



**XIII PLENARY - IX SUMMIT
BEREC – REGULATEL
“Regulation in the Internet Era: Prices, Access and Transportation”**

December 13-14 2010
Punta Cana – Dominican Republic

GENERAL INFORMATION

PRESENTATION

The XIII Plenary of the IX BEREC-REGULATEL Summit “Regulation in the Internet Era: Prices, Access and Transportation” will be held at Punta Cana, Dominican Republic during December 13-14, 2010. The purpose of this document is to provide participating delegations with the necessary information to facilitate their participation. The event coordinators will be available to take care of any logistics and/or organization-related concern that you may have before the meeting and during the event.

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AND PUNTA CANA

The Dominican Republic is a multicolor tapestry of Spanish, French, Haitian and African influences woven by a rich and storied history. Christopher Columbus described this exuberant land as “a beautiful paradisiac island with big forested mountains and great valleys and rivers”. This affirmation is as true today as it was in 1492. In addition to the comforts of sun, ocean and sand, the Dominican Republic offers a cultural, exciting and unique experience that will captivate your senses.

This is a tourist destiny like no other – a sensory feast of breathtaking sceneries, exotic cooking and an outstanding variety of art and entertainment. The swaying rhythm of the Merengue, the fascinating relics from centuries past, premium cigars and world-class baseball, await you. The Dominican Republic is a place full of surprises which will delight even the most experienced traveler. Santo Domingo is the capital of the Dominican Republic.

Source: Official website of the Dominican Republic Ministry of Tourism: www.godominicanrepublic.com

Punta Cana is a local [cape](#) located in the eastern end of the [Dominican Republic](#) in the province of [La Altagracia](#), with a vast range of [hotels](#) comprised of 420,000 square meters. The [Punta Cana International Airport \(PUJ\)](#), is located about 30 [kilometers](#) inland on the road that leads from [Higüey](#) to [La Romana](#), and sometimes receives more flights than the [Las Americas International Airport](#) located in [Santo Domingo](#) at about a three-hour drive.



VENUE PLENARY-CUMMIT & LODGING:

The XIII Plenary of the IX BEREC-REGULATEL Summit “Regulation in the Internet Era: Prices, Access and Transportation” will be held in the Moon Palace Resort Hotel (**officially renamed Hardrock Hotel & Casino Punta Cana as of November, 2010**), “Boulevard Turístico del Este, Km 28 Parc 74, Macao, Higüey, La Altagracia, República Dominicana, Tel. (809) 687-0000, Fax: (809) 731-0001”. www.hardrockpuntacana.com

RATES

Rooms	Single Rates	Double Rates	Triple Rates	Quadruple Rates
USD\$	\$238.00	\$268.00	\$408.00	\$516.00

These rates are in US Dollars per night based on the all-inclusive program and rates apply for those arriving three days before and staying three days after the event, subject to availability. Rates are based on the all-inclusive program per room, per night. Children under 4 stay free and children between 4 and 17 years US\$54.00 per child per night when sharing room with parents.

Rate Includes the following:

- Room with King size bed or two double beds. All rooms are superior or luxury with Jacuzzi. Rooms are assigned based on availability.
- All food and beverage, including alcoholic beverages are included (No credit allowed for food and beverages not consumed.)
- All taxes and tips
- Wireless Internet
- 24-hour Room Service
- Use of Meeting Rooms based upon the number of rooms blocked
- Unlimited telephone calls to the Continental USA (Please see details for telephone charges)

Individual Reservations & Policies:

- Each participant is responsible of securing their own hotel reservation using the link provided by THE HOTEL.
- All reservations must be paid using Mastercard, Visa or American Express credit cards that are valid at check-out.
- Only one credit card will be accepted to pay for the reservation.
- The participants will have to make 100% prepayment when making their reservation.
- Unless cancellations are made at least one week prior to arrival, reservation must be paid in full.
- Each participant is responsible for paying any extra charges made to their room. A copy of your credit card must be presented upon arrival, and any additional charge must be paid before leaving the hotel. THE HOTEL will accept American Express, MasterCard and Visa, as well as Traveler’s Check and cash. Personal Checks will not be accepted by THE HOTEL.

