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INFORMATIVE NOTE

1. PLACE AND DATES

In the framework of the **27th Meeting of the Special Committee on Sustainable Tourism (CETS -27)**, the activities to be developed are detailed below:

Friday July 8, 2016:

- Workshop on the Importance of Linking Academia to the Tourism Sector to strengthen Tourism Service Quality in the Greater Caribbean Region.

Saturday July 9, 2016:

- 27th Meeting of the Special Committee on Sustainable Tourism (SCST -27) of the Association of Caribbean States (ACS)

The hotel hosting the meetings will be:

HOTEL HOLIDAY INN, CONVENTION CENTER, MANAGUA*****

Address: Pista Juan Pablo II, just 25 minutes away from the airport.

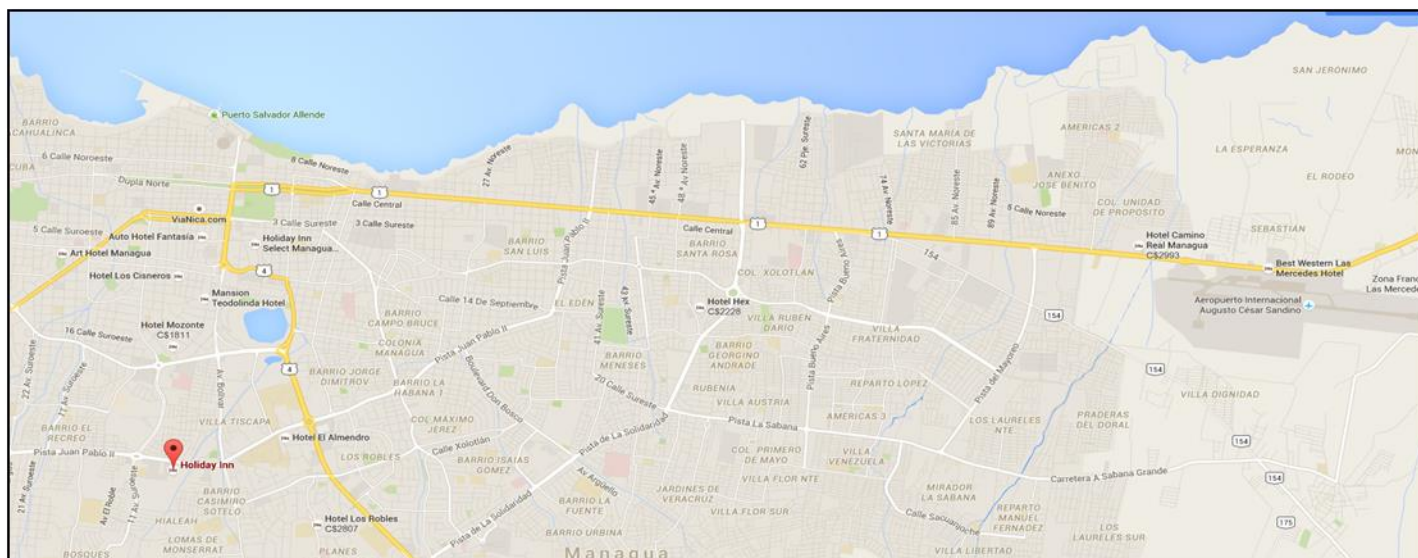
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Location Hotel Holiday Inn and Augusto C. Sandino International Airport.



2. REGISTRATION

The Association of Caribbean States will provide the Registration Form.

Participants are asked to confirm their participation utilizing the ACS Registration Form before **June 15, 2016**. For any questions or requests for additional information, please contact the following officials:

Association of Caribbean States (ACS)		Nicaragua Tourism Board (INTUR)	
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3. AIRPORT RECEPTION AND TRANSFERS

The reception and transfers of participants of various international delegations from the International Airport Augusto C. Sandino to the hotels and vice versa will be organized by the Nicaraguan Institute of Tourism - INTUR.

It is necessary to forward the names of the delegates and their flight information as well as accommodation

to the following email addresses: pphillip@acs-aec.org, bbhenry@acs-aec.org; kramirez@intur.gob.ni and itorrez@intur.gob.ni **before June 15, 2016**. No transfer will be guaranteed after this date.

