

Useful information for the 7th meeting of Working Group on Capacity Building and Data Democracy (WGCapD)

Venue

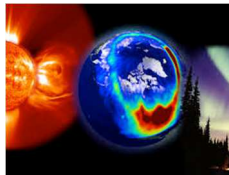
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About INPE

- INPE is a research institute under the Ministry of Science, Technology, Innovations and Communications (MCTIC);
- Its mission is to contribute through scientific research, technological development and capacity building in the fields of Space and Atmospheric Sciences, Earth Observation, Weather Forecast and Climate Studies and Space Engineering and Technology, in order that Brazilian society can enjoy the benefits from the access to space;
- Almost 3000 workers (own staff, scholarship workers, graduate students, trainees, visiting researches and outsourcing personnel).



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Aerial View of INPE in São José dos Campos

About São José dos Campos

São José dos Campos (<http://www.sjc.sp.gov.br>) is the largest aerospace park in Latin America and the second exporter city in the country. It stands out nationally for its strong technological areas: automotive, telecommunication, aerospace and defense, chemical and pharmaceutical and petroleum. Electronic equipment, photographic material, pharmaceutical products, aircrafts and satellites are also produced here, not to mention the high quality of services provided.

Companies, such as Petrobras – Brazilian Petroleum, General Motors, Johnson & Johnson, LG Philips and Panasonic have industrial plants in the city. It is important to point out Embraer (www.embraer.com.br), fourth aircraft manufacturer in the world and one of the largest exporters in Brazil.

With an estimated population of 600.000 inhabitants and having excellent knowledge and cultural levels, it is considered one of the countryside cities with the largest number of graduated people. This is partially associated with the fact that three research institutes are located here: the Brazilian Aerospace Technical Center – CTA, the Aeronautics Technological Institute – ITA and INPE.

São José dos Campos is 660m above sea level and is an urbanized and clean city. Strategically located between the main Brazilian capitals São Paulo and Rio de Janeiro and connected by modern highways and the airport, the city is very close to beaches, to mountain regions and from other tourist destinations of the valley: 90km away from São Paulo and 310 km away from Rio de Janeiro, t card of Brazil. In addition, it is 90 km away from the mountainous region and only 100 km away from the beautiful coast and its tropical islands.

Taking the opportunity to enjoy Brazil?





Do you need a visa to enter Brazil?

- <http://www.portalconsular.itamaraty.gov.br/vistos-para-viajar-ao-brasil>

Registration

- Please fill out the form at: <http://ceos.org/meetings/wgcapd-7/>

Invitation Letters

- Send your name, title and organization to Hilcéa Ferreira (hilcea@dpi.inpe.br) and we will provide the letter.

Vaccination

- A certificate of vaccination against yellow fever is a compulsory requirement for the issue of a visa to travelers entering Brazil from: Angola, Benin, Bolivia, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Colombia, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ecuador, French Guyana, Gabon, Ghana, Guinea Bissau, Liberia, Nigeria, Peru, Sierra Leone, Sudan, Venezuela, and Zaire.
- Vaccination against yellow fever is furthermore required for travelers with destination to the following states in Brazil: Acre, Amazonas, Amapá, Roraima, Rondônia, Mato Grosso, Mato Grosso do Sul, Pará, Maranhão, Tocantins, Piauí, Bahia, Minas Gerais, Espírito Santo, **São Paulo**, Santa Catarina, Rio Grande do Sul, Goiás e Distrito Federal.
- Find more about yellow fever and the vaccine at:
 - <http://www.who.int/mediacentre/factsheets/fs100/en/>

Brazilian currency

- BRL – Brazilian Real
- Exchange rate in 12/05/2017: 1 USD = 3.24 BRL
- Exchange rate in 12/05/2017: 1 Euro = 3.85 BRL

Nearest airport

- GRU Airport in São Paulo, Brazil (<https://www.gru.com.br/>).

Transportation

We are planning to organize private transfer to and from Guarulhos Airport (GRU-SJC-GRU). Please send an email (monica.oliveira@inpe.br), with the date, hour and flight number of your arrival, and we will arrange the transportation accordingly.

The value for this service is **245 BRL for each leg (approximately USD 75)** and should be paid, in cash (BRL), to the organizers (Ms. Monica Oliveira and Hilcéa). Receipts can be provided if needed.

Local Transportation

- Daily transportation from hotel to INPE and back to the hotel has been arranged. Schedule will be informed during the event.



Accommodations

- Arrangements have been made with a very nice hotel: **Ema Palace Hotel** (<http://www.hotelemapalacesjc.com.br/en/>), for special rates during the event.
 - Single Small Room (Twin Bed) – 180,00 BRL
 - Superior Room – SGL 199,00 BRL / DBL 229,00 BRL
 - Comfort Room – SGL 209,00 BRL / DBL 239,00 BRL
 - Luxury Room – SGL 235,00 BRL / DBL 265,00 BRL

These rates include WI-FI, parking, breakfast, and taxes.

Reservations should be made by email to reservas@hotelemapalace.com.br, CC to contato@hotelemapalace.com.br mentioning the code **WGCAPD7**. Please provide your full name, dates of check-in and check-out, and type of room you wish.

Lunch

At INPE's restaurant. Attendees must cover their own costs.

Host Dinner

A Barbecue dinner has been planned for March 6th, at the hotel, by pool. A variety of meats, pork, sausage, breads, salads and the traditional caipirinha, the most popular drink in Brazil, made with cachaça (sugarcane hard liquor), sugar and lime.

Non-host dinner

A good option for dinner on March 7th is the restaurant AUÁ Gastronomia (<https://www.facebook.com/AuaGastronomia/>). Within walking distance from the hotel, Brazilian food, very nice place and good wine selection. A menu for a fixed price is being negotiated.

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