

## INFORMATION NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS

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*“Global Project on the Implementation of Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers (PRTR) as a tool for Persistent Organic Pollutants (POP) reporting, dissemination and awareness raising”*

### **Second Steering Committee Meeting, Workshop on Estimation Techniques and PRTR Study Tour**

*5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> March 2018*

*Lima, Peru*

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#### **Meetings and Events**

Sponsored participants are requested to attend:

1. Project Steering Committee Meeting, 5 March 2018
2. Training on Release Estimation Techniques, 6 March 2018
3. Field visit to industrial district of Callao, Lima, 7 March 2018
4. Study tour of the RECT office, Ministry of Environment of Peru, Lima, 8 March 2018

#### **Opening and registration**

The workshop will start with the Project Steering Committee (PSC) Meeting on Monday 5 March 2018; the PSC meeting is reserved only to National Coordinators and implementing agencies. The next day meeting will be opened at 9:30am on Tuesday 6 March 2018, and registration will take place at the venue of the meeting will from 9:00am to 9:30am. The events are scheduled to finish by 5pm on Thursday 8 March 2018.

#### **Venue:**

The first two events mentioned above will take place at:

*Sol de Oro Hotel & Suites  
Calle San Martín, 305  
Miraflores, Lima, Peru*

For the field visits and study tour (7-8 March), the Ministry of Environment of Peru (MINAM) will organized transportation from the hotel, pick in the morning (10am) and return to the hotel in the afternoon (5pm).

#### **Working languages**

The working language of the meeting will be English, although interpretation into Russian, Spanish and English will be available on the 5 and 6 of March. No simultaneous interpretation will be provided on the 7 and 8 of March.

### Documents and preparatory work

The documents for the workshop will be made available on the PRTR:learn Platform at the following link: <http://prtr.unitar.org/site/event/1375>

As we aim for a paperless meeting, participants are kindly reminded to bring their own copies of the documents as there will be no extra copies made available on site.

In advance of the workshop, registered participants will be asked to send in advance their presentations on the national activities, progress made, challenges and next steps on PRTR development.

### General information on access to Lima

#### Transportation from the airport

Jorge Chávez International Airport is Peru's main airport. It is located in the Constitutional Province of Callao, next to the port and 10 km from Lima.

From the Airport you can get to Lima by taxi or the new Airport Express Bus. Unfortunately public transports are not advisable for foreigners because of security reasons, thus **we strongly suggest to take a licensed taxi that will take you in front of the hotel**, please refer to the following list: <https://www.lima-airport.com/eng/for-passengers/transportation-from-to-the-airport/licensed-taxis>

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#### **Where?**

Inside the airport, just after customs, there are 3 taxi companies offering transfers to Miraflores, namely Taxi Green, Taxi Direct and Taxi 365.

#### **Price**

The price for a taxi ride is usually a flat rate, between 60 and 70 Soles, around 18-21 US Dollars. One of the important ways to stay safe when taking taxis in Peru is by asking all the important questions before you get in the taxi, but don't expect that all the drivers will speak English.

