



**World Customs Organization  
Organisation mondiale des douanes**

## **OPERATION DEMETER IX**

**Pre-Operational Workshop for  
South America and the Caribbean**





As part of the implementation phase of Operation Demeter IX, the World Customs Organization (WCO), with support from the CCF-China, has organized the pre-operational regional workshop for South America and the Caribbean. The main objective of this workshop is to prepare National Contact Points (NCPs) for the successful implementation of the aforementioned operation.

The workshop will include presentations and discussions related to the objectives, legal frameworks, tools, and networks of the Basel Convention and the Montreal Protocol. It will cover implementation strategies, debates on risk profiles, and the risk management approach for waste and controlled substances (Montreal Protocol). Additionally, there will be an awareness session regarding synergies with other Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs), such as the Minamata Convention, Stockholm Convention, and Rotterdam Conventions.

The workshop will take place from September 28th to 30th, 2023, at the WCO Regional Training Center, Prof. Juan Bosch, located in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

# WCO Regional Training Center





## **LOCATION**

The “Centro Regional de Capacitación de la OMA Prof. Juan Bosch” is a modern campus with the overall goal of providing the WCO and other international organizations with the infrastructure and services necessary for the implementation of capacity-building programs in the Americas and the Caribbean region.

## **ADDRESS**

Las Américas Highway KM. 17,  
Prados del Este Neighborhood,  
Santo Domingo Este, Dominican  
Republic.

## VISAS AND ENTRY FORMALITIES TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

According to Law No. 875 on Visas of 1978, foreigners traveling to the Dominican Republic must possess the corresponding visa in their travel document, with the exception of nationals of countries with which the Dominican Republic has signed agreements on visa waivers.

*Please consult the following link to verify if you fall under visa waiver agreements: <https://mirex.gob.do/condiciones-para-extranjeros-ingresar/>*

**Travel Insurance:** It is recommended to consider medical assistance insurance for emergency cases (optional)."

# ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

## Arrivals

DGA officials will receive and accompany participants, facilitating their passage through immigration and customs.

All individuals traveling to the Dominican Republic must complete an online form (e-ticket) both upon entry and exit from the country, which generates a QR code that is essential to be presented to Dominican authorities.

**Link:** <https://eticket.migracion.gob.do/>

Participants should have their luggage tags readily available; these should be shown to airport security when leaving the baggage claim area.

## Departures

Participants will be transported to the airport by the center's buses. The center will provide the departure schedule at least 24 hours in advance."

## THE CENTER'S DESCRIPTION





**“The Regional Center** is divided into three main parts: the teaching building, the sports and social area, and the accommodation blocks.

The teaching building features conference rooms with translation booths and state-of-the-art conference and projection equipment. There are three auditoriums, each with a capacity of fifty participants. These auditoriums can be combined to create a large room for 150 people. In addition to the auditoriums, the building includes a computer room and a Virtual Reality Training room.”



## ACCOMMODATION

The accommodation consists of a set of apartments, each with two bedrooms, equipped with air conditioning and a private bathroom (typically occupied by two people per apartment). They can be locked for total privacy.

Additionally, they feature a small kitchen and a living room. Daily cleaning services are provided.

