

Logistics Note

2nd IUCN World Environmental Law Congress & Related
Meetings Monday 23 March through Friday 27 March, 2020

This Logistics Note provides general information for participants in the 2nd World Environmental Law Congress and related meetings. Additional detailed information for specific meetings will be provided separately to participants for those specific events.





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Welcome to Rio de Janeiro!

We look forward to welcoming you to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil to participate in the 2nd World Environmental Law Congress and related meetings from 23 to 27 March 2020.

Overview

The 2nd World Environmental Law Congress “Environmental Law 2030 and Beyond” will open on Wednesday 25 March and conclude on Friday 27 March, 2020.

Six major environmental law events will be held in the three days leading up to the 2nd World Environmental Law Congress:

- (1) UNEP Fifth Montevideo Programme for the Development and Periodic Review of Environmental Law (invitation only)
- (2) 3rd General Assembly of the Global Judicial Institute on the Environment (invitation only)
- (3) International Council of Environmental Law Meeting (invitation only)
- (4) 2nd OAS Inter-American Colloquium on the Environmental Rule of Law
- (5) WCEL Global Colloquium of Early Career Environmental Law Experts
- (6) WCEL Moot Court

Venue

The meetings will take place in four different venues in central Rio de Janeiro:

Supreme Court Complex:

- (1) **Tribunal de Justiça do Rio de Janeiro** (Court of the State of Rio de Janeiro): R. Dom Manuel, 37 - Centro, Rio de Janeiro - RJ, 20010-090, Brazil
- (2) **Escola da Magistratura do Estado do Rio de Janeiro** (Judicial Academy of Rio de Janeiro): R. Dom Manuel, 25 - Centro, Rio de Janeiro - RJ, 20010-090, Brazil
- (3) **Museu da Justiça - Centro Cultural do Poder Judiciário** (Rio de Janeiro’s State Court Museum): Rua Dom Manuel, 29 ground floor - Centro, Rio de Janeiro - RJ, 20010-090, Brazil

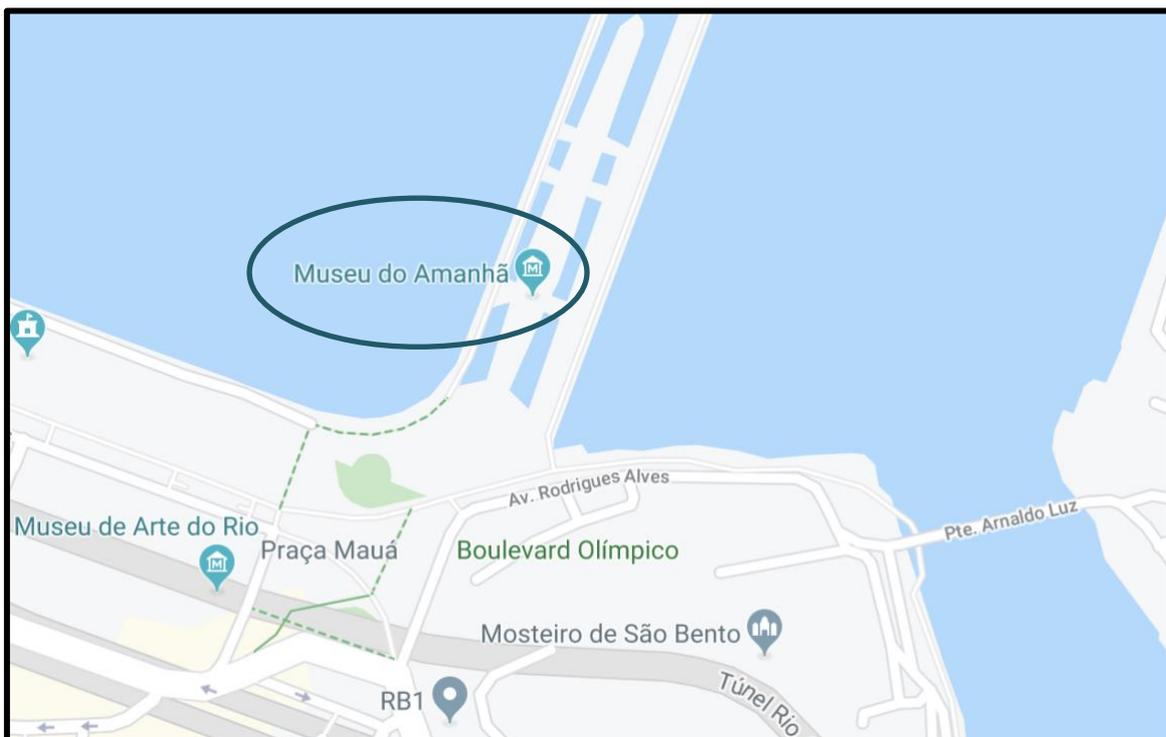
Museum:

- (4) **Museu do Amanhã** (Museum of Tomorrow): Praça Mauá, 1 - Centro, Rio de Janeiro - RJ, 20081-240, Brazil

Supreme Court Complex



Museu do Amanhã



Accommodations

Invited participants should book their accommodations as soon as possible. Non-speaker attendees should commit only after receiving confirmation of their registration submission.

Accommodations paid for by participants may use the event code **2nd WELC** to obtain a discounted rate.