**Estimated travel time:** 45 minutes

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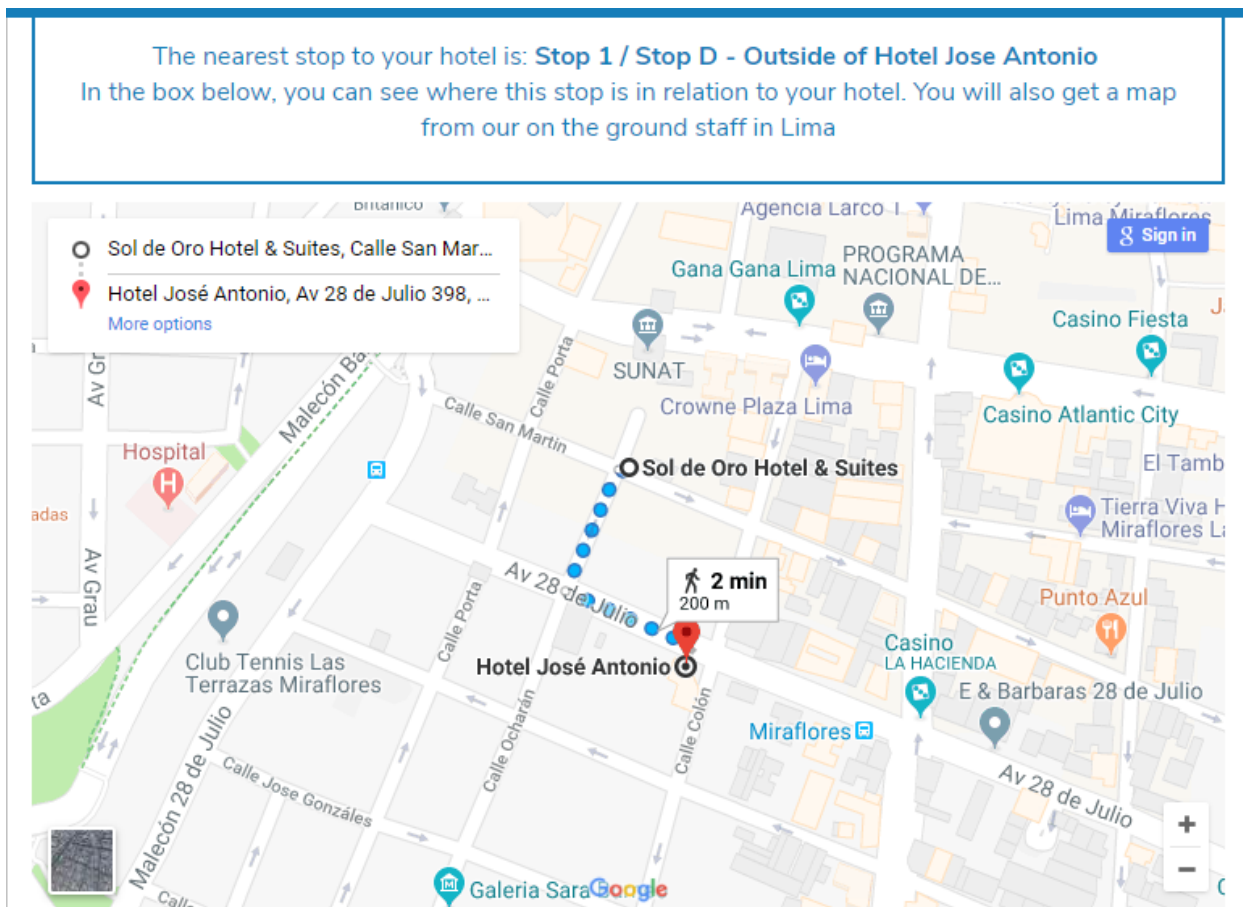
#### **Where?**

After passing through the baggage reclaim area, customs, and all the other formalities, you will come to the ground transport zone, where our Airport Express Lima stand is situated. You will easily recognize the Airport Express bus, it is blue/yellow and has its name written on both sides.

**Opening hours:** from 7am to midnight. The buses run every 60 minutes.

**Price:** 8 USD one way, or 15 USD round-trip

## How to get to the hotel from the closest Airport Express Bus stop



**Estimated travel time:** 60 minutes in normal traffic conditions.

### Visa information

Participants are responsible for obtaining their own entry and/or transit visa(s) to Peru, if required. All participants must travel with passport with a minimum validity of 6 months, counted from the date of entry into the country.

### Accommodation and hotel information

A block booking has been made at the meeting venue for UNITAR participants, which includes a standard room with breakfast from 4 to 9 of March, depending on the participant's arrival and departure ticket. For UNEP/UNITAR funded participants their room has been paid directly by UNITAR.

From 5 to 6 March lunch and coffee-breaks are included, and will be provided by the Hotel.

Any extras, such as telephone, room upgrade, bar, laundry, restaurant, etc., are at participant own cost and must be settled upon checking out. Extras include free toiletries and a hairdryer.

The hotel is located in the Miraflores district of Lima. One of the nicest area of the city, 1.4 km from Huaca Pucllana Pyramid in Lima with a great choice of gourmet food, friendly locals and traditional food (nearby [restaurants](#)).

Sol de Oro Hotel & Suites features free WiFi access and a year-round outdoor pool and sun terrace, and guests can enjoy a drink at the bar. You will find a 24-hour front desk at the property.

The address of the hotel is:

**Sol de Oro Hotel & Suites**  
**Calle San Martín, 305**  
**Miraflores, Lima, Peru**

Phone: (01) 610 7000 Anexo 2199

Website: <http://soldeorohotel.com/>

You can check in from 2pm and check out until 12pm

#### **Payment of the Daily Subsistence Allowances (DSA)**

Sponsored participants will receive the relevant portion of their DSA in cash during the first day of the meeting. Contact Person: Mr. Andrea Cararo (UNITAR).