4. ACCOMMODATIONS

Participants of the 27th Meeting of the Special Committee on Sustainable Tourism (CETS-27) must make their own reservations directly with the hotels. For the purposes of enjoying the preferential rates during the scheduled dates, please indicate your participation in the ACS meetings. Here are the list of proposed hotels:

No.	HOTEL	DIRECTION	PHONE NUMBER	SINGLE ROOM	DOUBLE ROOM
1	HOLIDAY INN CONVENTION CENTER ***** (Host Hotel)	Rotonda El Periodista 200 metros al Este http://holidayinn.com.ni/	+505 22556010	\$75.00	\$85.00
2	CROWNE PLAZA *****	Avenida Simon Bolívar, Octava Calle N°. 101 http://www.ihg.com/crowneplaza/hotels/us/es/managua/mgaha/hoteldetail	+505 22283530	\$90.00	\$105.00
3	HILTON PRINCESS MANAGUA *****	Km. 4 1/2 Carretera a Masaya http://www3.hilton.com/en/hotels/nicaragua/hilton-princess-managua-MGAHFHF/index.html	+505 22555777	\$99.00	\$109.00
4	REAL INTERCONTINENTAL METROCENTRO *****	Costado Sur Centro comercial Plaza Metrocentro http://www.realhotelsandresorts.com/ni/rintercont_managua/esp/inicio	+505 22768989	\$135.00	\$155.00
5	BARCELO MANAGUA*****	Club Terraza 500 mts al Sur, Villa Fontana https://www.barcelo.com/barcelohotels/es_es/hoteles/nicaragua/managua/hotel-barcelo-managua/descripcion-general.aspx?gclid=cmt8dpi0swcfvzahgod1ywa9w&gclsrc=aw.ds&dclid=coywmdti0swcfc0mhwodzbyoig	+505 22809810	\$100.00	\$110.00

6	HYATT PLACE MANAGUA ****	Costado Sur Galería Santo Domingo http://www.managua.place.hyatt.com/en/hotel/home.html	+505 22527000	\$179.00	\$199.00
NOTE: Prices of hotel rooms include breakfast and are subject to sales tax of 15% + 2% of tourist tax.					

INTUR will be covering the costs of accommodation from July 7th – 9th, 2016 for accredited **MINISTERS** that will participate in the activities.

5. FLIGHT INFORMATION

Nicaragua has the service of the following international airlines: American Airlines, Continental Airlines, Delta Airlines, Copa Airlines, Grupo Taca and Aerocaribbean. The counters for passengers check are on the first floor, west side of the main airport building

✓ **American Airlines**

US airline, makes three daily flights to Miami and connections.

www.aa.com

✓ **United Airlines**

US airline, operates daily flights to Houston and connections.

www.continental.com

✓ **Delta Airlines**

US airline, takes a daily flight to Atlanta and connections.

www.delta.com

✓ **Spirit Airlines**

www.spirit.com

✓ **Copa Airlines**

Airline with Panamanian and American capital, makes daily flights Guatemala City, Managua, San Jose, San Salvador, Panama and connections

www.copaair.com

✓ **Avianca**

Central American airline, operates daily flights to Miami, Los Angeles, Mexico, Central America, Houston, New York, Chile, Colombia, Peru, Argentina, Ecuador, Cuba, Canada, Belize, Panama.

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays to Brazil.

www.avianca.com

✓ **Nature Air**

Costa Rican airline, operates flights to San Jose, Costa Rica and connections, days: Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday.

www.natureair.com

6. ENTRY AND VISAS FORMALITIES

The requirements of entrance for the borders according to Nicaraguan immigration laws are:

- Valid Passport for at least six months.
- Most visitors do not need a visa; only one paid tourist card worth US \$ 10 when entering the country.
- It is advisable to bring your identification while in the country.
- For nationals of Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, and Nicaragua, the proceedings are free by law CA4. You only need to carry an identity card or driver's license.
- The list of countries whose visitors require a visa can be found on the [https://oaip.cancilleria.gob.ni/documentos/consular/Listado Actualizado de Pa%C3%ADses seg%C3%BA_n categor%C3%ADa de visa tipo de pasaporte.pdf](https://oaip.cancilleria.gob.ni/documentos/consular/Listado_Actualizado_de_Pa%C3%ADses_seg%C3%BA_n_categor%C3%ADa_de_visa_tipo_de_pasaporte.pdf)

