



**INTERNATIONAL HYDROGRAPHIC ORGANIZATION
MESO AMERICAN & CARIBBEAN SEA
HYDROGRAPHIC COMMISSION**



CIRCULAR LETTER MACHC 08/2018
Date. 08-06-2018

To: Members States, Associate Members and Observers of the MACHC.

Subject: Invitation to the 19th Conference of the MACHC

Dear Representatives of Members States, Associate Members and Observers of the MACHC

I have pleasure to officially invite you to the 19th Meso American & Caribbean Sea Hydrographic Commission Conference, which will be held in the City of Cartagena de Indias, Colombia, from November 26th to December 1st 2018.

The preliminary program proposed for consideration is following:

- November 28th 2018 at 09:00, the formal opening will take place after which the MACHC Integrated Charting Committee (MICC), The Capacity Building Committee (CBC), The Maritime Economic Infrastructure Project (MEIP), and Risk Assessments Group will have their meetings.
- From 29th November to 1st December 2018, the MACHC plenary meeting will take place and industry-related contribution will be an integral part of the plenary meeting. Besides organizational developments, the Conference aims to focus on a thematic agenda for Survey and Risk, Marine Spatial Data Infrastructure (MSDI), and Nautical Charts and Publications.
- The meeting will be preceded by the MACHC Seminar on Raising Awareness of Hydrography from 26th to 27th November, in the same venue.

The meeting will be held at the Hotel Caribe, Cartagena de Indias, All reserve must be by grupos2@hotelcaribe.com through Esther Lucia Ortega with contact phone number +57 5 650 1160 Ext. 7813 (phone) and +57 321 540 1659 (mobile) more information <https://en.hotelcaribe.com/>, <https://www.hotelcaribe.com/> and <https://pt.hotelcaribe.com/>.

For more information, the logistic manual prepared by the Maritime General Directorate from Colombia is attached.

Enclosed you will find the registration form. I kindly ask you to email this form to cgrasi@dimar.mil.com and asunext.hidro@gmail.com as soon as possible.

In the near future, the project "Agenda of the 19th Conference" will be sent through this medium, in which the chronology and follow-up of the events to be carried out will be presented in detail. In view of the above. Your comments will be greatly appreciated in order to propose matters of interest and collective relevance to the participants for inclusion in the Conference.

Participants are also invited to prepare their national report.

With no other matter at the moment, I would like to extend my cordial greetings and await the valuable assistance of all of you.

Your Sincerely

Rear Admiral
Enrique Flores Morado
Deputy General Director of Oceanography, Hydrography and Meteorology
Chair, MACHC



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CARTA CIRCULAR MACHC 08/2018
Fecha: 08/06/2018

Para: Estados Miembros, Miembros Asociados y Observadores de la MACHC
Asunto: Invitación a la 19ª Conferencia de la MACHC

Estimados representantes de los Estados Miembros, Miembros Asociados y Observadores de la MACHC.

Tengo el gusto de dirigirme a ustedes, para invitarlos oficialmente a la 19ª Conferencia de la Comisión Hidrográfica de Mesoamérica y Mar Caribe, la cual se llevará a cabo en la Ciudad de Cartagena de Indias, Colombia, del 26 de noviembre al 1 de diciembre de 2018.

El programa preliminar propuesto a su consideración es el siguiente:

- El 28 de noviembre de 2018 a las 09:00 horas, se llevara a cabo la apertura formal, después de la cual el Comité de Integración de Cartas de la MACHC (MICC), el Comité de Creación de Capacidades (CBC), el Programa de Infraestructura Económica Marítima (MEIP) y el Grupo de Evaluación de Riesgos tendrán sus reuniones.
- Del 29 de noviembre al 1 de diciembre de 2018, se celebrara la reunión plenaria de la MACHC, y la contribución de la industria será parte integrante de la sesión plenaria. Además de los desarrollos organizacionales, la conferencia tiene como objetivo centrarse en una agenda temática de Riesgos en los Levantamientos, Infraestructura de Datos Espaciales Marinos (MSDI) y Cartas y Publicaciones Náuticas.
- La reunión será precedida por el Seminario MACHC sobre sensibilización a la Hidrografía el 26 y 27 de noviembre, en el mismo lugar.

