

Logistical Information

EVENT: **Conference on Identification, Protection, Restoration and Management of the Beaches of the Greater Caribbean, 2023 (IPReM Greater Caribbean 2023)**

DATES: Wednesday 28th June – Friday 30th June, 2023

PLACE: City of Knowledge, Panama City, Panama

DRESS CODE: Business

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GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT PANAMA

Panama (also known as the Republic of Panama) is a fascinating country that has a rich and diverse culture thanks to the contributions of generations of persons who settled there. The country is located in Central America, but more specifically Panama is on the Isthmus of Panama between North and South America, and separates the Caribbean Sea and the Pacific Ocean. The country shares borders with Costa Rica and Colombia.

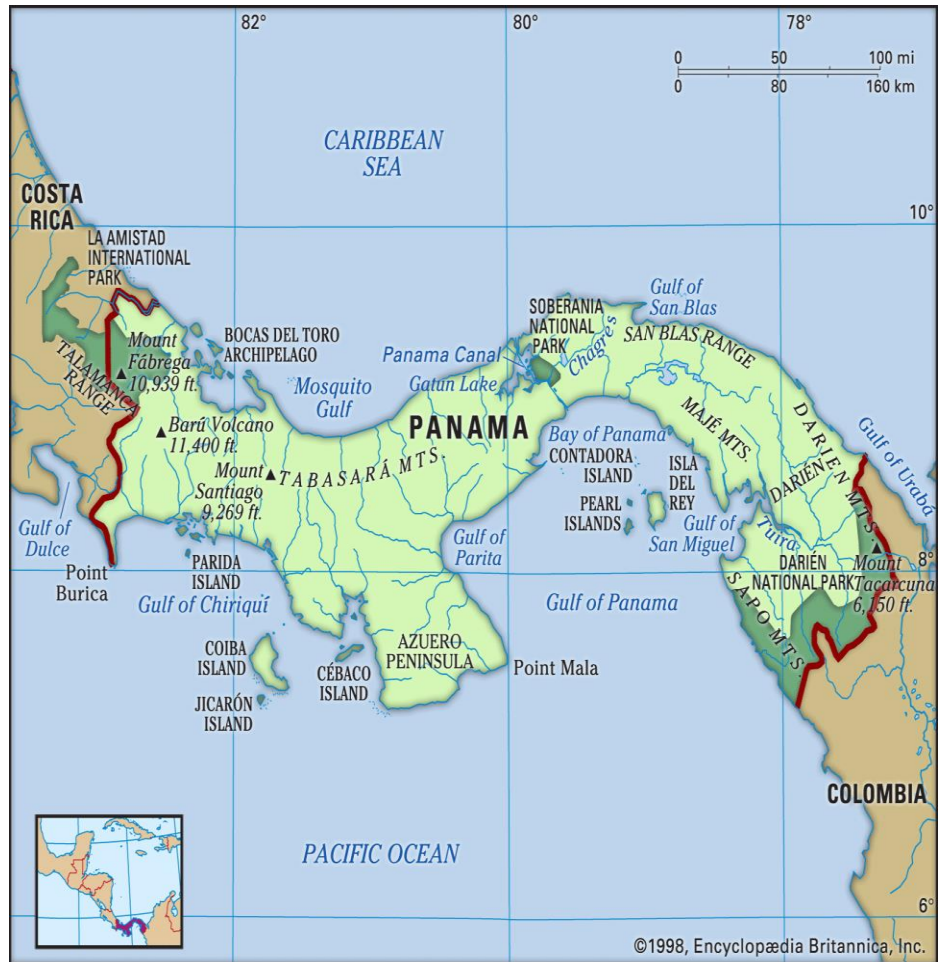
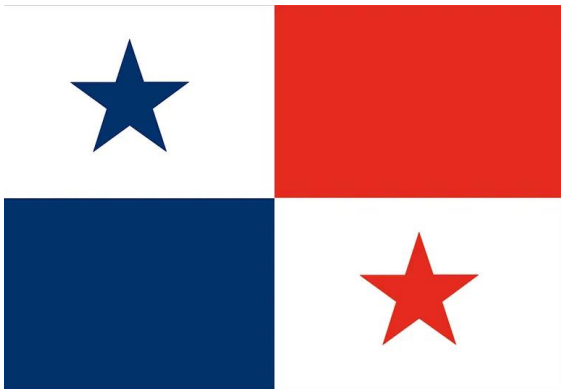
The country has an area of 75,320 square kilometres (km²) and has an estimated population of 4,462,000 people. The capital is also called Panama (also known as Panama City) and the local currency is the Balboa (PAB). The United States Dollar (USD) is also accepted as official currency, and 1 USD is the equivalent of 1 PAB.