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The member countries of the Association of Caribbean States require visas to enter Nicaragua are:

	Country	VISA REQUIREMENT
1	Colombia	It requires visa B: CONSULAR WITHOUT CONSULTATION or borderline, but if they have diplomatic, official and service passports are exempt from visa.
2	Cuba	It requires visa B: CONSULAR WITHOUT CONSULTATION or borderline, but if they have diplomatic, official and service passports are exempt from visa.
3	Dominica	It requires visa B: CONSULAR WITHOUT CONSULTATION or borderline, but if they have diplomatic, official and service passports are exempt from visa.
4	Grenada	It requires visa B: CONSULAR WITHOUT CONSULTATION or borderline, but if they have diplomatic, official and service passports are exempt from visa.

5	Guyana	It requires visa B: CONSULAR WITHOUT CONSULTATION or borderline, but if they have diplomatic, official and service passports are exempt from visa.
6	Haití	It requires visa C: CONSULAR WITHOUT CONSULTATION or borderline, but if they have diplomatic, official and service passports are exempt from visa.
7	Jamaica	It requires visa B: CONSULAR WITHOUT CONSULTATION or borderline, but if they have diplomatic, official and service passports are exempt from visa.
8	Dominican Republic	It requires visa B: CONSULAR WITHOUT CONSULTATION or borderline, but if they have diplomatic, official and service passports are exempt from visa.
9	Suriname	It requires visa B: CONSULAR WITHOUT CONSULTATION or borderline, but if they have diplomatic, official and service passports are exempt from visa.

CATEGORY "B" "Consular visa, without consultation or border visa"

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This category of visa is authorized by the General Consul of Nicaragua Abroad or failing by the official with consular functions. For the granting of this, the following requirements apply:

REQUIREMENTS:

1. Fill visa application form, fully completed and signed by the person concerned.
2. A recent photo, passport size (4cm x 5cm, white background, front and without hats or head coverings)
3. A photocopy of the biodata page of the passport, valid for at least six months.
4. If you have a residence card in another country, attach a copy (front and back)
5. If you have valid visas from other countries, attach a copy.
6. Copy of the round trip ticket.
7. Bank, or wage references, or other income.
8. Interview with Consul or Consular Officer.
9. Pay fee of \$ 30.00 – if it is a Consular visa and \$ 50 if it is border visa.
10. Letter of invitation of the inviting party in Nicaragua or letters of recommendation, or any other document that corresponds to the purpose of the trip, eg .: student, performing arts and / or cultural, forums, conferences, among others.



CATEGORY "C", "Consulted Visa"

This category of visa is only and exclusively authorized by the Directorate General of Immigration and Nationality of Nicaragua; the documents listed hereinafter must be submitted:

- * For the foreign citizen to the diplomatic mission and / or Nicaragua Consular Abroad (process takes approximately 2-3 month period); O well
- * For the interested party in Nicaragua, whether natural or legal person, duly identified, directly to the offices of the Directorate General of Immigration and Nationality in Managua. (Step takes a period of about 4-6 weeks) (Tel .: 505 2244-3989).

The common requirements for visa application procedures for non-resident foreigners classified as "C" or consulted visa are:

1. Make payment for visa.
2. Fill out the visa application form.
3. Two passport photos 4x5 cm.
4. Photocopy of the passport biodata pages with a minimum of six months.
5. Visa Request Letter duly reasoned before the diplomatic or consular representation; or in Nicaragua, will be addressed to the Director or General Director of Immigration and

Nationality, which must contain: general law, type of visa requested (Resident: student, professional or other, or Nonresident: visitor or tourist, transit or business or other), specify the purpose of travel, same date and period of stay in Nicaragua, address and telephone number where financial responsibility and Consulate of Nicaragua where will be notified and will stay visas held.

6. Certificate of criminal or police record, the country of origin or residence last 3 years, authenticated, as appropriate; or Interpol - Nicaragua certificate.
7. Commitment of maintenance support of the applicant, duly notarized Nicaragua, by Public Deed, which is responsible to cover costs during their stay abroad and to guarantee the return from abroad to their country of origin or residence.

Once approved, the corresponding visa by the Directorate General of Immigration, it is notified to the consulates through the Directorate General Consular. The applicant must make the security deposit equal to the value of a return ticket to their country of origin or country of residence.