La reunión se realizara en el Hotel Caribe, Cartagena de Indias, las reservaciones deberán hacerse por grupos2@hotelcaribe.com a través de Esther Lucia Ortega con número telefónico de contacto +57 5 650 1160 Ext. 7813 (teléfono) y +57 321 540 1659 (celular) asimismo se ponen a su disposición las siguientes páginas web para su consulta: <https://en.hotelcaribe.com/>, <https://www.hotelcaribe.com/> and <https://pt.hotelcaribe.com/>.

Para más información, se adjunta el manual logístico proporcionado por la Dirección General Marítima de Colombia.

También se adjunta formato de registro. Le solicito atentamente envíe este formato a los correos electrónicos cgrasi@dimar.mil.com y asunext.hidro@gmail.com lo antes posible.

En los próximos días se les hará llegar el proyecto de Agenda de la 19ª Conferencia de la MACHC, en el cual se especificara la cronología y seguimiento de los eventos a realizarse. En razón de lo anterior y de ser el caso, se agradecerán sus comentarios a fin de proponer asuntos que sean del interés y relevancia colectiva de los participantes para incluir en la Conferencia.

Se les invita a los participantes a elaborar su reporte nacional.

Sin otro asunto por el momento, me permito enviarles un cordial saludo y en espera de la valiosa asistencia de todos ustedes.

Sinceramente

Contralmirante
Enrique Flores Morado
Director General Adjunto de Oceanografía, Hidrografía y Meteorología.
Secretaría de Marina
Presidente de la Comisión Hidrográfica Mesoamericana y del Mar Caribe



19th MESO AMERICAN & CARIBBEAN
SEA HYDROGRAPHIC COMMISSION MEETING
Cartagena de Indias, Colombia
26th November to 1st December 2018

Participant Registration Form

Please send the completed registration form via e-mail to:
asunext.hidro@gmail.com and cgrasi@dimar.mil.com
Latest 01 November 2018

Member State / Organization

1. Contact Details

Head or Member of delegation
Rank or Title
Family Name¹
Given or Personal Name
Position / Job title / Role
Nationality
Telephone
Fax
E-mail
Spouse/Partner Travelling
Special Dietary Requirements (Please State Type)

¹ Underline name generally used in case of doubles surnames as in Speaking-Spanish countries.

2. Visa required

3. Travel Details (For administrative purpose only). Participants are expected to make their own travel arrangements.

Flight Number	
Airline	
Arrival date/time	
Departure date/time	

4. Hotel Information (For administrative purpose only). Participants are expected to make their own accommodation arrangements.

Hotel booking

Caribe, Cartagena de Indias * or	
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Signature

Date



**19th MEETING OF THE MESO AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN SEA
HYDROGRAPHIC COMMISSION (MACHC 19)**

**Cartagena de Indias, Colombia
26 November - 1 December 2018**

LOGISTICS INFORMATION

The 19th MesoAmerican – Caribbean Sea Hydrographic Commission meeting (MACHC19) will be hosted by one of Dirección General Marítima (DIMAR) research centers, Centro de Investigaciones Oceanográficas e Hidrográficas (CIOH) in Cartagena de Indias, Colombia. The event will be held from 26 November to 1 December, 2018.

DIMAR is pleased to welcome all the participants to Cartagena de Indias and to provide logistical information. Please contact us if any additional information or assistance is needed.

1. Location

The meeting will take place in Hotel Caribe.

- Bocagrande, Carrera 1 No. 2-87.
- Phone: +57 (5) 650 1160.
- Contact: Esther Lucia Ortega.

The hotel is located at Lat. 10° 23' 53" N, Long. 75° 33' 38" W. You can click this [LINK](#) to access the position in Google Maps.

2. DIMAR-CIOH Contact

- Dagoberto David Viteri + 57 304 577 8718. (ddavidviteri@gmail.com).
- CF Gustavo Gutiérrez + 57 318 4376190. (ggutierrez@dimar.mil.co).
- S3 Lizardo Caro + 57 301 7845683. (lcaro@dimar.mil.co).



3. Accommodation in Cartagena de Indias

DIMAR has blocked booked rooms in Hotel Caribe, Cartagena de Indias. Nonetheless, participants are expected to arrange the booking as soon as possible because November/December is the time of year when the city receives most of its visitors.

