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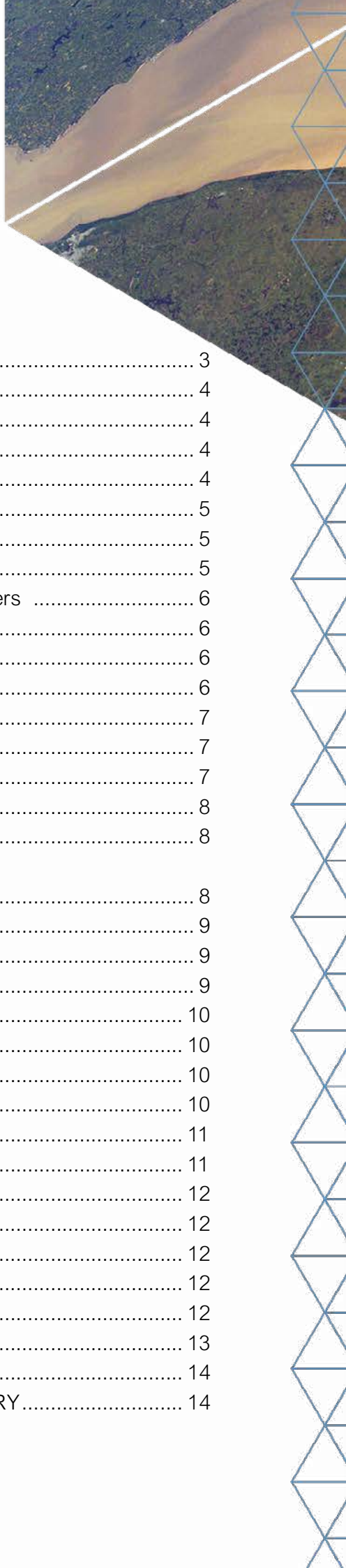


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Overview

The VIII Regional Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction in the Americas and the Caribbean (RP23) is sponsored by the Government of Uruguay and the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) and will be held in Punta del Este, Uruguay, from February 28 to March 2, 2023. This year our theme is framed under the slogan “**Science and Technology for the Comprehensive Management of Disaster Risk**”.

Regional Platforms are recognized by the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 as critical mechanisms to monitor progress in its implementation at the regional level. They also play a fundamental role in the development of policies and strategies and in the advancement of knowledge and mutual learning at the regional level. They are seen as the main instrument of the international community for engaging in broad and comprehensive discussions on risk understanding and management.

The eighth edition will be attended by representatives of official delegations and authorities in Risk Management, the United Nations, international organisations, the private sector and civil society.

The event will take place in hybrid mode, as it will be conducted onsite, but also enabling the necessary access for online participation in key spaces.

The **General Objective** of the Regional Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction in the Americas will be: to analyze the progress and obstacles for the implementation of the Sendai Framework and the Regional Action Plan (RAP) updated to 2021, to seek proposals and collective responses to the challenges presented by the increase in the number and complexities of climate and disaster risks in the region; and to find sustained, attractive, and valid mechanisms for the best use of science and technology in holistic disaster risk management.

In addition, its **Specific Objectives** are set as follows:

1. Present and analyze progress and obstacles at the national, subregional, and regional levels in the comprehensive and inclusive implementation of the Sendai Framework, its targets, and priorities, to identify good practices and recommendations that will contribute to push forward its progress.
2. Review compliance with the Regional Action Plan updated to 2021 and, in the light of the increase in number and complexities of climate and disaster risks, define regional priorities for the next two years 2023-2024.
3. Considering the systemic nature of risk, recommend inclusive and sustained mechanisms and strategies for the better support, development, and use of science and technology in comprehensive disaster risk management.

For more information on RP23 visit the website of the VIII Regional Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction in the Americas. <https://rp-americas.undrr.org/>

Venue of the event

The VIII Platform will be held at the **Hotel Enjoy Punta del Este Convention Centre**.

For indications on how to get from your location in Punta del Este, please [click here](#):

The event will have enabled access areas and guide staff for people with disabilities or who have difficulty in moving.

