on Monday 16 October from 8:00.

The Session will be conducted in English, French, and Spanish.

Asunción is the **capital of Paraguay**, founded by the Spanish conquistadors in 1537. The city is characterised by heritage buildings, and stands out for the hospitality of the people.

The **night life** has become much more cosmopolitan since the growth in hotel infrastructure, pubs, restaurants, nightclubs and shopping centres. The new Costanera Avenue is the preferred place of leisure, as well as the commercial streets of the historical centre and the walks that integrate **gastronomic and entertainment shops** in the new centre of Asunción.

The **Historical Centre** is the tourist starting point par excellence, with a lot of commercial activity and a singular beauty in the old houses and buildings that still stand today.

# REGISTRATION

## ONLINE REGISTRATION - CODEX ORS

Delegates must register through the Codex Contact Point in their country, no later than 15 September 2017, using the Codex Online Registration System (www.codexalimentarius.org/login).
Registrations are not accepted via email.

## REGISTRATION AT THE MEETING

The registration desk will be open at the following times:

Sunday 15 October from 13:30 to 16:00
Monday 16 October from 08:00

The registration desk is located in the lobby of the plenary room.
Delegates must register before entering the meeting.

## WORKING DOCUMENTS

All working documents of the meeting are available online at www.codexalimentarius.org

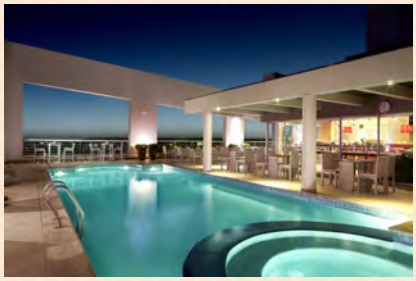
No documents will be printed at the meeting, except conference room documents (CRDs)

# SHERATON ASUNCIÓN HOTEL

The Sheraton Asunción Hotel is located at 2066 Aviadores del Chaco Avenue, in the new centre district of Asunción, only 15 minutes by car from Silvio Pettirossi International Airport.

**Phone** + 595 21 617 7234

**Website** http://www.sheratonasuncionhotel.com-paraguay.com/



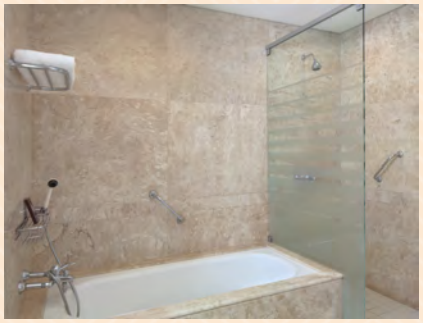
## BOOKING

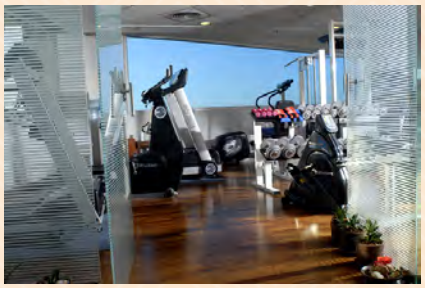
Accommodation reservations can be made through the following link:
https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/StarGroupsWeb/res?id=1705180921&key=2C96ED0

Special rate per night based on room availability, in US dollars and taxes included:

| Category | Single | Double |
|---|---|---|
| Classic | USD 154,00 | USD 165,00 |
| Club Floor | USD 209,00 | USD 220,00 |
| Suite | USD 291,50 | USD 302,50 |

For reservation inquiries, please contact
Ms Laura Candia laura.candia@sheraton.com





## SERVICES

Rooms include American breakfast (buffet), WiFi access, plus free use of fitness centre, sauna, swimming pool and jacuzzi.