Panama's existence is undoubtedly quintessential with respect to the evolution of mankind and the migration of human beings throughout history. In addition, Panama's linguistic situation reflects the wealth of its people. The official language is Spanish, however several indigenous languages co-exist, for example Ngäbere (Guaymí) and Kuna.

Regarding its government, His Excellency Laurentino Cortizo is the President and serves as Head of State, while Her Excellency Janaina Tewaney Mencomo has been sworn in as the Minister of Foreign Affairs.

With regard to its climate, Panama's tropical location allows for cool and warm weather throughout the year. There are two seasons: dry and rainy. In the month of June when the Conference is being held, Panama is in the rainy season. The rains are more common in areas near the Caribbean Sea, however it is advisable to bring an umbrella for your stay in the City. The average temperatures range between 25°C and 32°C.

Please note that the time zone is GMT (UT) -5. For additional information, please visit: https://t.ly/J_un

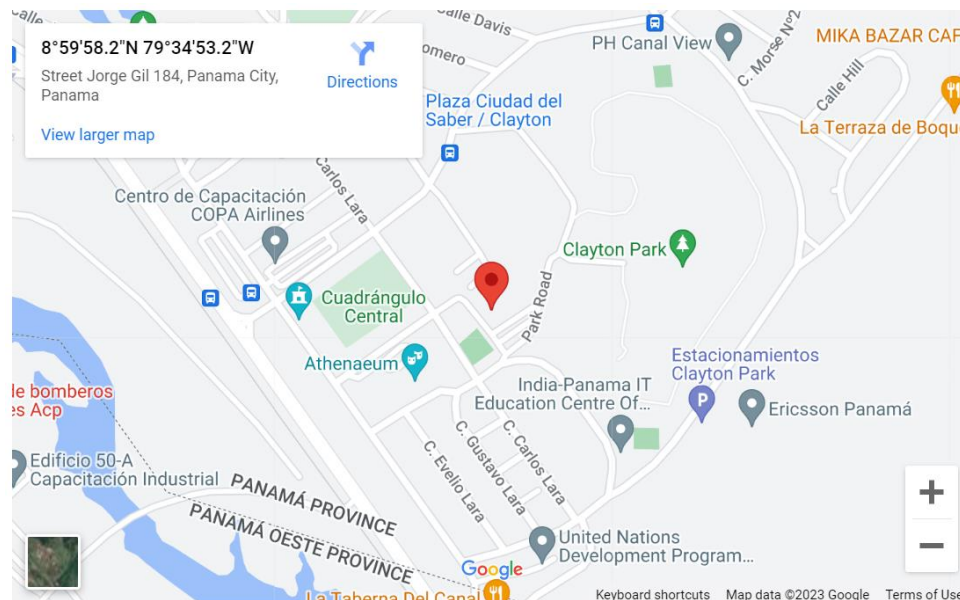
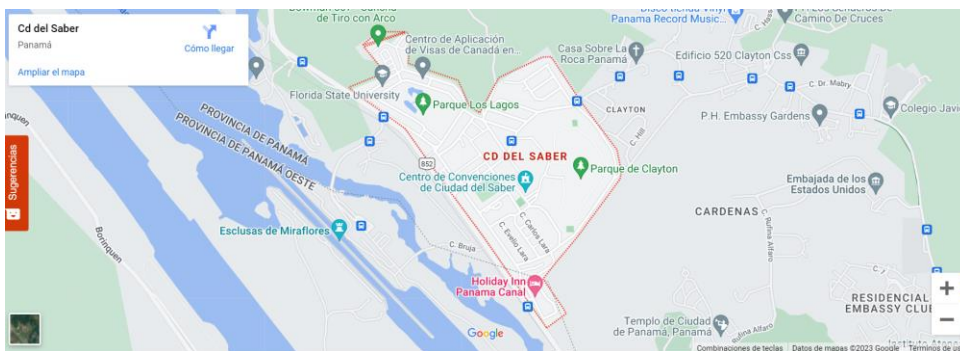