#### **About Peru**

Peru is a country in South America that's home to a section of Amazon rainforest and Machu Picchu, an ancient Incan city high in the Andes mountains. The region around Machu Picchu, including the Sacred Valley, Inca Trail and colonial city of Cusco, is rich in archaeological sites. On Peru's arid Pacific coast is Lima, the capital, with a preserved colonial center and important collections of pre-Columbian art.

#### **Official language in Peru**

The main spoken language is Spanish, although a significant number of Peruvians speak Quechua, Aymara or other native languages.

#### **Weather information**

At the beginning of March in Lima the average temperature is 23°C during the day. Temperature may vary approximately from 18°C to 26°C. The weather in Lima is predominantly dry, with very low chances of rain during the month of March.

#### **Time zone information**

The time zone on the Peruvian mainland is Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) -5 hours.

#### **Electricity**

In Peru the standard voltage is 220 V. The standard frequency is 60 Hz. Make sure that the electrical appliances you are going to use (computers, mobile phone chargers, shavers...) work at this voltage.

In Peru the power sockets are of type A and C. Check out the following pictures.

Type A: mainly used in North and Central America, China and Japan. This socket only works with plug A.

Type C: also known as the standard "Euro" plug. This socket also works with plug E and plug F.



Type C



Type A

### Communications

Sol de Oro Hotel & Suites, where the meeting is taking place and the participants will be hosted, offers free WiFi connection.

If you wish to make a call to Peru from abroad, you should dial +51 (country code) followed by the area code (3 digits) and telephone number (7 digits).

### Currency

Peru uses the nuevo sol (S), however US Dollars are accepted in many places.

1 USD = 3.24 PEN

Carrying cash, an ATM card, as well as a credit card that can be used for cash advances in case of emergency, is advisable. "Casas de cambio" (foreign-exchange bureaus) are fast, have longer hours and often give slightly better rates than banks, ask for "billetes pequeños" (small bills), as S100 bills are hard to change in small towns or for small purchases Do not accept torn money as it will likely not be accepted by Peruvians. Don't change money on the street as counterfeits are a problem.

Cajeros automáticos (ATMs) proliferate in nearly every city and town in Peru, as well as at major airports, bus terminals and shopping areas.

### Taxes and Tips

All purchases are subject to the payment of the "Impuesto General a las Ventas" (IGV) (General Sales Tax) and its rate is of 18%. To be exempt from this 18% additional fee, a copy of the immigration card and passport must be presented. Please note both documents are required for fee exemption. Guests who are not able to present both documents will be required to pay the fee.

The services of restaurants and hotels have in addition a Service tax being the rate of 10%. In a restaurant it is used to leave an equivalent tip between 5% and 10% of the consumption for the person that assisted you.

It is not a custom in Peru to give a tip to the taxi driver.

### **Business Hours**

Most businesses in Peru open at around 9:00 am, although some may open as early as 7:00 am depending on their owners and what they sell. Some, but not all, pharmacies are open by 7:00 am. Most businesses will take a long lunch break from around 12:00 to 2:00 or from 1:00 – 3:00 and close their doors. Chain stores, like super markets, and tourist shops will normally remain open all day and not close for lunch. Depending on the businesses, they normally close from 5:00 to 8:00 pm.

### **Health information**

There is no health epidemic disease in Peru, and no special vaccinations are required to enter the country, however unclean food and water can cause diarrhea and other diseases (e.g. hepatitis A or typhoid). Reduce your risk by sticking to safe food and water habits. As in any part of the world, it is advisable to follow your official vaccination programme.

### **Emergency Services**

To contact the general emergency service dial **105**, Fire brigade **116**, Ambulance **117**

### **Security information**

Street crime, including muggings and thefts, is a significant problem in Lima, Cusco, Arequipa and other major cities. Be vigilant in public places and when withdrawing cash from ATMs. Avoid walking alone in quiet areas or at night.

If you need help you can contact the Tourist Police Offices in Peru Lima (Tourist Police Headquarters)

Address: Av. Javier Prado Este 2465, fifth floor, San Borja (near the Museo de la Nación)

Tel: +(51 1) 225-8698 / 225-8699 / 476-9882

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### **Disclaimer**

UNITAR disclaims all responsibilities for medical, accident and travel insurances, for compensation for death or disability compensation, for loss of or damage to personal property and for any other losses that may be incurred during travel time or the period of participation. In this context, it is strongly recommended that participants will secure international medical, accident and travel insurances for the period of participation prior to departure.