# OTHER HOTELS IN THE AREA

The following is a list of hotels in the area of the host hotel, with preferential room rates and contact information. Please note that accommodations may be limited in the month of October.

| Hotel | Email for reservations/Website | Information |
|---|---|---|
| Aloft | laura.candia@sheraton.com<br>http://www.aloftasuncion.com/ | Breakfast and WiFi<br>3 star<br>450 m to CCFL44, 6 min walk |
| Ibis | http://www.ibis.com/es/hotel-7324-ibis-asuncion/index.shtml | WiFi<br>3 star<br>120 m to CCFL44, 1 min walk |
| Dazzler | mconti@dazzlerasuncion.com<br>reservas@dazzlerasuncion.com<br>https://www.dazzlerhoteles.com/es/hoteles/paraguay/hoteles-en-asuncion/dazzler-asuncion/ | Breakfast and WiFi<br>3 star<br>400 m to CCFL44, 5 min walk |
| Esplendor | mconti@esplendorasuncion.com<br>reservas@esplendorasuncion.com<br>https://www.esplendorhoteles.com/es/hoteles/paraguay/hoteles-en-asuncion/esplendor-asuncion/ | Breakfast and WiFi<br>4 star<br>700 m to CCFL44, 9 min walk |
| Le Pelican | reservas@hotellepelican.com<br>www.hotellepelican.com | Breakfast and WiFi<br>3 star<br>450 m to CCFL44, 6 min walk |

# ABOUT ASUNCION

## OFFICIAL LANGUAGES

Paraguay has two official languages: Spanish and Guarani. The Sheraton Hotel has English speaking staff. Most of the shops and services use Spanish as a first language.

## TIME ZONE

Asunción is in the GMT -3 time zone, with daylight savings time starting in October.

## WEATHER

October is characterised by a subtropical humid climate at the beginning of the rainy season, with temperatures oscillating between 19-29 °C (66-84 °F). It is recommended to bring light clothing and a light coat, as well as an umbrella or raincoat, since the weather can be unpredictable.

## WATER

Running water in Asunción is drinkable, however, it is advisable to consume bottled water.

# ABOUT ASUNCION

## AIRPORT

To get to Asunción, you must book your flight to Silvio Pettirossi International Airport (ASU). Check the Information for passengers at the website **http://www.dinac.gov.py/** (in Spanish).
Daily flights arrive to Asunción from the following Latin American cities: Buenos Aires, Montevideo, Santa Cruz, Santiago, Sao Paulo, Panama and Lima.
The International Airport is 20 minutes by car drive from the hotel and 45 minutes by car to the Historic Centre of Asunción.

## TAXIS

Upon arrival at Asunción International Airport, use the authorized taxi service located inside the airport, at the exit doors.
The approximate taxi fare from the airport to the hotel is Gs. 100,000 (USD 20.00), and you can book it in advance by email contactos@taxiparaguay.com
For transportation in the city, the safest way is to take a taxi. Always make sure that the taximeter starts running at your entrance and that the driver's identification is visible.

# ABOUT ASUNCION

## CURRENCY

The official currency of Paraguay is the Guaraní (Gs). Paraguayan notes are issued in Gs. 2000, 5000, 10000, 20000, 50000 and 100000. Paraguay has Gs. 50, 100, 500 and 1000 coins.

Currency exchange houses can be found at the International Airport and shopping malls in the hotel area. It is necessary to have an identity card to exchange money. It is recommended to exchange in formal establishments like banks or currency exchange houses.

Some hotels and shops accept American dollars. There are ATMs located at the Airport, malls, and several other locations in the city. Visa and MasterCard credit cards are accepted at hotels and shops, while some accept American Express.

10% taxes are generally included in purchases. The usual tip is 10% on service in restaurants and bars.

## ELECTRICITY

Paraguayan appliances operate on 220 V-50 Hz. A universal adaptor is required for devices that operate with different voltage.

Plugs and sockets are type C, in a two pronged configured with parallel round or flat blades.

# VISA INFORMATION

Travelling to Paraguay may require a visa, depending on the country of issue of the passport or permanent place of residence. It is the responsibility of each delegate to determine if a visa is required to enter Paraguay. The Paraguayan Codex Secretariat is not responsible for visa, travel or accommodation arrangements, however, it will assist delegates with letters to facilitate the visa if requested.

A guide on how to obtain Paraguayan visas, including information about visa-free countries and costs of visas on arrival is available on the Codex website forthe CCFL44 meeting.

Paraguay does not have a visa office in every country, so it is recommended that delegates contact the nearest embassy or consulate in advance about the requirements for entry to the country.

