LOGISTICS AND INFORMATION



2022 EARTH CHARTER CONFERENCE

PUTTING PLANETARY WELL-BEING AT THE CORE: A CALL TO TURN OUR CONSCIENCE INTO ACTION

Earth Charter Center for Education for Sustainable Development at the University for Peace

San José, Costa Rica 1-2 December 2022









DATE AND VENUE:

The 2022 Earth Charter Conference is organized by the Earth Charter Center for Education for Sustainable Development, and will take place on 1-2 December 2022 at the University for Peace, Costa Rica. It is organized under the framework of the <u>UNESCO Chair</u> on Education for Sustainable Development with the Earth Charter.

Address: University for Peace 7 km West of Chepe Monge store in Ciudad Colón, Costa Rica Phone: (+506) 2205-9060.

ENTRY VISA AND DEPARTURE FORMALITIES:

Visa

Most countries do not require a visa, but please make sure to check. For details, please visit the following website: <u>https://www.visitcostarica.com/</u> <u>en/costa-rica/planning-your-</u> <u>trip/entry-requirements</u>

The visa fee is different for each country. Each participant must bear the costs associated for getting a visa to Costa Rica.

Travel

Participants will be responsible to cover their travel costs (airfare, lodging and meals outside the conference), in addition to arrange transportation to and from the airport.

General insurance provisions

Participants should bring their health insurance, costs associated to this insurance should be covered by the participant. It is important to consult a health practitioner to ensure that you have adequate vaccinations for Costa Rica. Yellow fever vaccination is required for anyone traveling from Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Venezuela.

Participants with any special medical conditions and/or requirements shall advise the organizers. Persons who are taking prescribed medication for special health reasons should be certain to bring adequate supplies with them in their hand luggage.



SERVICES

Meals

Breakfast is included for guests at their hotels. Lunch and coffee breaks will be offered during the days of the conference. Dinners are not provided by the organization.

Airport transfer

Upon arrival at the airport, you can find the official airport taxi company (orange cabs) which you can take to get to the hotel. It is preferable to bring cash and exchange it to cover for these services (although orange taxis will take credit cards). The airport transfer to the hotels in Santa Ana suggested for this Conference costs around US\$25 to US\$30 one-way (for Ciudad Colón or El Rodeo the cost is higher).

Exchange rate

The Colon is the official unit of currency. Visitors should exchange their currency at the airport or hotel, currency exchange bureau or any commercial bank. The exchange rate is approximately 655 colones for 1 US dollar. Most major credit cards are accepted in Costa Rica.

Transportation to the event

Transportation to the Conference venue will be provided from main Conference hotels. There will be buses leaving at 8:00am from the following hotels: Quality Hotel, Studio Hotel, and Hilton Garden Inn.

The buses will return to the same stops once the activities are finished for the day.

MATERIALS

Participants are invited to bring materials/publications that they would like to share with other participants. We will provide tables for display.

We suggest that participants bring their computers and/or electronic devices to receive and download conference documents.

We would like to make this a paper-free event; therefore, we suggest to those participants who need notebooks and pens for taking notes, to bring their own. The Agenda and other documents of the Conference will be shared digitally, so no printed copies will be distributed.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Weather

The temperature in El Rodeo Forest Reserve, where the Conference venue is located, varies from 25° to 32°C. There are two main seasons throughout the year: dry and humid. The dry season starts from December to April (beginning of May). We might experience some rain during the Conference.

Dresscode

Lightweight - casual clothing is suggested. You may also want to bring a light jacket for cooler evenings. Bring comfortable shoes since we will be doing walks in nature.

Additional items:

We suggest using sun block, hats, sunglasses, and any other thing that you use to protect your skin from the sun. There could be many insects, as expected in a forest area. You can use the insect repellent that you bring.

Electricity

Voltage: 120V / Plugs Type: A, B. / Hertz: 60Hz. We suggest bringing a universal power adapter.

Tourism

We have put together a list of optional field trips for 3 December.

If you would like to see more of Costa Rica on your own, visit the following websites for some additional

recommendations:

https://www.visitcostarica.

com/en &

https://www.govisitcostaric a.com/

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