

General Information Package

3rd Global AEO Conference



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Event Details

The Conference will be held in Cancun, Quintana Roo, Mexico. The event will take place from May 11th to 13th, 2016.

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About Mexico

Mexico has a population of more than 116 millions and a surface of 1 964 375 km², being the fourteenth largest country in the world and the third biggest in Latin America. It shares its northern border with the United States and borders on the south with Belize and Guatemala. Its shores include the Gulf of Mexico, the Caribbean Ocean and the Pacific Ocean.

Language

The official language in Mexico is Spanish. During the plenary Spanish, English and French translation will be provided. During the second day for the workshops only one room will have translation Spanish – English – Spanish, and the remaining will be carried out in English.

Time Zone

Cancun is located in the UTC-5 time zone.

Weather

The weather in Cancun, Quintana Roo is warm and humid with summer rains and an average annual temperature of 27.4 ° C.

The following measurements belong to the average temperature during the month of May:

- Average maximum temperature (°C) 33°
- Average temperature (°C) 32°
- Average minimum temperature(°C) 25°

Food

Food in Mexico can be very spicy, however to ensure your good health we recommend first to ask for a small amount of spice in your foods in order to get used to it.

Enjoy the flavors of Mexico without fear or prejudice, its cuisine is considered cultural heritage.

Electricity

The standard voltage used in Mexico is 110 V. The type of plug used is:



Currency Exchange

The currency authorized for any transaction in Mexico is the Mexican peso (MXN). Its exchange rate varies daily in relation to the US dollar and euro. You can exchange money in banks and currency exchange houses located in airport terminals.

1 MXN= 0.06 USD 1 USD= 17.15 MXN
1 MXN= 0.05 EUR 1 EUR= 18.88 MXN

Source: Exchange rate obtained on December 15th, 2015 from BANXICO. <http://www.banxico.org.mx/portal-mercado-cambiario/index.html>

Credit and debit cards are accepted in most commercial establishments, however, it is recommended to carry some cash.

How to dial

The prefix for dialing from abroad to Mexico is + (52) followed by the state code, in case of Quintana Roo + (998).

USA/Canada to Mexico 011+ 52+ 998 + (local number, 7 digits)
Rest of the world to Mexico 00 + 52 + 998 + (local number, 7 digits)
(Asia, Africa and Europe)

International Airport of Cancun

The International Airport of Cancun is located 16 km outside the city of Cancun, on the Caribbean coast of the Peninsula of Yucatan, nearly 10 kilometers away from the hotel zone, it is a 15 to 20 minute drive. Every day arrive more than 80 flights from Mexico City (1 hour 45 minutes or so) from some of the main cities in the United States and all around the world.

Connecting Flights

The Airport of Cancun is the second busiest airport in Mexico, following the International Airport of Mexico City.

Mexico City

Offers more the 31 flights every day from Mexico City to Cancun, with flexible fares and schedules.

United States

Currently, 45 cities in the U.S.A. have direct flights to Cancun, the most requested are:

American Airlines:	Dallas, Miami, New York (JFK)
United Airlines:	Chicago, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Washington D.C, Houston, Newark
Delta:	Atlanta, Salt Lake City, Detroit

Europe

More than 25 cities in Europe fly direct to Cancun, including:
Frankfurt, London, Múnich, Ámsterdam, París, Roma

South America, Central America and the Caribbean

Six main cities fly to Cancun:
Bogota, Lima, Buenos Aires, Cordoba, Santiago de Chile and Sao Paulo.
Nine cities of Central America and the Caribbean:
Belize City, San Jose, The Habana, San Salvador, Guatemala City, Flores, Panama City, San Juan and Oranjestad (Aruba)

Africa and Asia

There are no direct flights to Cancun

Transportation Service

Free Shuttles from the Airport to the venue hotels will be provided during certain timeframes.

The schedules will be displayed in the official website.

Also, for any additional information there will be a desk at the airport and venue hotels.

Taxi Service at the International Airport of Cancun

Taxis at the IA of Cancun provide transportation, leaving from Terminal 2 and 3 near the exit. You must buy a ticket at authorized shops. The service is available 24 hours and the payment is in cash. You can also book the service by internet through the following website: <https://es.cancun-airport.net/taxi.php>. The approximate fare is \$30 USD one way.

Visa

People of foreign origin requiring a visa to enter Mexico can review the requirements for the following website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs:

<https://www.sre.gob.mx/serviciosconsulares/index.php/es/visas>

People with a valid and current US visa or a permanent resident card from Canada, USA, Japan, United Kingdom or any of the member countries of the Schengen Area (Germany, Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Estonia, Finland, France, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Norway, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Sweden, Switzerland), will not require a visa to enter Mexico.

People with document "Laissez - passer" will need a visa.

In case you need visa and there is no Embassy or Consulate in your country of origin or residency, you can request information in any other consulate office of Mexico from abroad. The visa appointment can be requested online. Please consider a 2-3 overnight stay to carry out and complete the process.

List of Mexican Embassies abroad:

<http://directorio.sre.gob.mx/index.php/embajadas-de-mexico-en-el-exterior>

List of Mexican Consulates abroad:

<http://directorio.sre.gob.mx/index.php/consulados-de-mexico-en-el-exterior>

Participants must complete all formalities to visit Mexico and all foreign citizens should hold a valid passport. The process must be done in well advance, no later than March or early April 2016.

If you are a holder of a Diplomatic, Official or Service Passport you can verify if you require a visa on your national passport by going to the following link:

<http://serviciosconsulares.sre.gob.mx/images/stories/dgsc/pdf/regnoordinario.pdf>

Venue Hotels

The following is a list of Venue hotels suggested for your stay:

JW Marriott Cancún Resorts & Spa- 5 Stars (main hotel)

Address: Blvd. Kukulcan km. 14.5 Lote 40-A, Zona Hotelera, 77500, Cancun

Telephone: +52 (998) 848 9600

Website: <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/.../cunjw-jw-marriott-cancun-resort-and-spa/>

Special rate: 267 USD (breakfast and taxes included)

Special code: SAT-OMA Cancun

CasaMagna Marriott Cancun Resorts- 4 Stars

Address: Blvd. Kukulcan, Retorno Chac L-41, Zona Hotelera, 77500, Cancun

Telephone: 01 998 848 9600

Website: <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/.../cunmx-casamagna-marriott-cancun-resort/>

Special rate: 219 USD (breakfast and taxes included)

Special code: SAT-OMA Cancun

Hotel Emporio Cancun - 3 Stars

(5 minute distance by car to the venue hotels)

Address: Blvd. Kukulcan Km. 17 Lote 49, Zona Holetera, 77500, Cancun

Telephone: 01 998 283 3800

Website: www.hotelesemporio.com/cancun

Special rate: 105 USD (breakfast and taxes included)

Special code: SAT-OMA Cancun

Tourist Attractions

Located in the state of Quintana Roo, Cancun is considered a world-class tourist destination and one of the most recognized beaches in the world; certified by the World Tourism Organization Mexican Resort. Cancun is part of the territory that was once populated by the ancient Mayan civilization, it is distinguished by its modern infrastructure, big hotels, entertainment centers and beautiful beaches.

Some of the tourist attractions to visit are: Zona Arqueologica El Rey, Museo Maya , El Mirador beach , West Coast National Park from Isla Mujeres, Punta Cancun and Punta Nizuc , Holbox Island, Xcaret and the Underwater Museum .

For more information please visit: www.visitmexico.com/en/cancun