Platform Agenda

A preliminary agenda can be downloaded from the Platform's website:

<https://rp-americas.undrr.org/2023/agenda-rp-americas>

Likewise, you can find updated information on our social media:

SINAE (Uruguay's Emergencies National System): [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#).

UNDRR: [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#).

Registration

Those interested in participating in RP23 are requested to register on the event platform at the following [link](#), with deadline on January 6, 2023. In the registration form you can select if your participation will be onsite or online.

All applications will be reviewed by the organizing committee, who in the following days will inform the applicants by email on the status of their registration.

It will only be possible to attend RP23 if the response indicates that the application has been accepted.

We suggest that applicants do not make travel arrangements until they have received confirmation that their application has been accepted.

For more information on the status of an application, please contact the following email addresses: UNDRR: rpamericas@un.org

For participants in online format

Participants who have registered to attend the Regional Platform in virtual (online) format will receive an email with a link to access the virtual Platform in the week before the event.

Distribution of IDs

Identification will be required to access to Conference and event sites. This identification must be worn at all times and be clearly visible for access control purposes.

To obtain their accreditation, registered participants must present their passport or ID card at the Registration stands of the Convention Centre of the Enjoy Punta del Este Hotel, from Sunday, February 26..

Lost or stolen IDs

If an accreditation is lost or stolen, the holder must immediately notify the event organizers at the event information desk.

Visas

There are several countries whose citizens require a visa to enter Uruguay. You can access the information of the National Directorate of Migration in the following [link](#), where you will find the updated list of the visa regime by country, according to nationality and type of passport.

In order to apply for a visa, you should contact the **Uruguayan Consulate** of your country of residence, or the one closest to your home. To find contact details of this consular office, you may consult the following link: <http://www.mapaconsular.mrree.gub.uy/>

The type of visa to apply for is a visa for national or international Congresses, Conventions and Seminars. We suggest confirming with the Consulates if the requirements that must be met for the application of this type of visa are the following:

- Valid passport, in good condition.
- Invitation letter from the concerned agency in charge (SINAE -National Emergency System of the Presidency of the Oriental Republic of Uruguay-), containing signature, clarification on the signature of the person in charge, position, contact landline telephone and/or mobile phone number, contact e-mail.
- Travel tickets or ticket reservation (round trip).
- Hotel reservation or other proof of accommodation.

Kindly keep in mind that, regardless of the visa stamped in the passport, the authorization to enter the Republic will be subject to compliance with current health regulations.

Participants are responsible for their own visa procedures.

For inquiries or doubts please write to the corresponding Uruguayan Consular Office, with copy to: consular@mrree.gub.uy, visas@mrree.gub.uy

Sanitary measures for the entry into Uruguay of nationals and foreigners

As set by the provisions of Decree No. 195/020 and its subsequent amendments, to maintain collective health and prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the national territory, the adopted sanitary measures that must be complied with by all persons (nationals and foreigners) entering the country by any means (land, air or sea).

See the following link for **the requirements to enter Uruguay** (in Spanish):

<https://www.gub.uy/ministerio-turismo/comunicacion/noticias/requisitos-para-ingreso-uruguay-personas-nacionales-extranjeras>

Vaccination requirements

There are currently no specific requirements. If visitors are entering through a yellow fever endemic country they must present a vaccination certificate upon arrival.

Airport of arrival

By air transport you will arrive in the country through Carrasco International Airport. The airport has ATMs and exchange offices.

See the following links for useful telephone numbers and services available at the airport.

<https://aerpuertodecarrasco.com.uy/en/useful-numbers/>

<https://aerpuertodecarrasco.com.uy/en/services/>

Land transport at arrival

Enjoy Punta del Este Convention Centre is around 110 kms away from Carrasco International Airport, and transfer time is approximately 90 minutes (depending on traffic conditions).

Buses

- Shuttle service from the airport to the Convention Centre will be available during peak flight times at the participants' expense. Timetables and further details will be published on the event's website close to the start of the event.
- Information on interdepartmental bus companies between Carrasco Airport and Punta del Este can be found in the links below:

<https://www.copsa.com.uy/copsa-horarios>

<https://www.cot.com.uy/horarios-y-tarifas>

Taxi from Carrasco Airport to Punta del Este

There are taxi and shuttle services from the air terminal. Authorized taxi stands are located at the domestic and international departures areas.