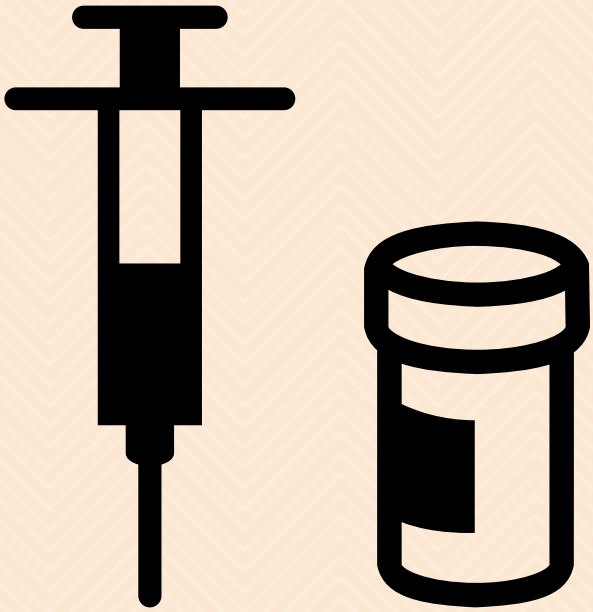
Alternatively -and exceptionally for CCFL44-, a visa on arrival can be obtained for all delegates requiring a visa, when showing a letter of invitation to the event and paying in cash in US dollars only.

For more detailed visa information, please contact
Ms María Inés Ibarra or Ms Ivaní Torales
via email at
codexparaguay@gmail.com or codex@intn.gov.py

# VACCINES

All travellers must apply the vaccine against yellow fever in a vaccination centre and request the certificate of international vaccination.

Paraguay is measles and rubella free country, so following the epidemiological alert of these diseases in other continents, it is important that all delegates are vaccinated against these, in accordance to the times established to acquire immunity.



Citizens of African countries must also complete and submit the epidemiological history form, which is available on the Codex website for the CCFL44 meeting.

# PLACES TO VISIT

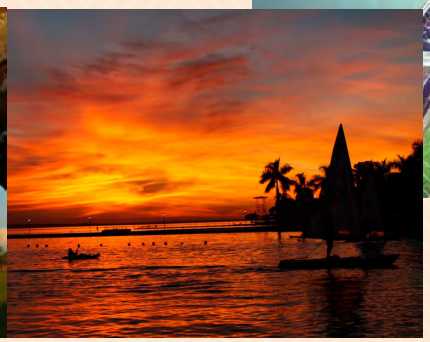
The Historical Centre of Asunción has old and emblematic buildings, such as the Government Palace, the Museum of the House of Independence built in 1772, the Metropolitan Cathedral inaugurated in 1845, the Cabildo Museum with permanent and temporary art exhibitions, the Pantheon of Heroes with the Virgin of the Assumption which dates from 1864, and the Cultural Centre "Manzana de la Rivera".

Calle Palma is the main commercial street of the Historical Centre, along with places like La Recova and the Artisans Fair at Plaza de la Libertad. In these places handicrafts and traditional items in fabric, leather, silver and wood can be found. The malls in the new economic centre of Asunción, such as Paseo de la Galeria, Shopping del Sol and Shopping Mariscal, concentrate the best known national and international brands, as well as a varied gastronomic offerings.

# PLACES TO VISIT

Asunción nightlife offers entertainment options for all tastes, including nightclubs and pubs, theatres, casinos and cinemas.

Near Asunción, the Ypacaraí Lake is worth visiting, with the picturesque cities that surround it: Ypacaraí, San Bernardino and Areguá. In the south of the country, Itapúa is home of three of the great Jesuit reductions that existed during the Colonial period: Santísima Trinidad del Paraná, Jesús de Tavarangué and San Cosme y Damián. In the east of the country, Ciudad del Este offers the attractions of Itaipú hydroelectric dam and the Monday falls.



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For more information, visit the website
http://visitparaguay.travel/v1/ (in Spanish)

# USEFUL INFORMATION

## EMERGENCY SERVICES

Police 911 Medical emergencies 141 Firefighters 132

Hospital emergency services and most pharmacies are open 24 hours.

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