



CANSO LATIN AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN CONFERENCE 2017

SALVADOR, BRAZIL

PRACTICAL INFORMATION GUIDE

Location

The city of Salvador is the capital of Brazil's state of Bahia, situated on southern tip of the Bahia coast. Salvador is the third largest city in Brazil being home to over 2.9 million people. Salvador is considered one of the main Brazilian capitals for business, tourism and events.

The Military Center of Convention and Lodgings of Aeronautics (CEMCOHA) where the conference will be held is located approximately 1 kilometer from the Porto Da Barra beach and the bohemian Rio Vermelho district. While it is a military venue, CEMCOHA does not require guests to adhere to special rules or regulations. Throughout the conference guests of DECEA and CANSO have exclusive use of the venue.

Language

The official language of Brazil is Portuguese and Spanish is also spoken widely. As a tourist destination, there are English, French and German speaking guides in most of Salvador's attractions. The CANSO Latin America and Caribbean Conference will be conducted in English.

Visa Information

If you require a visa to enter Brazil, it is advised to start the application process as soon as possible, as it can take several weeks for your visa to be issued. Please indicate upon [registration](#) for the conference if you would require an official letter of invitation to support your visa application. You will receive the required documentation after your conference registration form has been received.

Transport

Taxi is the suggested mode of transport to use during your stay in Salvador. The conference venue is located approximately a 45 minute drive from the airport depending on traffic. It is recommended to arrange a transfer to the conference venue using one of the following [services listed](#). If you choose to use an independent taxi service, they will either use a taxi meter to charge your fare or offer you a flat fee depending on your destination. It is advisable to negotiate a flat fee before getting in the taxi.

Time Zone

Salvador, Brazil is part of the Universal Time Coordinated time zone (UTC) minus three hours.

Currency

The Brazilian Real (BRL) is the currency of Brazil. The approximate exchange rate is 1 BRL to 0.30 USD. Or 1 USD to 3.36 BRL.

You can withdraw cash in the airport or in the Mall near the CEMCOHA, which is a 10 minute drive from the venue. Global credit and debit cards (VISA, MasterCard, AMEX, Maestro etc.) are accepted at ATMs. Small independent businesses will accept only the Brazilian Real. When paying with cash it is advisable to pay in the local currency to ensure you receive a fair exchange rate.

Climate

December is regarded as the high season in Brazil. Rain is not expected and the temperature will be between 30°C and 25°C.

Water

It is strongly recommend to drink bottled water during your stay in Salvador.

Electronics

You may require an adaptor on your visit to Brazil. The power outlets commonly used are Type N, which consists of two pins either side and a grounding pin in the middle. The local voltage in Salvador is 110 volt.

Emergency Contacts

Ambulance:	192
Fire Brigade:	193
Police (for English Speakers):	332 27155
City Information:	156 (<i>open Monday-Friday 7:00-22:00</i>)

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