Fares range from U\$S 25 to U\$S 62.5, per person depending on whether you choose to hire a shuttle (capacity 6 pax up to 17 pax) or a taxi.

It is important to note that both cash and credit cards (VISA, Mastercard, American Express and Cabal) are accepted as method of payment.

<http://www.taxisaeropuerto.com/en/>

Telephone numbers: (+598) 2604 03 23

WhatsApp: [\(+598\) 096 300 196](https://wa.me/598096300196) Email: info@taxisaeropuerto.com

Accommodation in Punta del Este

A list of suggested hotels with special rates for Platform participants will be available on the website and in an annex at the end of this note.

It is the responsibility of each participant to make the reservation and assume the costs of their hotel room.

To date, the host hotel for the Platform event is the Hotel Enjoy.

<https://www.enjoy.cl/#/punta-del-este>

When booking accommodation, please mention your participation in the VIII Regional Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction in the Americas 2023 to obtain the differential rate, subject to availability.

<https://www.welcomeuruguay.com/alojamientos.html>

See the table in Annexes for a list of hotels.

Telecommunications

Visitors should contact their cellular service providers to ensure that Uruguayan wireless service providers are included in their roaming list.

The main operators in Uruguay are Antel, Claro and Movistar.

Public free-of-charge internet service access is available in many establishments.

Uruguay phone code + 598

Health and emergency services

REGARDLESS OF THE COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS, Dengue, Chikungunya y Zika SITUATION IN URUGUAY

Any person who might not feel completely healthy is requested to visit the doctor prior to the event and, if necessary, be tested specifically for COVID19.

Please remember: wash your hands frequently with soap and water. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands. Avoid close contact with people who are sick.

Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when coughing or sneezing.

Dengue, Chikungunya y Zika

Uruguay has been infected with the *Aedes aegypti* mosquito since 1997. The first case of autochthonous dengue was reported on February 13, 2016. The country had been free of the disease since 1916. There has been no native or imported human infection with Chikungunya and Zika viruses. It is noteworthy that dengue, chikungunya and Zika have similar symptoms.

Dengue usually causes a high fever and more severe muscle pain, and Chikungunya usually causes a high fever and severe joint pain, while Zika has no characteristic features, mostly rash and (less frequent) conjunctivitis.

Zika symptoms appear 3 to 12 days after the bite (usually 2 to 7). Only one in four infected people develop mild symptoms. A relation has been found between Zika and neurological or autoimmune syndromes, including Guillian Barre. Pregnant women are advised to visit the doctor before travelling to a country with reported circulation of the Zika virus.

Precautionary measures and recommendations for travelers: Please note that there is NO vaccine for Zika. Take personal precautions to avoid being bitten by mosquitoes.

- Use insect repellent (with DEET, IR3535 or Lcaridin).
- Keep skin covered as much as possible.
- Eliminate/reduce mosquito breeding sites. general medicine.

Consult when you have symptoms of fever, headache, or muscle and joint pain.

Healthcare service available at the event

A 24-hour healthcare service will be available on a permanent basis. Consultations will be at the patient's own expense. Emergency cover is provided, including transfer if necessary at the hotel's expense.

Health services

Maldonado (Punta del Este)

Sanatorio Mautone	4222 5353
Sanatorio Cantegril	1961 1000
Hospital Maldonado	4222 5889

Montevideo

Hospital Británico	2487 1020
Mutualista Hospital Evangélico	2487 3838
Asociación Española	1920 5050
CASMU	2400 1184
Sanatorio Americano	2708 6041
Hospital de Clínicas Dr. Manuel Quintela	2487 1515
Hospital Maciel	2915 3000

Participants with medical prescriptions (medication, glasses, among others) are advised to have their prescriptions on hand during their stay in Punta del Este.

Interpretation

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in English, Spanish, and Portuguese during the opening and closing ceremonies, the plenary and parallel sessions as well as the ministerial meeting.