After making the reservation, please include the reservation details in the registration form, including arrival and departure times and sent the form to DIMAR-CIOH. *See annex A. Hotel Caribe information.*

4. Local Transportation

Navy officers will be waiting for the MACHC attendees at the international Airport Rafael Nuñez, identified with MACHC-19 advertisement.

If attendees are unable to make contact with such personnel, they should take a Taxi service, which should be located within the airport. The maximum cost of the service is 20.000 COP. However, it is suggested to approach the organizers first in such scenario.

5. Lunch during meeting days

The hotel has four different restaurants. Each participant can make a reservation according to their preferences.

6. City information

You can find some information regarding tourism in the city in the links below:

- <http://www.guiatodo.com.co/Ciudad/Cartagena>
- <http://www.colombia.co/en/visit-colombia/unique-places/worlds-heritage-site-called-cartagena/>
- <https://www.colombia.com/turismo/sitios-turisticos/cartagena/>

See Annex B. General Information about Cartagena de Indias.



7. Passports and Visas

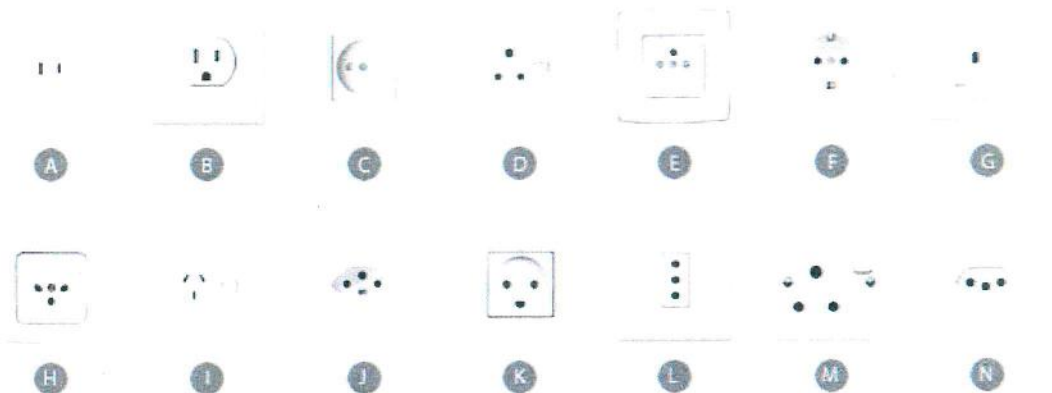
All meeting participants should check well in advance if a visa to enter Colombia is needed and make the application for it. If you need a letter of invitation to support your visa application, please contact us using the email address above. Please provide your full name as on your passport, nationality, date of birth, job title and passport number (participants may send a copy of the main page of the passport).

- For Visa requirement consult: http://www.cancilleria.gov.co/tramites_servicios/visa

8. Plug type

The electrical plug is the **type B**, the current is 110 Volts, 15 Amperes

World power supply types



 WIKICONNECTIONS.ORG

9. Internet

Wireless LAN service is planned in the meeting room and all around the Hotel.



10. Weather

Cartagena de Indias have a hot and humid weather.

- You can consult daily forecast

in:<https://www.cioh.org.co/meteorologia/PreCaMaritima.php?pmc=cov>



Annex A. Hotel Caribe information






The Hotel Caribe by Faranda Hotel, a historical beachfront hotel in El Laguito, Bocagrande; one of the most beautiful areas of Cartagena de Indias, a monumental city and essential destination to discover the Colombian Caribbean.

With a 5-star category, this luxury hotel in Bocagrande is considered one of the national monuments of Cartagena de Indias, due to its spectacular colonial architecture with a spanish style and big corridors and arches, its gardens and historical elements.

Live the experience of staying in the most emblematic hotel in Bocagrande booking at the best online price here, on the official website of Cartagena de Indias Caribe by Faranda Hotel.



