



GCF Regional Dialogue with Latin America and  
Workshop for Direct Access Entities  
15-19 September 2025  
Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

VENUE

The GCF Regional Dialogue with Latin America on 15-17 September 2025, and Workshop for Direct Access Entities on 18-19 September 2025 will be held at the Embassy Suites by Hilton hotel in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.



Please note the venue location on [Google Maps](#).

VISA

Most visitors arriving to the Dominican Republic—including those from the United States, Canada, United Kingdom, the European Union, Russia, Ukraine, Kazakhstan, Mexico, many South American countries, Central America, Japan, Israel **do not require a visa to enter Dominican territory for tourism purposes, (this includes participation in conferences).**

Further, any person, regardless of their nationality, can visit Dominican Republic if they are a legal resident of or if they have one of the following valid visas in their passport: United States, Canada, United Kingdom or Schengen. Travelers who do not have a passport or visa from countries listed above or from other authorized countries will need to apply for a visa.

Kindly refer to the following link to verify **whether your passport requires a visa and to consult the application process if needed.** <https://servicios360.mirex.gob.do/condiciones-para-extranjeros-ingresar/>

The Dominican Ministry of Foreign Affairs provides support with specific visa questions or other inquiries in English and Spanish from the same webpage (link above).

To issue a visa the passport needs to have the validity of at **least six (6) months**. All foreign citizens entering the Dominican Republic must have a valid passport throughout their stay and departure from the country.

**Please note the following information for the visa formalities:**

Host Organization: Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources of the Dominican Republic  
Host Names: Ana Emilia Pimentel & Ivan Marcel Cruz Burgos  
Contact Number: +809-501-2768, Oscar Eduardo Polanco Reynoso  
Email: [oscar.polanco@ambiente.gob.do](mailto:oscar.polanco@ambiente.gob.do)

[Click here](#) for more information about the entry into the Dominican Republic



### *Transit Visas*

Please note that arranging any required transit visas is a responsibility of the participant. Letters of invitation issued by the Secretariat may be used in support of visa applications, including for transit visas.

## ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE FORMALITIES

All foreign and Dominican passengers entering or departing the Dominican Republic on commercial flights must complete the free electronic entry and exit form at: <https://eticket.migracion.gob.do/>

The E-Ticket is a free online form that replaces paper immigration, customs, and health forms. A QR code will be generated upon completion of entries.

To successfully complete the form, have at hand your passport number, flight details (airline, flight number, flight date, and airports), and your lodging address in the Dominican Republic (hotel).

### **Steps to fill your e-ticket form:**

1. Select **Arrival** or **Departure** on the official portal.
2. Enter passenger and trip details; add family members if needed.
3. Review and submit.
4. **Save the QR** (screenshot or print).

If you need to edit your e-ticket later, use the application code shown after submission.

All passengers on commercial flights must complete the form twice: once for arrival and once for departure (there will be a different QR code for each direction).

## GROUND TRANSPORTATION

Las Américas International Airport (SDQ) is the main airport in Santo Domingo. Upon arrival, participants may take an official airport taxi or use Uber (dedicated pick-up points are available).

Alternatively, transportation can be arranged directly with the hotel in advance. If you wish to coordinate your transfer with the venue hotel for a fee of **USD 45 per trip**, please contact:

**GISELLE.GARCIAABREU@Hilton.com**.

## ARRANGEMENTS FOR SPONSORED PARTICIPANTS

Sponsored participants will be provided with flight tickets, accommodation, and a partial Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA) to support any miscellaneous costs for the duration of their stay, in line with the GCF travel policy.

All logistical arrangements for sponsored participants are being coordinated by the Delivery Partner for the event, the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI), on behalf of the GCF. The official authorized travel agency designated for the travel arrangements is **Aviatur** under the supervision of GGGI.

The DSA will be managed through a **reimbursement by bank transfer after the event**. The Delivery Partner will contact each participant via email for the banking details.

Please note the following contacts for any inquiries related to the DSA:

- Marianne Li Herrera, [marianne.herrera@gggi.org](mailto:marianne.herrera@gggi.org)
- Cristina Villaveces Spir, [cristina.spir@gggi.org](mailto:cristina.spir@gggi.org)



## ACCOMMODATION

The designated hotel for the event accommodation for sponsored participants will be the Embassy Suites by Hilton.