Sitting areas and food service

There will be sitting areas in the event venue, as well as food service (at the participants' expense).

Internet

Wi-Fi internet access for attendees will be available free of charge.

Charging stations for mobile phones, tablets, laptops, and rechargeable batteries will be available..

Safety

Uruguay is generally considered a safe country. Visitors are strongly advised to exercise safety awareness and good judgement when moving in public areas, especially in Montevideo city center, and tourist areas.

General safety recommendations for all participants within the event include:

- All participants are requested to be properly identified and carry their accreditation badges in the RP venue.
- All high-level participants are requested to inform their diplomatic missions/consulates about security, transport, accommodation, and other protocol-related arrangements.

Emergency numbers

Police, fire service and ambulance

The integrated number in Uruguay for police, fire service and ambulance is **911**.

105	Ambulance
104	Firefighters
911	Police (Emergency)
152	Police (Headquarters)
108	Road Police - Roadside Emergency
106	Prefecture
1722	Poisoning
1702	Air Force - Emergency

Threats and safety risks related to sex, sexual orientation, gender expression and gender identity

Incident types, social and legal issues affecting LGBT and women staff. LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender) rights in Uruguay are among the most liberal in South America and the world. Anti-discrimination and LGBT protection laws have been in place since 2004.

Risk mitigation recommendations for women and LGBT persons

- Do not go to remote and lonely areas unknown to you.
 - Do not leave valuables in cars or near windows.
 - Beware of new “friends”. Criminals may target or attempt to extort money from LGBT persons
 - locals and foreigners alike.
 - Ignore any inappropriate comments.
 - Keep car windows up and doors closed while driving.
 - If you or someone you know is facing or has been a victim of sexual assault and/or gender-based violence, report the crimes to the local police by calling 911 (National Police).
- PLEASE ALWAYS HAVE OUR CONTACT INFORMATION AT HAND

Dress code

The dress code will be business. It is suggested that women opt for trousers, formal skirts, or tailored garments. Men are suggested to opt for formal suits without a tie, trousers, shirt without tie, or trousers and blazers in light fabrics.

Useful information to keep in mind

Meteorological data: Average daily temperatures in Punta del Este in February/March are 23° C (minimum) and 33° C (maximum).

Visit the INUMET (Meteorological Institute of Uruguay) website <https://www.inumet.gub.uy/tiempo/pronostico> to keep up to date with weather forecasts and alerts.

Time zone:

America/Montevideo Time Zone: UTC/GMT -3 hours.
No DST (Daylight saving time) practice.

Currency

The currency is the URUGUAYAN PESO (\$U). The main credit cards, such as VISA, MasterCard, American Express, are widely accepted. It is recommended that you inform your bank about your trip to avoid any potential blocking of cards for attempted transactions made in Uruguay.

Most bank cards can also be used at ATMs to withdraw cash in Uruguayan Pesos.

There are ATMs at the hotel premises that can provide this service.

Please note that it is at the discretion of each commercial establishment to accept dollars, but it should be noted that the currency in circulation is the Uruguayan Peso.

List of exchange offices

https://www.bcu.gub.uy/Servicios-Financieros-SSF/Paginas/casas_cambio.aspx

Central Bank exchange rates

<https://www.brou.com.uy/web/guest/cotizaciones>

Tipping

In restaurants, although there is no pre-established fee, it is common practice to leave a 10% of the total bill as a tip if table service is not factored in the bill. It is also considered polite to tip taxi drivers.

Tap water

Tap water in Punta del Este is safe to drink, however there is also the option of bottled or filtered water.

Electricity

The standard voltage in Uruguay is 220V and the standard frequency is 50Hz. If your devices work with other voltage, you will need a transformer. Please make sure you bring one with you or buy one in Montevideo if you need it.

The power plugs in Uruguay are of type C and L..

Taxi drivers in Punta del Este

Punta del Este has a modern transport system that includes a port, buses, taxis and *remises* (car with driver service). Mobility platforms operating in the city include Uber and Cabify.

