

6th ecpa Ministerial Meeting

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Renewable Energy in the Americas: Integration and Innovation

Logistics Guide



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March 14-15, 2024
Punta Cana, Dominican Republic

GENERAL INFORMATION

Every two years, the Energy and Climate Partnership of the Americas (ECPA) holds its ministerial meeting in one of the member countries. This official gathering brings together the highest energy authorities of the member states to discuss the challenges and opportunities facing the region and to coordinate strategies that contribute to achieving sustainable energy development, aiming for a carbon-neutral future. Representatives from the private sector, energy and sustainable development experts, and other key stakeholders also attend.

The 6th ECPA Ministerial Meeting will focus on "Renewable Energy in the Americas: Integration and Innovation," which is directly linked to ECPA's thematic and cross-cutting themes. The goal is to promote sustainable growth and regional collaboration in clean and efficient energy.

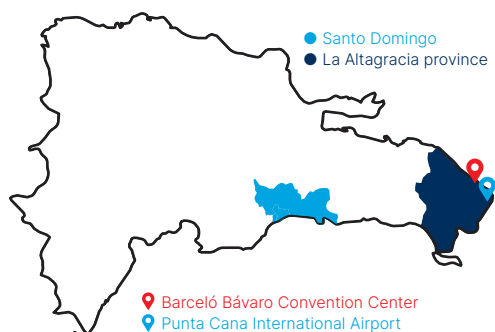
EVENT DATE AND VENUE

The 6th ECPA Ministerial Meeting will take place on March 14-15, 2024, in the coastal city of Punta Cana, Province of La Altagracia, Dominican Republic.

The sessions will be held at the Barceló Bávaro Convention Center, located at Bávaro Avenue Km. 1 #1, Bávaro-Punta Cana, La Altagracia, Dominican Republic.
Website:

barcelo.com/en-us/barcelo-bavaro-palace/meeting/ |

Email: bavaro@barcelo.com | Phone: +1 (809) 552 – 1000, extension 1293.



REGISTRATION AND ACCREDITATION

Individuals interested in participating in the 6th Ministerial Meeting of the Energy and Climate Partnership of the Americas (ECPA) must fill out an online form, available on the official website of the event: reunionministerialecpa2024.mem.gob.do/registro/. The deadline for registration is Friday, March 1, 2024.

Name tags can be picked up at the Barceló Bávaro Convention Center, where the event will take place. It is essential always to carry it and present it to access official activities.



ACCOMMODATIONS

The Ministry of Energy and Mines is pleased to offer Junior Suite rooms to the heads of delegations from the participating countries. The rooms will be available at the Barceló Bávaro Palace, the official venue of the 6th ECPA Meeting of Energy Ministers of the Americas, from March 13 to 16, 2024.

We invite other participants to take advantage of the special rate offered by the hotel. To make your reservation or for more information, please visit barcelo.com/en-ww/barcelo-bavaro-palace/ and use the code ECPA2024 before March 1.

Attendees who stay at other hotels should check if they need to purchase a day pass for \$90.00. This pass might be required to access the Convention Center.



ACCOMMODATIONS

Hotel	Price for three nights	Distance to Convention Center	Telephone	Website
HM Bávaro Beach Adults Only	USD \$564 + USD \$86 (taxes and fees) Total: USD \$650* *Continental breakfast USD \$20 p/person	1 km.	+1 (809) 552-1438	https://shorturl.at/cxGHM
AC Hotel by Marriott Punta Cana	USD \$634 + USD \$178 (taxes and fees) Total: USD \$812* *Continental breakfast DOP \$1,100 p/person	4.9 km.	+1 (809) 466-0003	https://shorturl.at/frTX6
Whala! Bávaro All Inclusive	USD \$633 + USD \$97 (taxes and fees) Total: USD \$730	5.2 km.	+1 (809) 552-1438	https://shorturl.at/tlNTY

Caribbean Galaxy Hotel BEACH WIFI SPA	USD \$924 + USD \$116 (taxes and fees) Total: USD \$1,040* *English breakfast USD \$10 p/person	5.6 km.	+1 (849) 859-3737	-----
Four Points by Sheraton Puntacana Village	USD \$465 + USD \$144 (taxes and fees) Total: USD \$609* *Breakfast buffet USD \$23 p/person	16.4 km.	+1 (809) 959-4444	https://shorturl.at/bjltE
Lumina at Jardines Punta Cana Village	USD \$669 + USD \$150 (taxes and fees) Total: USD \$819	17.1 km.	----	https://shorturl.at/mxBDI
The Westin Puntacana Resort & Club	USD \$1,107 + USD \$304 (taxes and fees) Total: USD \$1,411* *Breakfast buffet USD \$28 p/person	19.5 km.	+1 (809) 959-2222	https://shorturl.at/btCSY

TRANSPORTATION AIRPORT-HOTEL

The distance from Punta Cana International Airport to the Barceló Bávaro complex is approximately 18 kilometers (11 miles).

The Ministry of Energy and Mines will provide transportation between the airport and the Barceló Bávaro Palace Hotel -event venue- to ministers, heads of delegations, and other delegates, provided they are on the same flight as the official representative. To coordinate this service, it is essential to send the details of the arrival and departure flights. Upon landing at the airport, attendees will be welcomed and directed to their assigned vehicles by a person identified with an ECPA sign.

