

<u>21st</u>

Session of the Codex Committee on Fresh Fruits and Vegetables (CCFFV)

07/10/2019 - 11/10/2019 | Monterrey, Nuevo León, México





Online Pre-registration

Registration for the meeting must be completed online through the Codex Alimentarius Online Registration System (ORS) http://www.codexalimentarius.org/login/es/



Venue

The 21st Session of the Codex Committee on Fresh Fruits and Vegetables (CCFFV) will be held in Camino Real Monterrey Hotel, located at Av. Diego Rivera 2492, Valle Oriente, 66200 San Pedro Garza García (Metropolitan Area of Monterrey), Nuevo León, México.

This venue features facilities including an outdoor swimming pool, 24-hour medical assistance, ATM, spa, gym, laundry, dry cleaning, airport transportation, 24-hour taxi service, free WiFi, luggage storage, heliport, among others.

Registration at the Hotel

Participants are asked to go to the lobby of "salón Camino Real" (Camino Real Meeting Room) on Monday, October 7th as of 8:00 am for registration.

Wifi service will be provided during the plenary sessions.



Simultaneous Interpretation

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in Spanish, English and French.

Working Documents

Please note that working documents and copies thereof will not be distributed for this meeting, so it is important to take them with you.

VISAS

Each delegate must check through the following link, whether his or her country requires a visa to enter Mexico

https://www.gob.mx/cms/uploads/attachment/file/415982/regordinarios_291118.pdf

Please see the requirements in the following link:

https://www.gob.mx/sre/acciones-y-programas/visas-para-extranjeros-8036

List of Mexican Embassies abroad: https://directorio.sre.gob.mx/index.php/embajadas-de-mexico-en-el-exterior

List of Mexican Consulates abroad: https://directorio.sre.gob.mx/index.php/consulados-de-mexico-en-el-exterior

The Mexican Secretariat is not responsible for any visa, travel or accommodation arrangements. However, it can provide, upon request, a letter of invitation to delegates who are required to process a visa. Please send your request for an invitation letter via e-mail at: codexmex@economia.gob.mx

Main Airport

The Mariano Escobedo International Airport (IATA code: MTY, OACI code: MMMY), also known as Monterrey International Airport, is the fourth busiest airport in Mexico.

The airport is about 30 minutes from the Camino Real Hotel, and the best transportation option is taxi service, contracted at the airport.



Hotels

Below are the hotels recommended for your stay due to their proximity and comfort:



CAMINO REAL MONTERREY HOTEL

Event venue

Av. Diego Rivera No. 2492 Col. Valle Oriente, 66200 San Pedro Garza García, Monterrey, Nuevo León, México

Website:

<u>https://caminoreal.com/Hotels/Details/CR/</u> <u>MTY</u>

To book the Camino Real Monterrey Hotel, use this online reservation form: <u>http://www.fao.org/fao-who-</u> <u>codexalimentarius/meetings/detail/es/?mee</u> <u>ting=CCFFV&session=21</u>

Other accommodations in the area:

Safi Valle Hotel - Av. Diego Rivera 555, Valle Oriente, 66260 San Pedro Garza García, N.L. <u>http://www.safihotel.com/</u>

Hotel Quinta Real Monterrey Hotel - Av. Diego Rivera 500, Valle Oriente, 66260 San Pedro Garza García, N.L. https://quintareal.com/

Ibis Monterrey Valle Hotel- Avenue Lazaro Cardenas 3000, 66269, San Pedro Garza García, México <u>https://hotelibismonterreyvalle.com-mexico.com/es/</u>



Mexican Monetary System:

The Mexican Peso is the official currency of the United Mexican States and its international code is MXN.

Coins are issued in denominations 1, 2, 5, 10 and 20 Mexican Pesos and 10, 20 and 50 cents Mexican Pesos. Bills are issued in denominations 20, 50, 100, 200, 500 and 1000 Mexican Pesos.

Most establishments accept credit / debit cards VISA and MASTERCARD.

AMERICAN EXPRESS, DINERS CLUB, DISCOVER and others are accepted in limited facilities.

The price of goods and services includes a Value Added Tax of 16%.

Customary tip at bars and restaurants ranges from 10 to 15% of the total value of the check.

Emergency Services:

Dial 911 in in case of a

-Medical emergency -Civil Protection emergency -Security / Safety emergency

Voltage and Electricity

In Mexico, the common voltage is 127 V. The frequency is 60 Hz. Plugs and sockets are type A / B.





In the event of using a different plug, we recommend purchasing an adapter.

If voltage in your country ranges between 220V - 240V, then you will need to use a converter or voltage transformer in Mexico. To be sure, check the label of your electrical appliance. If the 'INPUT' specifies: 100-240V, 50/60 Hz ', it means that it can be used worldwide, for both tablets, laptops, cameras and cell phones chargers, or toothbrushes.



Climate and Meteorology

In October, the minimum average temperature recorded is 57.2 °F (14 °C) and the maximum average temperature recorded is 89.6 °F (32 °C). Around the dates of the meeting mostly a sunny weather is expected, so the use of sunscreen is recommended.

MAIN ATTRACTIONS

Monterrey City

Monterrey is the capital and most populated city of the state of Nuevo Leon, it is part of the metropolitan area of Monterrey, with a population of 4.1 million inhabitants, being the third most populated metropolitan area in Mexico, only after Mexico City and Guadalajara City.

Monterrey is one of the most developed Mexican cities, it is ranked second best developed in the country, only behind Mexico City and has a wonderful culture and history, not to mention that it is also one of the main business, industrial and economic hubs of Mexico.

The city is considered a beta city for being globalized and competitive. It has a great culture and history and is also rich in spectacular scenery, parks and historical monuments.

Among some its most celebrated attractions are El Cerro de la Silla, El Cerro de las Mitras, La Sierra Madre, where you can admire a spectacular mountain scenery, hot springs and several museums. In addition, the CONARTE bookstore is considered one of the most beautiful bookstores worldwide, as recognized by the Wired magazine.

The old quarter of Monterrey City dates back to the Eighteenth century and consists of old houses and some major cobblestone streets.

THE MACROPLAZA

This is one of the largest public squares worldwide and the largest in Latin America. It is surrounded by gardens and important monuments and buildings, such as the Government Palace, the Lighthouse of Commerce, History and Art museums, and the Metropolitan Cathedral.





FUNDIDORA PARK

A park of 350 acres (142 hectares), where you can engage in recreational activities such as bike rentals, kayaking, zip line and skating. Inside the park, you will find the famous Museo del Acero Horno 3 and the Museum of Science and Technology.

PASEO SANTA LUCÍA

You can board a small boat which will take you up and down the length of the river, while a guide will tells you interesting stories and legends. This pathway connects the Macroplaza with the Fundidora Park.





OLD QUARTER

Next to the Government Palace and the Macroplaza, the Old Quarter is one of the most representative areas of Monterrey. It used to be the origin of the city center and has a picturesque architecture. Here you will find art galleries, restaurants and bars, the CONARTE bookstore, among other city highlights.



INTERNATIONAL EVENTS



Santa Lucia International Festival 2019

Over 245 artistic and cultural events, in addition to 36 exhibitions and 70 conferences!

Website: http://festivalsantalucia.gob.mx/edicion2019/