There are several taxi ranks throughout the city, all of which have radio taxi services so you can phone for a taxi. Note that fares are somewhat higher than in the rest of the country (each taxi has a distance marker that lights up when you take the taxi and indicates the fare).

It is important to note that taxi services are formalized services and have meters in sight of the passenger to charge fares.

You can see a list of updated taxi ranks at

<http://www.turismoenpuntadeleste.com/taxis-en-punta-del-este/>

Benefits for non-resident tourists

<https://www.gub.uy/ministerio-turismo/comunicacion/comunicados/beneficios-para-no-residentes>

Tourist information

<https://www.gub.uy/ministerio-turismo/info-turistas>

Visiting Punta del Este

Punta del Este is one of the major tourist destinations in Uruguay.

For more information about tourist attractions in Punta del Este, visit

<https://maldonado.gub.uy/pagina/Punta%20del%20Este%20EN>

Places to go for a walk

<https://uruguaynatural.com/index.php/en/>

Contact information

If you need any further information, please visit the list of contacts on the website of the VIII Regional Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction in the Americas.

<https://rp-americas.undrr.org/>

ANNEX. List of Hotels

ANNEX: ACCOMMODATION LIST PROVIDED BY THE HOST COUNTRY

Hotel	Contact	Rooms/ pricing(USD)	Breakfast included	Star rating	Distance to city's central area*	Distance to the event*	Further details
Hotel Enjoy	+598 4249 1111 int. 2400 para reservas reservations@enjoy.cl	Special rate for event participants	Yes	5	Centre- located		ACCESSIBLE HOTELS for people with motor disabilities
Hotel Milano	+598 4244 0039 asesor.chpe@hotmail.com		Yes	3	Centre- located		
Hotel Bonne Etoile	+598 4244 0301 hotelbonneetoile@hotmail.com		Yes	3	Centre-located		
Hotel Florinda	+598 4244 0022 asesor.chpe@hotmail.com		Yes	3	Centre-located		
Hotel Marbella	+598 4244 1814 reservas@hotelmabella.com.uy		Yes	3	Centre-located		
Hotel Camelot	+598 4248 2006/97634912 camelotpunta@yahoo.com		Yes	3	5 min		
Hostal de la Candelaria	+598 4222 3711 info@hostaldelacandelaria.com			3	8 min		
Hotel Punta Sol	+598 4224 1326 aparthotelpuntasol@gmail.com			3	8 min		
Hotel Shelton	+598 4249 0280 hotel_shelton@hotmail.com			3	Centre-located		
Hotel Blu Inn	+598 4248 0200 belen@bluinnpuntadeleste.uy		Yes	3	Centre-located		
Hotel Sea View	+598 4243 8753 reservas@hotelseaview.uy		Yes	3	7 min		
Hotel Castilla	+ 598 98235270/4244 9296 reservas@hotelcastilla.com.uy		Yes	3	Centre-located		

Hotel	Contact	Rooms/ pricing(USD)	Breakfast included	Star rating	Distance to city's central area*	Distance to the event*	Further details
Hotel Jean Clevers	+598 4249 3494 contactenos@jeanclevers.com		Yes	4	5 min		ACCESSIBLE HOTELS for people with motor disabilities.
Hotel Remanso	+598 4244 7412 reservas@hotelremanso.com.uy		Yes	4	Centre- located		ACCESSIBLE HOTELS for people with motor disabilities.
Hotel 2122	+598 4249 2122 gerencia@hotel2122.com		Yes	4	5 min		
Hotel Golden Beach	+598 42441314 german.doldan@chic.com.uy		Yes	4	Centre-located		
Hotel Barradas	+598 4249 4444 - german.doldan@chic.com.uy		Yes	4	5 min		
Hotel del Lago Golf & Art Resort	+598 4257 7444 azanatta2012@gmail.com		Yes	4	25 min		
Solanas Punta del Este Resort	+54 91133561181 eventos@gruposolanas.com		Yes	4	18 min		Free access to Solanas Crystal Beach.
Hotel Soleiro	solerios@solerios.com		Yes	4	Centre- located		Upper: city- facing. Deluxe: partial view of the sea.