

INFORMATION BULLETIN

Workshop “Strategies to improve Compliance with Labour Legislation”

December 6 and 7 in San Jose, Costa Rica

All information pertaining to this event will be updated in: <http://rialnet.org/en/leg>

IMPORTANT DEADLINES:

Request for financial assistance:	November 9
Responses to Guiding Questions	November 20
Registration (depends on funding request):	November 9 or 16

1. Description

This Workshop is part of the 2018-2020 Calendar of Activities of the Inter-American Conference of Ministers of Labor (IACML) of the OAS and is an activity of the Inter-American Network for Labor Administration (RIAL).

The **general objective of the Workshop** is to increase knowledge and strengthen the capacity of the Ministries of Labor to improve compliance with labor legislation, and generate public policies that guarantee the effective exercise of labor rights.

The event will gather technical officers from the Ministries of Labor of the OAS Member States, representatives of workers and employers, grouped in COSATE and CEATAL, and representatives of international organizations and other special guests.

A document with further description and draft Agenda accompanies this Information Bulletin.

2. Guiding Questions

The following Guiding Questions have been developed to assist delegations in preparing for the Workshop, and enrich the debate. Delegations are kindly requested to send their responses to the Technical Secretariat (trabajo@oas.org) no later than November 20, 2018. Thank you for your collaboration.

1. What actions does your Ministry undertake to improve the targeting, management and effectiveness of labor inspection in urban and rural areas? Please indicate the use of innovative approaches –such as the use of technology- within those actions, and describe main characteristics and lessons learned.
2. How is labor inspection protecting the rights of freedom of association and collective bargaining?
3. What are the alternative mechanisms to solve individual and collective labor disputes in your country? Please indicate their main characteristics, as well as the successes, challenges and lessons learned that have arisen from their implementation.
4. What coordination or collaboration strategies does your Ministry have with other public institutions –like other sectorial Ministries and labor justice- to improve compliance with labor legislation? Please describe what kind of institutional arrangements exist for this collaboration and how are they working, including successes, challenges and lessons learned.

3. Logistics and Travel Information

Venue: Crowne Plaza Corobici - Sabana Norte next to Parque Metropolitano La Sabana, Mata Redonda, San José, Costa Rica.

Registration: Please complete the enclosed Registration Form and send it to the Technical Secretariat no later than November 16th to trabajo@oas.org. For participants requesting financial assistance, the deadline to send this form is November 9th.

Government delegates should send this Form through the Permanent Mission of their country to the OAS.

Funding: The OAS, with funds from Employment and Social Development Canada for the RIAL, will cover travel expenses for some of the representatives of the Ministries of Labor from small economies, as well as representatives of COSATE and CEATAL. The International Labour Organization could co-finance travel expenses for some countries in Central America.

Resources are limited and requests for financial assistance will be analyzed and granted on a first-come, first-served basis. For those participants that wish to receive funding, we kindly ask that you indicate it in the Registration Form and send it as soon as possible, and no later than **November 9.**

Lodging: It is each participant's responsibility to directly book a reservation at a hotel of his or her preference, except for those receiving financial assistance, in which case the OAS will make reservations at the Hotel Crowne Plaza Corobici

Recommended Hotels:

Hotel Crowne Plaza Corobici

www.crowneplaza.com/SanJose/CrownePlaza

Address: Sabana Norte next to Parque Metropolitano La Sabana, Mata Redonda, San José, Costa Rica.

Tel: + 506-2543-6000

Rate: USD \$112.00 USD taxes included – does not include breakfast

***For participants who are not financed by the OAS, please make your reservations by calling the above number or via email to info@corobicicp.co.cr.*

Tryp by Wyndham San Jose Sabana

<https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/tryp/san-jose-costa-rica/tryp-by-wyndham-san-jose-sabana/overview>

Address: 3rd Av 38th and 40th Street San Jose, Costa Rica 1000

Tel. + 506-2547-2323

Rate: \$104 single room, includes taxes.

Distance: 10 minute walk.

Autentico Hotel

<https://www.autenticohotel.com/>

Address: 40 Street, 5th Av, San José, Costa Rica.

Tel. ++506 2222-5266

Rate: \$97 single room – includes taxes and breakfast

Distance: 9 minute walk

Reservations: <https://www.autenticohotel.com/contact/>

Transportation to and from the airport: Participants are responsible for making their own local transportation arrangements.

- a) Hotel Crowne Plaza Transportation. It is managed directly with the Hotel when the reservation is made. The cost is USD \$27 for one or two people.
- b) "Meet and greet" taxi service. The cost is USD \$ 30 for one to two people and for each additional person USD \$ 5. This service can be requested through Ana Lucia Blanco via ana.blanco@mtss.go.cr.

- c) Public taxi service from the Airport. Between USD \$ 40 and \$ 45 depending on traffic.

Entry and exit requirements: Delegates are responsible for meeting the visa requirements established by Costa Rica. Participants who require a Costa Rican visa are advised to contact the appropriate diplomatic representatives in advance for processing.

List by country of visa requirements: <http://www.migracion.go.cr/extranjeros/visas.html>

For participants from Bolivia, Venezuela, Brazil, Peru, Ecuador, Colombia and Guyana, the International Certificate of Vaccination against Yellow Fever is mandatory, and is valid before the corresponding authorities of ports, airports and border posts 10 days after the vaccination that accredits it.

Language: Simultaneous interpretation in English and Spanish will be provided at the event.

Currency: The currency of Costa Rica is the “Colón Costarricense”. The exchange rate is US\$ 1 = ¢ 581.76 CRC (October 12, 2018)

Weather: The temperature varies between 28°C (82° F) and 19°C (66° F), being characteristic hot mornings and cool afternoons. From December to April there is none or little rain.

For further information on the event, please contact:

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4. Registration Form

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Last Name	Name
Title	
Organization	
Country	
Telephone	E-mail

¿Do you need financial assistance to participate in the event?*

Yes ___ No ___

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