

CANSO Latin America and Caribbean Conference 2019

18-20 November, Willemstad, Curaçao

Practical Information Guide



Location

Located in the Southern Caribbean, Curaçao is an autonomous country within the Dutch Kingdom and is home to over 160,000 people. The capital – Willemstad – is a UNESCO World Heritage site known for its traditional town centre and pastel coloured houses. Willemstad is also a gateway to nearby beaches which boast extensive and beautiful coral reefs.



Conference Venue Details

Renaissance Curaçao Resort

Baden Powellweg 1
Willemstad, Curaçao

Map

To book your stay at the CANSO delegate rate please click [here](#).

Please kindly note, the CANSO delegate rate is available until 29 October, after this date rooms rates may change and will be subject to availability.



Transport from Curaçao International Airport

Curaçao International Airport is located approximately 10 KM from the Renaissance Curaçao Resort. The conference venue can be easily reached by taxi. Taxis are available on the ranks outside the arrivals terminal. Fares between the airport and conference venue are approximately USD 35 depending on traffic, the time of day, amount of luggage and number of passengers.



Visa

Please refer to the [list of territories](#) entitled to visa exemption to confirm whether or not you need a VISA. If a VISA is required and you need a letter of invitation to support your application, please contact CANSO Events at events@canso.org. More information on visa applications can be found [here](#).



Getting around in Curaçao/Willemstad

The most efficient way to explore Curaçao and Willemstad is by car. Please ask reception at your hotel to arrange a taxi for you if required.

Curaçao/Willemstad also operates a bus network and most routes run buses every 1 to 2 hours. You can also find car rental desks at Curaçao International Airport.



Wi-Fi Access

All delegates will have full access to Wi-Fi during the CANSO Latin America and Caribbean Conference 2019. Wi-Fi information will be provided during the event.



Time Zone

The time zone in Curaçao is UTC -4 hours.



Language

The official languages of Curaçao is Dutch and Papiamentu however English and Spanish are also widely understood and spoken in the country. The CANSO Latin America and Caribbean Conference 2019 will be conducted in English with a Spanish interpretation service available during the main conference and workshop.



Climate

The climate in Willemstad is warm, with an average temperature of 28°C. The CANSO Latin America and Caribbean Conference 2019 will take place during the rainy season. Delegates are advised to prepare for warm weather and possibly rain.



Currency

The Antillean Guilder (ANG) is the official currency of Curaçao. Banknotes start from 10 ANG up to 100 ANG. 1 USD is approximately 1.79 ANG and 1 EUR is approximately 1.98 ANG. For the most recent currency rates, we recommend using a [currency converter](#).

US dollars and international credit cards are widely accepted in Curaçao.



Tipping

If a service charge is not indicated on your bill, the advice is to tip between 10 and 15%. Some restaurants do include a service fee of 10-15% of the total bill, so it's advisable to check. It is customary to tip taxi drivers 10% of the total fare.



Electronics

You may require an adapter in order to plug your appliances into power sockets. Curaçao uses a two-pin type A plug point. Willemstad operates on a 110-130V supply voltage at 50Hz.



Water

Tap water is safe to drink in Curaçao.



Emergency Contacts

911 for the police, the fire brigade, emergency medical attention and the ambulance

The international country dialling code for Curaçao is +5999.



Credit and Debit Cards

Most international credit cards including VISA and MasterCard are widely accepted in Curaçao/Willemstad and can be used in ATMs, shops and restaurants. ATMs are available throughout the island including at Curaçao International Airport and the Renaissance Curaçao Resort.

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