7. SOCIAL ACTIVITIES PROGRAM

During the event period, the following activities have been planned:

- Friday, 08 July 2016: Welcome Cocktail (6:00 pm a 8:00pm)
- Saturday, 09 July 2016: City Tour (4:00pm)



8. REGISTRATION AND IDENTIFICATION BADGES

Access to areas reserved for meetings shall be permitted exclusively for participants with their credentials. Participants can collect their badges at the registration desk at the Holiday Inn on the day of the event.

9. LANGUAGES

The working languages are Spanish, French and English. There will be simultaneous translation for these languages.

10. OTHER INFORMATION OF INTEREST OF NICARAGUA

General Information Country

Official Name: Republic of Nicaragua

Geography: Nicaragua is composed of three regions (Pacific, Central and Caribbean) each differentiated by climate, population and the physical environment.

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Capital: Managua, founded in 1846.

Area: 130.374 sq km, being the largest country in Central America.

Political Division: 15 Departments and 2 autonomous regions.

Official Language: Spanish is the official language of the state. The languages of the Communities of the Atlantic Coast of Nicaragua also have official use in cases established by law.

Official Religion: The predominant religion is Catholic with 80%, while the remaining 20% practice other religions.

Official Currency: Cordoba (exact exchange rate available on <http://www.bcn.gob.ni/>). US dollars are also accepted in establishments.

Climate: Nicaragua has a tropical climate, there are two seasons, dry season (November to April) and a rainy season (May to October).

The average weather is warm, hovers around 31 ° C.



Vaccines and Health: It is not necessary to provide vaccines before admission to Nicaragua

Schedule: The time zone of Nicaragua is: GMT-6: 00

Times of shops are generally from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. hours. Times are from 08:00 a.m. banks to 4:30 p.m. hours in Capital City.

Dress Code: For the Workshop, we propose semi-formal wear for women and men can wear guayabera shirts. Formal wear is the required for the Special Committee Meeting.

Electricity: Electricity in Nicaragua is 110V 60 Hz, using the same type of plug two horizontal lines as shown in the photograph.



Gastronomy:

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Nicaragua's food is rich, varied, and full of flavor, for different tastes and seasons, the use of corn and rice is very popular because of the indigenous and Spanish influence.

Usual consumption of beef, pork, fish and chicken. Furthermore fruits are consumed, especially in the form of juices and vegetables.

We can say that every meal is very original and varied, among the most popular stand Vigorón, Baho, Indio Viejo, Sopa de Queso, Gallo Pinto, Nacatamal, among others.

The food of the Caribbean coast has an Afro-Caribbean influence so it has particular tastes and flavors such as coconut milk and coconut oil and Chilli, which gives him a particular seasoning of their own, rich and distinct from the rest of the country.

Driving Permit: Visitors can use the permit to drive from their home country for 30 days from their entry to Nicaragua.

Telephone code: (505) and then the respective 8-digit phone number.



Credit cards and traveler's checks: Credit cards are recognized and used in stores and banks around the country and travelers checks can be exchanged only in some banks. ATMs are available in most tourist destinations.

Internal Mobilization: There is a wide range of car rental services, taxis, tour operators and buses. The coastal serves domestic air transport.

Shopping centers usually are open every day until 8:00 pm without closing at noon. Government offices open to the public from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm schedule banks are 8:30 am - 4:30 pm Monday through Friday and Saturday at 12: 30m.

Shopping: Your purchases can be made safely and tranquility in malls that are in Managua, such as Metrocentro, Plaza Inter Managua Mall, Plaza Santo Domingo. Souvenirs and crafts can be purchased at markets and craft sales Managua, towns and cities.

Cell phones and the Internet: In all cities in addition to conventional telephony, there are telephone services and internet at very favorable prices, in addition to the shopping centers that have wireless signal that can be accessed for free.

Restaurants: There are a variety of restaurants that offer visitors delicious national and international typical dishes. Also, coffee, meat and organically produced rum is offered and awarded worldwide that can be easily found in stores across the country.

Emergency Numbers

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| ➤ Firefighters | Tel: 115 |
| ➤ Police | Tel: 118 |
| ➤ Red Cross | Tel: 128 |
| ➤ Civil defense | Tel: 277-3822 |
| ➤ Airport | Tel:(505) 2233-1624/28 |