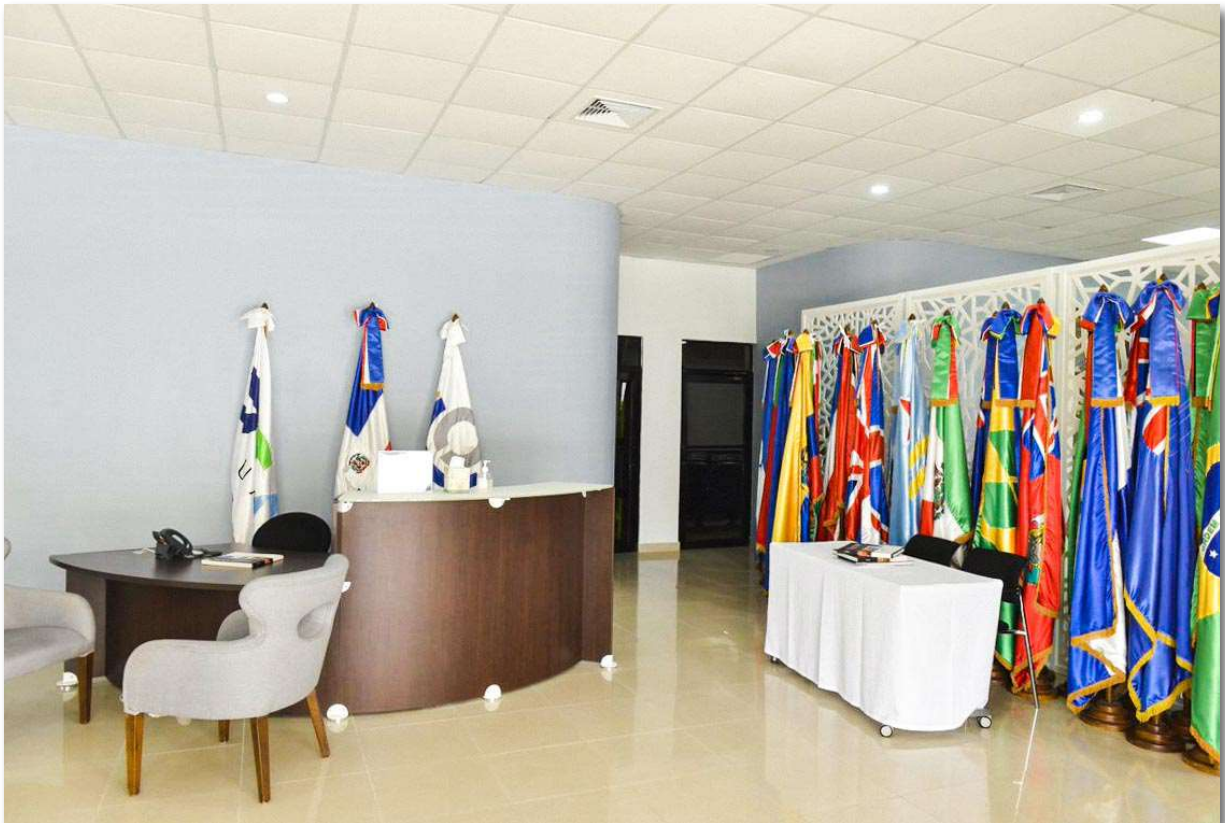


# DINING

All meals will be provided by the Center, and the service hours are as follows:

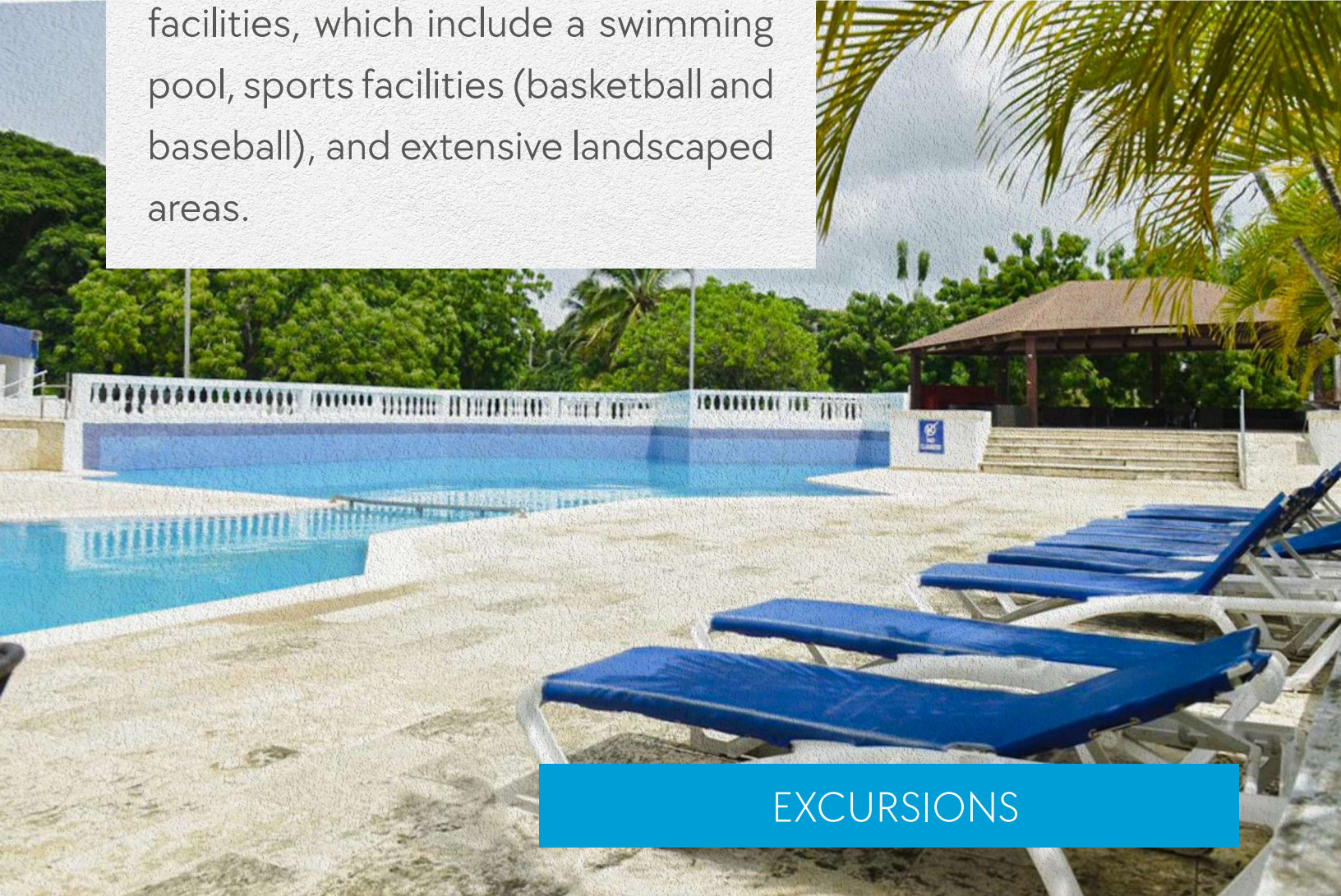
## DINING SERVICE HOURS

<b>BREAKFAST</b>	8:00 a.m.	9:30 a.m.
<b>LUNCH</b>	12:30 p.m.	1:30 p.m.
<b>DINNER</b>	7:00 p.m.	9:00 p.m.



## OTHER FACILITIES

The Regional Center is located within the Customs Club of the DGA, allowing participants to enjoy its facilities, which include a swimming pool, sports facilities (basketball and baseball), and extensive landscaped areas.



## EXCURSIONS

Upon prior coordination, the center offers tourist excursions to the city and shopping centers.

## CLIMATE

Santo Domingo, the capital of the Dominican Republic, is located in the tropical zone of the Caribbean, which gives it a warm climate for most of the year. Here's a detailed description of Santo Domingo's climate:

**Temperatures:** Temperatures in Santo Domingo tend to remain fairly consistent throughout the year. During the day, average temperatures range from 28°C to 32°C. Nights are slightly cooler, with temperatures ranging from 20°C to 24°C.

**Seasons:** Santo Domingo experiences two main seasons: the rainy season and the dry season.

**Rainy Season (May to October):** During this time, the city experiences frequent rain, often in the form of heavy showers or thunderstorms. Temperatures are warm, and humidity is high.

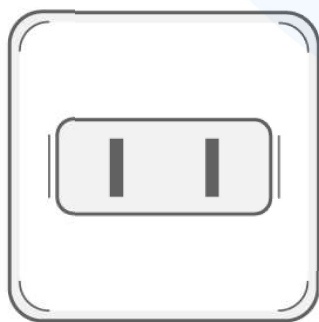
**Dry Season (November to April):** This is the most pleasant season to visit Santo Domingo. Rainfall is minimal, and days are sunny and cooler compared to the rainy season.

## CURRENCY

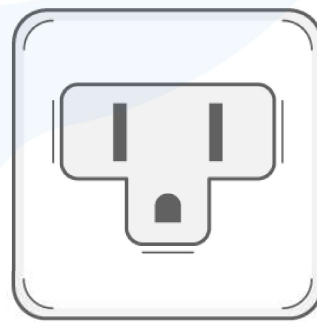
The currency used in the Dominican Republic is the Dominican Peso (DOP). You can exchange money to Pesos at the currency exchange offices at the International Airport or at banks. The approximate exchange rate is 1 US Dollar (USD) = 56.6 Dominican Pesos (DOP).

## ELECTRICITY, VOLTAGE, AND PLUG ADAPTORS

In the Dominican Republic, the power outlets are of types A and B. Please observe the following images. The standard voltage is 110 V, and the frequency is 60 Hz. It is recommended to have an adapter for the type of plug used.



Tipo A



Tipo B



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