### **Embassy Suites by Hilton (venue hotel)**

- Approx. 30-minute drive from Las Américas International Airport (SDQ); located in Santo Domingo's city center within the West Park (previously known as Silver Sun Gallery) complex.
- Website: <https://embassysantodomingo.guestreservations.com/>
- Focal Point: Giselle Garcia Abreu. Email: GISELLE.GARCIAABREU@Hilton.com

Self-supporting participants are invited to consider the following options of accommodation:

### **Aloft Santo Domingo Piantini**

- Approx. a 30–40 min. drive from Las Américas International Airport (SDQ); in Piantini at the heart of Santo Domingo's city center
- 15-minute walk to the venue.
- **Website:** <https://aloftsantodomingo.guestreservations.com/>

### **Santo Domingo Marriott Hotel Piantini**

- **Proximity:** Approximately a 30–40 min. drive from Las Américas International Airport (SDQ); in Piantini at the heart of Santo Domingo's city center
- minute walk to the venue.
- 15-minute walk to the venue.
- **Website:** <https://santodomingomarriott.guestreservations.com/>

### **Holiday Inn**

- **Proximity:** About a 30-min. drive from Las Américas International Airport (SDQ); in the heart of the city's business district on Abraham Lincoln Ave.
- 17-minute walk to the venue.
- **Website:** <https://holidaysantodomingo.guestreservations.com/>

## SAFETY AND SECURITY

GCF is informed by its health, safety, and security information provider that the principal security risk for business travelers is street crime and petty crime, particularly in Santo Domingo. There is a risk of petty theft, pickpocketing and bag-snatching in areas frequented by tourists, including the colonial centre and outside beach resorts.

Additionally, participants are kindly reminded that it is not safe to drink tap water in the Dominican Republic.

## MISCELLANEOUS

### **Time Difference**

Dominican Republic uses Atlantic Standard Time (GMT-4)

### **Weather**

The average daily temperatures in Santo Domingo in September ranges between 23°C and 32°C, frequent rains are possible.



### **Currency**

Dominican peso (DOP) is the official monetary currency of the Dominican Republic. Participants are recommended to have some amount of DOP in cash for small purchases, as some business may not be able to accept credit cards.

### **Electricity**

Power plugs and sockets (outlets) of type A and B are used in the Dominican Republic. The standard voltage is 110-120V at a frequency of 60 Hz.

### **Insurance**

The organizers cannot accept liability for personal accident, including health-related concerns, travel inconveniences, as well as loss or damage to private property, which may be incurred as a result of participation in the events. Participants are advised to arrange appropriate insurance coverage prior to their travel.

### **Emergency phone numbers**

- Emergency services can be reached at: 911
- Tourist police: +1 809 200 3500

### **Visiting the Dominican Republic**

For information regarding tourist attractions, please visit

<https://www.godominicanrepublic.com/destinations/santo-domingo>

#### *Santo Domingo's Colonial Zone*

The Colonial Zone is the historic heart of Santo Domingo and the first permanent European settlement in the Americas. It was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1990. This historic area spans roughly 5 square kilometers, with cobblestone streets, colonial plazas, and 16th-century architecture.

#### *Restaurant Week*

A city-wide dining festival where top restaurants roll out special fixed price menus —perfect for tasting the best of Santo Domingo in one week. The Restaurant Week in Santo Domingo is scheduled for 15-21 September 2025. With over a hundred restaurants in the city participating, from iconic local eateries to standout hotel restaurants, it is the best opportunity to discover what the local scene has to offer. Learn more and see participating restaurants with their menus on: [restaurantweek.com.do](https://restaurantweek.com.do).

#### *31st National Biennial of Visual Arts (August–December 2025)*

The country's flagship art exhibition takes over the Museum of Modern Art (MAM) in Plaza de la Cultura. This edition opened 30 August 2025, is dedicated to painter and educator Elsa Núñez, and showcases contemporary works across multiple media by leading Dominican artists.

## **DRESS CODE**

Dress code for the event is smart casual.

## **EVENT CONTACT**

With any queries for information not covered in this document, please contact the GCF events team at [GCF-events@gcfund.org](mailto:GCF-events@gcfund.org).

Any queries of sponsored participants as relates to their arrangements can be addressed to Ms. Marianne Li Herrera, Project Associate, GGGI at [marianne.herrera@gggi.org](mailto:marianne.herrera@gggi.org).