LOCATION OF CONFERENCE

The Conference is being held in the City of Knowledge (Ciudad del Saber) in Panama City, Panama. The address is as follows:

- City of knowledge , Building 104
Calle Luis Bonilla, Ciudad del Saber,
Clayton, Panamá.

The Conference itself will take place at the Convention Centre at the City of Knowledge.



MEETING TIMES

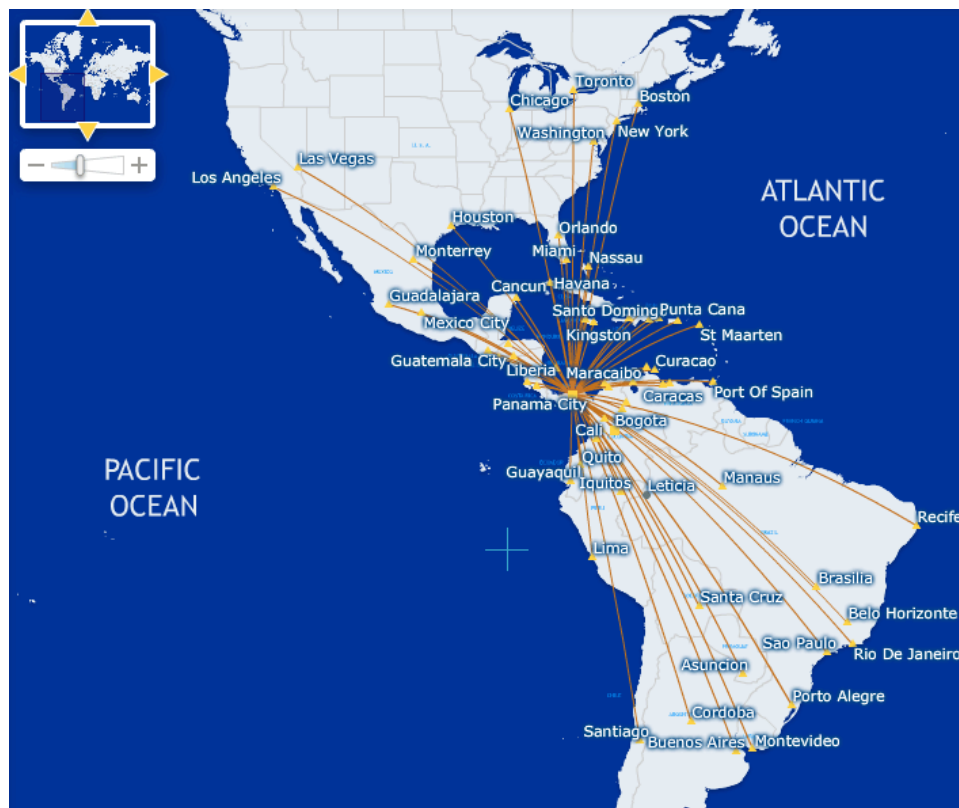
The start and end times of the Conference are as follows:

- Wednesday 28th June, 2023 – start time 8:00 A.M. end time 6:00 PM
- Thursday 29th June, 2023 – start time 8:00 A.M. end time 6:00 PM
- Friday 30th June, 2023 – start time 8:00 A.M. end time 6:00 PM

Please see the Draft Annotated Agenda attached to the email for more detailed information regarding the Programme for each day.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

It is recommended that participants arrive **at least one day before** the first day of the events to take advantage of the full programme of events. Please note that the international airport of Panama City is **Tocumen International Airport (PTY)**. The national airline of Panama is **COPA Airlines**. Please visit <https://www.copaair.com/es-pa/> for information regarding if they serve an airport in your destination of origin.