No Show

In **case** of no show the full amount of the reservation will be charged.

COORDINATION

The PLENARY-SUMMIT will be organized by the Latin-American Forum of Regulating Entities (REGULATEL), the Body of European Regulators for Electronic Communications (BEREC) and the Dominican Telecommunications Institute (INDOTEL). In addition, there is a Hard Rock Punta Cana Reservation Manager.

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AIRPORTS

1.- The Punta Cana International Airport is located in Punta Cana and each year about 4 million travelers arrive from all over the world. It has the honor of being the airport with the highest number of connecting passengers in Latin America Travelling to Europe, North America, Central America, South American and the Caribbean. Transportation from/to this airport will be provided. <http://www.puntacana-bavaro.com/aereos.php>

2.- The Las Americas International Airport is located in Punta Caucedo, approximately 20 minutes from the City of Santo Domingo and 3.5 hours from Punta Cana. It is the main terminal of the Dominican Republic with the highest regular passenger flow in the country. It allows the movement of 140 aircrafts from different countries of Europe, North, South, and Central America and the Caribbean. There will be no transportation provided from this airport to Punta Cana. <http://www.aerodom.com/app/do/lasamericas.aspx>

PARTICIPANTS REGISTRATION

Participants may begin to register at the venue lobby on Monday, December 13, 2010 at 8:30 a.m.

RECEPTION

There will be a vehicle waiting for you at the Punta Cana International Airport carrying a sign with your name as well as institute personnel. Transportation will only be provided at this airport.

LANGUAGES

The official languages of the XIII REGULATTEL PLENARY and the - IX SUMMIT BEREC – REGULATTEL “Regulation in the Internet Era: Prices, Access and Transportation” will be English and Spanish.

COMMUNICATIONS

Local and international calls to the United States of America are free from the hotel.

INTERNET

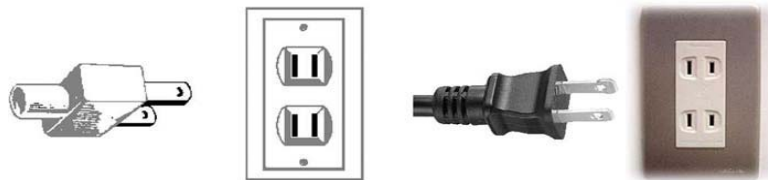
There will be free wireless internet services available at the meeting installations and throughout the hotel facilities (WiFi).

CLIMATE

The Dominican Republic enjoys a tropical climate with year-round warm temperatures which tends to get cooler at heights with tradewinds blowing in from the northeast throughout the year. Average temperature range between 28°C in the coastal areas and 21°C (72° and 84° F) in the mountains.

VOLTAGE

The electrical voltage in the Dominican Republic is 110 Volts/60Hz.



LANGUAGE

Spanish is the official language of the Dominican Republic.

CURRENCY

The Dominican Peso is the currency of the Dominican Republic. Its symbol is DOP which can also be written as RD\$. The Dominican Peso is divided into 100 cents and it is the only currency accepted for monetary transactions. The current average rate exchange is USD 1.00 = RD\$37.00.

Banks and Exchange Houses (Casas de Cambio) are authorized to convert foreign currency. Most international currency can be converted into Pesos at both Banks and/or Exchange Houses. We recommend that you retain your currency conversion transaction receipt until you leave the country. This will allow you to exchange your left over Pesos for US Dollars.

The easiest currency to exchange is the US Dollar, the Canadian Dollar and Euros. If your original currency is not the US Dollar, we recommend that you convert your currency into US Dollars before travelling to the Dominican Republic.

Dominican Pesos come in denomination of 2,000, 1,000, 200, 500, 100, 50 and 20 and Dominican coins come in denominations of 25, 10, 5 and 1.

The following credit cards are accepted in the Dominican Republic: MasterCard, American Express, Diners Club and Visa.