The following is a list of three suggested hotels within fifteen minutes walking distance of the Supreme Court Complex:

Hotel	Rate (Single)*	Rate (Double)*	Booking Contact
Ibis Rio de Janeiro Santos Dumont Hotel	R\$222.00+5%	R\$255.00+5%	h5691-re@accor.com.br
Novotel RJ Santos Dumont Hotel	R\$299.00+5%	R\$319.00+5%	h6522-re@accor.com.br
Prodigy Hotel Santos Dumont Airport	R\$355.00+5%	R\$435.00+5%	reservas@prodigysantosdumont.com.br

* Prices are in Brazilian Reais and include breakfast.

Reservations are subject to availability at the time of the booking.

While these are the most convenient hotels, participants who are booking their own rooms are free to choose other hotels in Rio de Janeiro. Please note that group transportation to special events will be provided only from the Prodigy, Novotel, and Ibis.

Visa Arrangements

Participants are responsible for obtaining any required visa for Brazil. Please check the [visa requirements](#) for your nationality to enter Brazil. Participants who need extraordinary assistance from the conference organizers should contact wcel@iucn.org at the earliest possible time.

Health Requirements and Medical Services

Brazil requires proof of yellow fever vaccine for travelers from several countries. Make sure that you verify the requirements before you book your travel.

Participants are responsible for their own medical expenses and arrangements while in Brazil and should arrange for their own travel and health insurance prior to departure.

Transportation to and from the Airport

Participants are expected to make their own travel arrangements to and from the airport. There are two major airports in Rio de Janeiro:

Rio de Janeiro-Antonio Carlos Jobim International Airport (GIG), popularly known by its original name Galeão International Airport is the main airport serving Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. It is located 20km from the city center of Rio de Janeiro. Detailed information about Rio de Janeiro-Antonio Carlos Jobim International Airport can be found at <http://www.aeroporto.galeao.net/en/>

The information desk, and tourist information (RioTur), are located on the 2nd floor at arrivals ([map](#)).

The airport offers free WI-FI service: RIOgaleao.

The trip from the airport to the hotels takes around 30 minutes in light traffic but can take an hour or more during rush hour.

We recommend you take a pre-paid taxi (Taxi Especial) to your destination. There are five different companies (Coopatur, Cootramo, Coopertramo, Transcopass and Transcootour) offering this service in the arrivals hall. Credit cards are accepted, and the fare is around R\$130.00. Yellow cabs are available outside the airport, but the level of service might be not as comfortable as the pre-paid services. Rideshare services, such as Uber, Cabify and Taxi99 also operate at the airport and all over Rio city.

Rio de Janeiro-Santos Dumont Airport (SDU) is the second major airport serving Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The airport is located adjacent to downtown Rio de Janeiro and within a few blocks of the recommended hotels.

Getting Around

The location of the Congress and related events are scheduled conveniently so that participants may walk between the three hotels and the Supreme Court Complex. Special transportation will be provided to the Museu do Amanhã (Museum of Tomorrow) on Thursday, 26 March, as well as for other special events. Otherwise, participants are responsible for their own transportation. Rideshare services, such as Uber, Cabify and Taxi99 operate at the airport and all over Rio de Janeiro.

Weather

Expect warm, humid weather with the average low being 73°F (22°C) and the average high hitting 85°F (30°C). Remember to bring your **mosquito repellent**, **umbrella**, and **sunblock**.

Currency, Payments and Banking

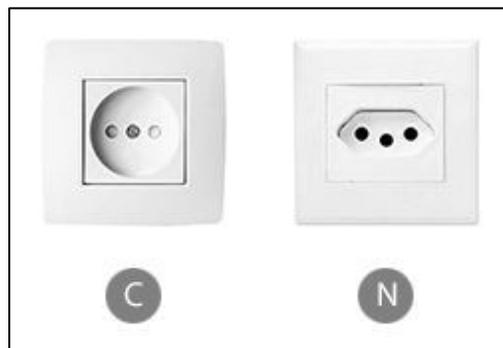
Major credit and debit cards are widely accepted in Brazil. The monetary unit of Brazil is the Brazilian Real (R\$). Participants are advised to exchange their currency for Reais before landing in Brazil.

Foreign currency can be exchanged at most hotels and commercial banks. Additionally, Bureau de Change are widely available. Exchange offices can be recognized by the “exchange/cambio” sign.

View the latest exchange rates: <https://www.xe.com/currencyconverter/>

Electricity Supply

Congress organizers will not be able to provide any equipment or adapters to participants. Participants must bring their own electricity adapters. The electricity supply is 110 volts. Type C plugs and sockets are widespread, but you may also find type N sockets.



Language

Portuguese is the official language of Brazil. English is spoken in most hotels.

Tipping

It is customary to tip waiters, porters, caddies, and other service providers. In most restaurants, a 10% tip is included in the bill.

Touristic Information

Visit <http://visit.rio/en/welcome/> for tourist information, sightseeing, and attractions.

Safety

Most areas in Rio de Janeiro are generally safe during the day. If you choose to go out at night, we recommend you travel in groups. Pay close attention to your surroundings and avoid remote areas.

Petty theft and scams are the most common crimes reported in Rio de Janeiro. To minimize your chances of being pickpocketed, we advise that you do not:

- leave your bag unattended;
- put your wallet in your back pocket or the outside pocket of a bag;
- walk alone on the beach at dusk or at night;
- take out and/or use your cell phone more than absolutely necessary;
- wear jewelry in the street;
- openly carry a camera.

Emergency Contact Information

Contact the police by calling **190** to report emergencies. You can also call **197** to give information to the police or make an inquiry.