Besides COPA Airlines, the following airlines serve the aforementioned airport:

AIRLINE	ORIGIN	COUNTRY	DIRECT FLIGHTS	RESERVATIONS
1. Avianca	South America	Colombia	Bogotá (BOG)	https://www.avianca.com/co/es/
2. American Airlines	North America	USA	Miami (MIA)	https://www.aa.com/
3. Air France	Europe	France	Paris (CDG)	https://www.airfrance.es/
4. Delta Airlines	North America	USA	Atlanta (ATL)	https://www.delta.com/
5. Iberia	Europe	Spain	Madrid (MAD)	https://www.iberia.com/es/flight-search-engine/
6. KLM		Kingdom of the Netherlands	Ámsterdam	https://www.klm.es/
7. Laser Airlines	South America	Venezuela	Caracas (CCS)	https://www.laserairlines.com/
8. Turkish Airlines	Asia	República de Turquía	Istanbul	https://www.turkishairlines.com/es-int/flights/booking/
9. Sunrise Airways	Caribbean	Haití	Port-au-Prince (PAP)	https://sunrisedominicana.net/

You must send an email with your flight itinerary to the following address:
susana.jimenez@congrex.com.pa and protocol@acs-aec.org.

ACCOMMODATION

The accommodation options for the Conference are as follows:

• **Marriott Albrook Mall**

Albrook Mall, Roosevelt Avenue Panama City Panama

Rates: Single: USD 119.00 + 10% Tax per night

Double: USD 129.00 + 10% Tax per night

This rate includes breakfast.

• **Holiday Inn Hotel**

City of knowledge Ave. Omar Torrijos Herrera, Panama, 7336 Panama

Rates: Single: USD 85.00 + 10% Tax per night

Double: USD 95.00 + 10% Tax per night

This rate includes breakfast

PLEASE NOTE THAT ROOMS ARE SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY.

To obtain these rates, you must contact the event secretariat by the following email: ipremconference@acs-aec.org

MEALS

During the days of the Conference, lunch and refreshments will be provided to all delegates.

GROUND TRANSPORT

Transportation from the aforementioned hotels to the meeting venue will be organized by bus and the schedule will be communicated one day before the meeting.

VISA INFORMATION

The following countries **do not** require a Tourist Visa to enter Panama:

Germany, Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Cyprus, Costa Rica, Denmark, Egypt, El Salvador, Spain, Finland, Greece, Guatemala, the Netherlands,

Honduras, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Poland, Portugal, UK, Singapore, Switzerland, Uruguay.

To learn about the visa requirements of your country, please enter the following link:

<https://www.migracion.gob.pa/images/img2021/pdf/PAISES%20CLASIFICACION%20DE%20VISAS.pdf>

Any other query, enter the Web Page of the Panama Migration Service:
<http://www.migracion.gob.pa/>

HEALTH INFORMATION

At this time, there are no restrictions or requirements to enter Panama specific to COVID-19. However, please consult with your airline prior to departure regarding Health Information, and please travel with your Vaccination Card as a supporting document for immigration officials at the airport. Please consult with the following link for the most up-to-date information:

REQUIREMENTS TO TRAVEL TO PANAMA

To enjoy your trip to Panama, you must comply with the following documents and regulations:

- Valid passport, with at least 6 months.
- Return ticket to the country of origin or the next destination to visit.
- Present economic solvency of at least five hundred dollars (USD \$500.00), either in cash, credit card, bank reference, work letter or travellers checks.
- Some nationalities must present a higher amount. We recommend validating with the consulate of Panama, in your country, or with your airline.
- Address of the place of lodging and purpose of travel.
- Some nationalities need to present a tourist visa before their trip to Panama (as addressed in the Visa Information section above)
- The yellow fever vaccine is mandatory for all people traveling from Brazil, who must present the international vaccination certificate issued by ANVISA made at least 10 days before arrival.