The event will take place exclusively within the hotel premises; no additional transportation will be provided.

VISA

To travel to the Dominican Republic, foreign visitors need a valid passport and a visa unless their country has a visa exemption agreement for tourism purposes. The list of countries with visa exemptions can be found here: servicios360.mirex.gob.do/condiciones-para-extranjeros-ingresar/.

ENTRY AND EXIT FORM (E-TICKET)

Both foreign and Dominican travelers entering or leaving the Dominican Republic on commercial flights must complete the free electronic entry and exit form at eticket.migracion.gob.do.

COVID-19

As of February 16, 2022, there are no Covid-19 restrictions. Each person is responsible for their health. Measures and recommendations to prevent contagion can be viewed here:

godominicanrepublic.com/media/travel-alert/

MEDICAL AND TRAVEL INSURANCE

First aid and emergency medical care will be available. However, participants are advised to obtain international insurance to cover potential expenses due to illness, accident, temporary or permanent disability, death, and civil liability, ensuring coverage throughout the event and the travel period.

AGENDA

The updated program is available here:

vireunionministerialecpa2024.mem.gob.do/en/agenda/

TRANSLATION AND INTERPRETATION

The meeting will be held in Spanish, which is the official language. However, there will be simultaneous interpretation in the other official languages of the Organization of American States (OAS): English, French, and Portuguese. Additionally, documents distributed during the sessions will be available in Spanish and English. Delegations with special requirements are asked to inform them upon confirming their attendance.

CONFERENCE ROOMS FOR BILATERAL MEETINGS

At the Bávaro Palace Convention Center, the Santiago and Samaná conference rooms are available for participants to hold bilateral meetings. These can be booked by contacting Yamilet Mejía from the International Relations Department of the Ministry of Energy and Mines by calling +1 (829) 841-6968 or by sending an email to yamilet.mejia@mem.gob.do.

DRESS CODE

Given the tropical climate, chacabana (guayabera) is suggested. Business casual attire is also recommended.



THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

The Dominican Republic is a nation in the Caribbean, sharing the island of Hispaniola with Haiti. Renowned for its beaches, cultural diversity, rich history, and natural beauty, its capital, Santo Domingo, founded in 1496, is the oldest city in the Americas. It hosts historical landmarks such as the First Cathedral of America and the Alcázar de Colón.

Covering 48,442 square kilometers, divided into 31 provinces and a National District, its population reaches nearly 10.8 million as of the 2022 census. It is the Caribbean's second-largest country by area and population, following Cuba.

Its geographical diversity includes mountains, valleys, lakes, rivers, and forests. Peak Duarte, at 3,087 meters in the Central Mountain Range, stands as the Caribbean's highest point, while Lake Enriquillo, 45 meters below sea level, is the lowest in the region.

The official language is Spanish, and the local currency is the Dominican peso. For the latest exchange rates, please visit [xe.com/currencyconverter/](https://www.xe.com/currencyconverter/).

BÁVARO-PUNTA CANA

Bávaro-Punta Cana is one of the most popular and visited tourist areas in the Dominican Republic. Located on the eastern shores of La Altagracia Province, it offers visitors a wide variety of natural, cultural, and leisure attractions. Key highlights include its white sandy beaches with crystal-clear water, golf courses, theme parks, shopping centers, vibrant nightlife, and excellent hotel and service infrastructure.

Tourist information about the area can be found at this link: godominicanrepublic.com/destinations/punta-cana/



ADDITIONAL RELEVANT INFORMATION:

- Major credit cards (American Express, MasterCard, and Visa) are accepted in commercial establishments.
- The climate is tropical, warm, and humid, with an average temperature of 28°C (80°F) during the day.
- Power is 120V, with type A and B outlets. If electronic devices are 220V, an adapter or transformer is required. It is suggested to purchase this in your country of origin.
- The time zone is GMT-4, meaning Punta Cana is four hours behind Greenwich Mean Time. We suggest adjusting the clock upon arrival to avoid confusion with the schedules.



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TECHNICAL DATA SHEET OF THE **DOMINICAN REPUBLIC**



Official name
Dominican
Republic



Capital
National District,
Santo Domingo
de Guzmán

Extension
48,442 km²

Geographic limits
North: Atlantic Ocean
South: Caribbean Sea
East: Mona Canal
West: Republic of Haiti

Population
10.8 million
(2022 census)

**Political and
administrative
division**
31 provinces and
a National District

Political system
Representative
democracy

Official language
Spanish



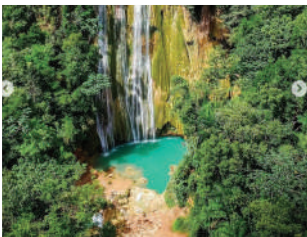
Official currency
Dominican peso
(RD\$)

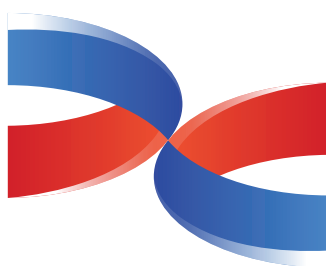


Climate
Humid tropical
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**Average
temperature**
28°C / 80°F





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