GENERALROOM INFORMATION				
ROOM TYPES	DESCRIPTION	APPLIED RATES 2018		
		FROM MAY 29 TO JUL 31	FROM AUGU 1 TO SEP 30	FROM OCT 1 TO DEC 3
 <i>Laguito Building</i>	<p>“SUPERIOR” ROOMS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximum capacity: 3 people. • Located on the 1st to the 7th floor of "Laguito" building. • Completely renovated and spacious rooms. • Lovely view of the internal gardens or to Caribbean sea. 	COP	COP	COP
		SINGLE \$ 270,000	SINGLE \$ 280.000	SINGLE \$ 290.000
 <i>Lagomar Building</i>	<p>“PREMIUM” ROOMS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximum capacity: 3 people. • Located on the 1st to the 5th floor of "Lagomar" • Completely renovated and spacious rooms. • Lovely view of the internal gardens or to Caribbean. 	COP	COP	COP
		SINGLE \$300.000	SINGLE \$ 310.000	SINGLE \$ 320.000
 <i>Colonial Building</i>	<p>“CLASSIC DELUXE” ROOMS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximum capacity: 2 people. • Located on the 1st to the 5th floor of "Colonial". • Completely renovated and spacious rooms. • Lovely view of the internal gardens or to Caribbean sea. 	COP	COP	COP
		SINGLE \$ 370.000	SINGLE \$ 380.000	SINGLE \$ 390.000
		DOUBLE \$ 300,000	DOUBLE \$ 310.000	DOUBLE \$ 320.000
		DOUBLE \$ 330,000	DOUBLE \$340,000	DOUBLE \$ 350.000
		DOUBLE \$ 400.000	DOUBLE \$ 410.000	DOUBLE \$ 420.000



More information:

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<https://www.hotelcaribe.com/> and <https://pt.hotelcaribe.com/>

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Mobile: +57 321 540 1659.

Phone: +57 5 650 1160 Ext. 7813.

Contact: Esther Lucia Ortega.

1. Rates Include

- Buffet breakfast at the suggestion of the chef, in the restaurant Pedro de India or India Catalina, open from 6:30 am to 10:30 am.

2. Rates Does Not Include

- Taxes of 19% for accommodation.
- Insurance \$7,800 (COP) per person per night hotel.

3. Services

- Free wi-fi in the Hotel.
- Safety deposit boxes in the rooms.
- Gym 24 – hour.
- Swimming pool for Adults and Children, Jacuzzi, sauna and Turkish bath.
- Children under 11 years of age (maximum two children) sharing rooms with their parents are free of charge, paying consumption.

4. Check In/Check Out

- **Check in:** Starting at 3:00 p.m.
- **Check out:** Until 1:00 p.m.



5. Important Notes

- The tariffs are not subject to changes.
- The rooms offered are subject to prior reservation and availability for the dates of the event, so keep in mind that the timing to make the reservation is very important.
- The Hotel will determine reservation guarantee policies.
- Any additional person per room: USD\$ 129 per person, per night (plus taxes)
Maximum capacity in a Superior Room or Junior Suite: 2 people in 2 queen beds + 1 extra bed 1.0 mx 1.090 m.
- The dollar rates will be established by the current rate of the Hotel on the time of arrival, and the billing will always be charged in Colombian pesos.
- All foreigners are exempt from paying taxes.
- To apply for the promotion rate assigned to group bookings, you must contact Mrs. Esther Lucia Ortega, cell 3215401650 or email grupos2@hotelcaribe.com.

6. Policy of Reserves

Cancelation, No Show and anticipated check out: successful reservations not canceled or modified within the previous 72 hours to the arrival of the lodger, will be charged to the company of the lodger as a No Show, with the penalty being the equivalent cost of a night of the chosen accommodation.

Pre and Post event tariff: The hotel will apply the suitable tariff for people arriving/leaving 3 nights in advance or 3 nights after the start or the completion of the event.



