

English Translation for the Materials sent inviting participants to the Regional Consultation on Aid Effectiveness for Latin America and the Caribbean to be held in Santa Marta, Colombia June 5-6, 2008.

In the name of the Government of Colombia and the Inter-American Development Bank, we are pleased to invite you to participate in the Regional Consultation on Aid Effectiveness for Latin America and the Caribbean to be held in Santa Marta, Colombia June 5-6, 2008. Attached you will find a copy of the preliminary agenda for the meeting.

The purpose of the regional consultation is to prepare the participation of Latin America and the Caribbean towards the Third High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness to be held next September at Accra. This forum will produce the Accra Agenda for Action where it is intended to reflect the advances and challenges encountered in the implementation of the Paris Declaration.

The main objectives of the consultation are (a) to present a regional balance regarding the implementation of the Paris Declaration and identify its scope and limitations, (b) to further develop the Accra Agenda for Action contents, and (c) to offer inputs to the nine roundtables that will be held at the Third High Level Forum at Accra regarding the Paris Declaration central themes.

In this context, it is expected that a maximum participation of three representatives from each country from Latin America and the Caribbean, whether or not they are signatories of the Paris Declaration. Additionally, a substantial number of donor countries, international organizations, and representatives of the civil society of the region have been invited to participate as observers.

With the objective to set up the necessary arrangements, we would appreciate your RSVP no later than May 9th informing us of who will constitute your country's delegation to this event. For more information about the Consultation, we have attached a brochure explaining all the logistical details.

In case you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Juan Sebastián Estrada, Agencia Presidencial de Colombia para la Acción Social y la Cooperación Internacional: jestrada@accionsocial.gov.co

We hope to have your participation at this event. With our best regards

Logistics

1. Where

The event will take place at Santa Marta Colombia between the 5 & 6 of June 2008

2. General Coordination

The people in charge of the Logistics are:

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3. Hotel

The event will take place at the Irotama Hotel in Santa Marta.
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The IADB will cover the expenses of up to three people from the countries classified as Group II in the Bank: Bolivia, República Dominicana, Ecuador, El

Salvador, Guatemala, Guyana, Haití, Honduras, Jamaica, Nicaragua, Perú, Panamá, Paraguay, Belize, Costa Rica, and Suriname.

All other participants including the ones from the Civil Society must cover their own expenses. There is an agreement with the Hotel to block enough rooms for the participants that have been invited. Each participant is responsible to secure and pay for their stay personally, except for the participants financed by the IADB. In their cases the payment will be made directly to the Hotel by the IADB.

4. Tickets

Except the participants receiving funding from the IADB **all participants including the ones from Civil Society** should make arrangements directly with the Airlines of their choice.

For the participants receiving funding from the IADB, they should buy their tickets and the Bank will reimburse them up to the amount that have been disclosed to them case by case depending on the country.

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All itineraries going to Santa Marta have to stop in Bogotá. We recommend that you make arrangements to arrive on June 4th and leave on June 7th.

5. VISA requirements

The Visa requirements by country are as follow:

Country	REQUIRES VISA
ARGENTINA	NO
BAHAMAS	NO
BARBADOS	NO
BELICE	NO
BOLIVIA	NO
BRASIL	NO
CANADÁ	NO
COSTA RICA	NO
CHILE	NO
CUBA	SI
DOMINICA	NO
ECUADOR	NO
EL SALVADOR	NO
ESTADOS UNIDOS	NO

GUATEMALA	NO
GUYANA	NO
HAÍTÍ*	SI
HONDURAS	NO
JAMAICA	NO
MÉXICO	NO
NICARAGUA*	SI
PANAMÁ	NO
PARAGUAY	NO
PERÚ	NO
REPÚBLICA DOMINICANA	NO
SURINAME*	SI
TRINIDAD Y TOBAGO	NO
URUGUAY	NO
VENEZUELA	NO
ALEMANIA	NO
AUSTRIA	NO
BÉLGICA	NO
COREA	NO
CROACIA	NO
DINAMARCA	NO
ESLOVENIA	SI
ESPAÑA	NO
FINLANDIA	NO
FRANCIA	NO
ISRAEL	NO
ITALIA	NO
JAPÓN	NO
NORUEGA	NO
PAÍSES BAJOS	NO
PORTUGAL	NO
SUECIA	NO
SUIZA	NO
REINO UNIDO	SI

6. Languages

All documents will be

available in Spanish, English and French

Simultaneous interpretation will be available, from and to Spanish and English