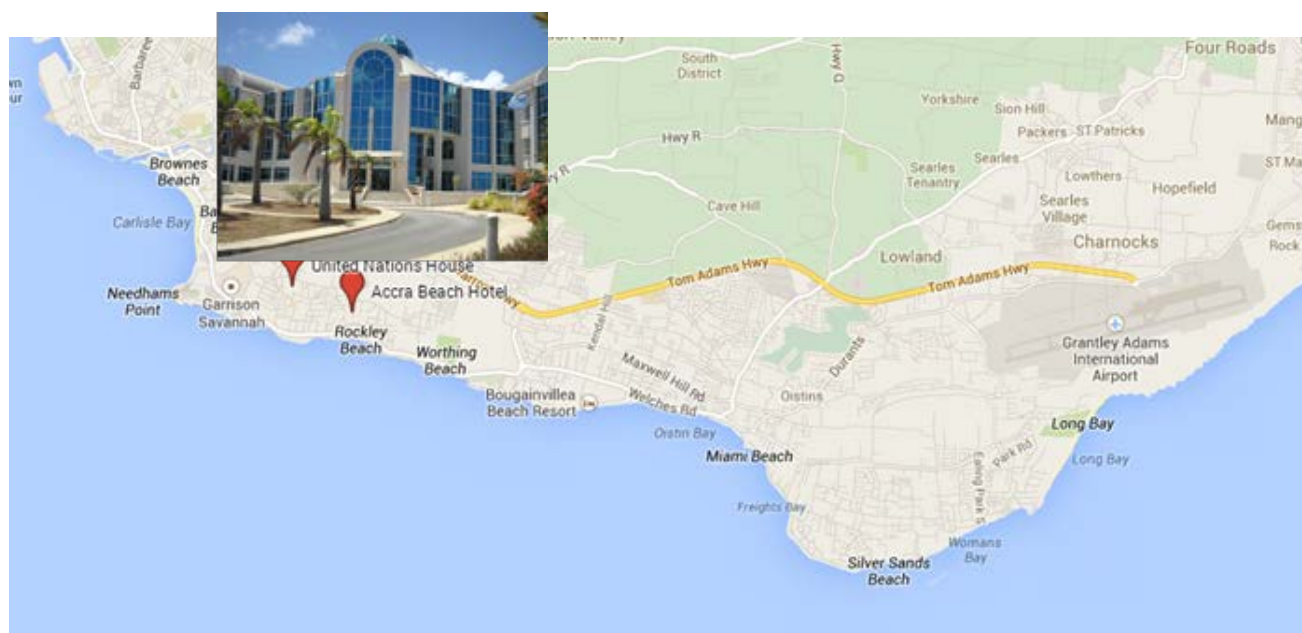


**LOGISTIC NOTE FOR THE FIRST MEETING OF THE
REGIONAL FISHERIES DATA AND STATISTICS WORKING GROUP MEETING
FOR THE WECAFC COMMISSION**

1.1 Location and dates

The hotel accommodation for FAO supported participants will be communicated to the confirmed participants by the end of April 2018. Non-financed participants are encouraged to contact the secretariat before booking a hotel accommodation, to ensure that FAO can arrange their transport between their hotel and the meeting venue.

The meeting will be held from Monday 14 to Wednesday 16 May 2018 daily from 08:45 am– 17:30 pm at the United Nations House in Barbados, First Floor, United Nations House, Marine Gardens, Hastings, Christ Church, Barbados.



1.2 Languages

The meeting will be conducted in English and Spanish.

2 Administrative arrangements and other information

Administrative arrangements for the meeting will be handled by the WECAFC Secretariat at the FAO Subregional Office for the Caribbean (SLC), in close collaboration with CRFM, OSPESCA, the REBYC-LAC and the CLME+ project. This will include the selection of participants, travel arrangements and other matters before and during the meeting.

Enquiries concerning administrative arrangements should be addressed to the FAO Programme Clerk, Ms. Sonya Thompson at the following contact address:

Ms Sonya Thompson

Programme Clerk

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2.1 Health certification

Immunization is not required unless coming from an infected area.

2.2 Flights/travel

The sole airport on the island of Barbados is the Grantley Adams International Airport.

Air Canada, American Airlines, British Airways, Virgin Atlantic, BWIA, LIAT and several Charter Operations provide international flights. All individuals travelling by air or sea will require a valid passport or other accepted official form of identification to enter the island.

2.3 Visa requirements

There are a number of countries that require visas to travel to Barbados. However, because of historical ties and bilateral agreements, citizens of several countries are not required to have visas for entry. If in doubt, please check with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in your country or visit website – www.projectvisa.com – for visa information. The FAO Subregional Office for the Caribbean is willing to assist with obtaining entry visas for Barbados, once the required documentation is received at least three (3) weeks in advance of the meeting.

2.4 Banking and exchange rate

The currency of the island is the Barbados dollar (BBD). The Barbados dollar is pegged about two-to-one to the US Dollar. The US Dollar is widely accepted throughout the island, but it is always best to enquire. If you pay with USD you will likely get change in BBD. Most credit cards (Visa, MasterCard, etc.) are accepted in hotels, restaurants and major stores.

Commercial banks are open Mondays through Thursdays from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and on Fridays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

2.5 Geography and climate

The Island of Barbados is the most easterly in the Caribbean chain of islands (Lesser Antilles). Its highest point is 1,100ft (336m) above sea level at Mount Hillaby in St Andrew and the lowest is the Atlantic Ocean (0 m).

Barbados' weather is generally warm and sunny all year round with an average daytime high of 30°C / 86°F.

The prevailing northeast trade winds blow steadily so that although it is bright and sunny, it is not unbearably hot. The nights are usually slightly cooler.

The dry season lasts from 1 January to 31 May, while the rainy season runs from 1 June to 30 November.

2.6 Dengue and chikungunya

We do advise that you travel with insect repellent, in an effort to prevent the contraction of Chikungunya or Dengue fever, which are two mosquito-borne illnesses.

2.7 Electricity

Electricity in Barbados is 110 volts/50 cycles. Most hotels and the meeting rooms make use of American style sockets. If your appliances have other plugs, please bring along an adapter.

2.8 In-country transportation

The Grantley Adams International Airport is about 20 minutes or 7 miles from the Hotel. Taxi fare from the Airport to the Hotel is approximately USD25.00 and can be paid in USD or local currency.

Transportation will be arranged for all participants between your nearby Hotel and the meeting venue. Participants are requested to be at lobby at the designated time in order to access the tour bus. It takes about 10 minutes each way.