**Annex B. General Information about Cartagena de Indias
ACCOMMODATION AND LOGISTIC INFORMATION**

TOURIST AND GENERAL INFORMATION OF CARTAGENA DE INDIAS	
General information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voltaje: 110V/60Hz. • Time zone: "R" (GMT-5). • Shopping Center schedule: 9:00 AM – 22:00 PM (Monday - Saturday). • Comercial Schedule: 9:00 AM – 18:00 PM. • Weather: warm and wet tropical climate, temperature 26°C - 32°C. • For more information, please click: https://www.cioh.org.co/meteorologia/PreCaMaritima.php?pmc=cov
Exchange offices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 USD = 2.865 COP (Peso colombiano) approx. • Comisiones los delfines moneyexchange Av San Martín Calle 8 Local 7. Tel +57 (5) 6552319. • Cambios Country Centro Comercial Bocagrande of 202. Tel +57 (5) 665 5468 - 665 8190. • Univisa. Bocagrande Carrera 2 8-142 Of 207. Tel +57 (5) 6658570. • Financiera Cambiamos S.A Carrera 2 1-100. Tel +57 (5) 6651600.
Car rent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CAR y RENTA. Av San Martín Carrera 2. Tel +57 (5) 6651246. • S&M Rent a Car. Carrera 1 6-154 Tel +57 (5) 6651246. • Universal Car Rental. Carrera 2 10-61 Tel +57 (5) 66550734. • Alquiler de Autos & Campo. Carrera 3 5-34 Tel +57 (5) 6650989. • Caribe Car Renta. Calle 4 4-15 Tel +57 (5) 66552016.
Touristic place	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plaza de la Aduana: Carrera 4A # 31-2 a 31-100. • Plaza Santo Domingo: Calle de los Estribos and Calle Santo Domingo. • Plaza Bolívar: Calle 33 y Carrera 4. • Plaza de Armas: 4, Calle 31 # 4.



<p>Museum</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Museo Naval del Caribe: Calle. San Juan de Dios # 3-62. Tel: (5) 6642440. • Museo de Arte Moderno: Plaza San Pedro Claver, Cl 30 #4-08. Tel: (575) 664 5815. • Museo del Oro: Carrera 4 # 3326 Parque Bolívar. Tel: (575) 660 0808 Ext. 5323 o 5367.
<p>Churches</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Iglesia de San Pedro Claver: Carrera 4 No. 30-01. Tel: (5) 6600774. • Catedral de Catherine de Alejandría: Calle los Santos de Piedra, Cra. 4. • Iglesia de la Santa Trinidad Cra. 10 #25. Tel: (5) 6642050.
<p>Historic and cultural place</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Castillo de San Felipe: Cra. 17. Tel: (5) 6566803. • Plaza de las Bovedas: Calle Zerrezuola. Tel: 315 8312478. • Torres del Reloj Av. Venezuela. • Monumentos a los Zapatos Viejos: Cl. 31 #18B-55. • Monumento a la India Catalina: Av. Venezuela. • Monumento Fuerte de Pastelillo: Avenida Miramar. • Palacio de la Inquisición: Cl 33 Centro.
<p>Theatres</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teatro Heredia: Cr 4 # De La Merced. Tel: (5) 6646023.
<p>Shopping Centers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Centro comercial Plaza Bocagrande: Cra. 1 #12-120. Tel: (5) 6435864. • Mall Plaza el Castillo: Avenida Pedro de Heredia, Carrera 13. Tel: (5) 6930073. • Centro comercial Caribe Plaza: Av. El Lago, Cra. 22 #22-108. Tel: (5) 6692332. • Centro Comercial Nao: Bocagrande, Cra 1. Av. San Martín. Tel: 301 7131603.
<p>Cinemas</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiplex Cine Colombia – CC Caribe Plaza: Centro comercial Caribe Plaza. • Cine Colombia Plaza Bocagrande: Centro comercial Plaza Bocagrande. • Cineland Centro Comercial Nao: Bocagrande, Cra 1. Av. San Martín.



Libraries	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Biblioteca Nacional: Cra. 7 #36-27. Tel: (5) 6641448.• Abaco Libros y Café: Cl. 36 #3-86. Tel: (5) 6648290.• Biblioteca San Pablo: Cra. 5 #34-55. Tel: (5) 6645334.
Convention center	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Centro de Convenciones “Julio Cesar Turbay Ayala”: Cl. 24 #8A-344. Tel: (5) 6544000.
Bars and restaurants	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Marea byRausch: Centro de Convenciones Julio Cesar Turbay Ayala. Tel: (5) 6544205.• Restaurante Montesacro: Cl. 33 #04 segundo piso. Tel: (5) 6685909.• Restaurante Club de Pesca: Manga, Fuerte San Sebastián del Pastelillo. Tel: 321 7279856.• Restaurante San Pedro: Plaza de la Aduana, 32-09, Cartagena, Bolívar. Tel: (5) 6645121.• Cusco Perú: Calle Santo Domingo #33-48. Tel: (5) 6606125.• Restaurante Brujas de Cartagena: Playa de la Artillería #36-38. Tel: (5) 6604772.• Restaurante Nautilus: esquina con Carrera 11, Cl. 37 #10-86. Tel: (5) 6644204.