VISAS

To enter the Dominican Republic as a tourist, depending on your nationality, you may need a visa or a tourist card. If your nationality allows you to enter the Dominican Republic without a visa, upon arrival you will be required to purchase a tourist Card from the Dominican Immigration Control counter for US\$10.00. You must keep in mind that to leave the country you must pay US\$20.00 regardless of your nationality and the reason why you are in the Dominican Republic. There are some airline companies, for example, Iberia and Air Europe that include the US\$20.00 in the ticket price to leave the Dominican Republic. We recommend that you bring at least these US\$30.00 or else you will have to change your currency at Immigration at a very high commission.

Citizens of the following countries require visas or tourist cards to visit the Dominican Republic. Citizens of countries that do not appear on this list will require a visa to enter the Dominican Republic. Citizens of Latin-American countries that are travelling with Official and Diplomatic Passports do not require a visa. Pursuant to Law No. 875 on Visas, all foreigners travelling to the Dominican Republic who require visas must be in possession of visas in their Passport issued through the Dominican Consulate. Citizens of countries allowed to travel to Dominican Republic in possession of a tourist card must not worry. In any event, tourist entering the Dominican Republic are only allowed to remain in the country for up to 90 days.

Citizens of countries that require visas but are legal residents of the United States, Holland, Italy, Canada, Germany, Venezuela, Spain, Portugal, Great Britain, France, Greece, Ireland or Denmark, with few exceptions, may enter the Dominican Republic with their Passport, Resident Card and the Tourist Card. For further information please visit one of the following sites:

For additional information please consult the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs: www.serex.gov.do, and more directly, the Consular Services Portal where you will find more complete and detailed information. www.consuladord.com

Tourist visas are issued for tourism-related and cultural-related travelling as well as to individuals coming to participate in congresses and conventions. They will be valid for 60 days with only one entry or multiple entries. The beneficiaries must refrain from carrying out any lucrative activities while in Dominican Territory.

Citizens from any country may request a Tourist Visa to enter the Dominican Republic at the Dominican Consulate of the country.

Requirements

1. **Visa Form** duly filled and completed by typewriter or legible print. This form is available at the Consulate or at the Consular Services Portal www.consuladord.com to be filled out "on line".
2. **Two (2) photos** 4 x 5 cm, face front white background.
3. **Original Passport** having minimum Six (6) months validity.
4. **Parents or tutors Authorization** in the case of minors who are unaccompanied by one or both parents.
5. Prove of **financial solvency** (bank letter, job letter, property Deeds, etc.) If a document is issued in the Dominican Republic, it must be certified by a Notary Public and legalized at the Attorney General's Office.
6. Legible photocopy of **National Identity** from your country and a legible photocopy of the **Residence Card**, if you reside in a country different from the residence.

7. Legible photocopy of **hotel reservation** (if you have it).
8. Legible photocopy of **flight reservation** (if you have it).
9. Legible photocopy of prior Dominican visas or Residence Card (if it is a renewal or if you have previously travelled to the Dominican Republic).

Timeframe

Between 1 or 10 days from the day of the request depending on the urgency, nationality of the requester, previous requests and personnel availability.

Cost

1. Multiple entry Visa: US\$80.00

2. Single-Entry visa: US\$70.00

Observations

1. Payment is in US Dollars and in the Euro Zone payment is made in Euros.
2. Payment may vary depending on the cost of living in the city where the Consular Office is located.
3. All documents must be legalized by the Consular Offices of the Dominican Republic before they are legalized by the Office of Foreign Affairs of the country where the Consular Office is located or the country of origin of the document.
4. Where necessary, all documents must be translated into Spanish by a Certified Interpreter duly accredited by the authorities of the country of origin.
5. Some Consular Offices have photographers available.
6. Multiple entries are for cruise passengers and tourist entering and leaving an aircraft more than once while their visa is valid.

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1. All nationals of countries who are able to legally enter the European Union, the United States of America, Canada and Great Britain can enter the territory of the Dominican Republic by just presenting the Tourist Card. (Decree 691-07 of December 18, 2007).
2. Business visas or other types of visas will only be received and authorized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs pursuant to the current mechanism of the Consular Department.
3. In case a person needs a visa and there is no Dominican Consulate in the country, they must go to the closest Consulate.
4. In case a person wishes to extend their time while in the Dominican Republic, they must go the Department of Immigration and request an extension.
5. Citizens of countries that can enter the Dominican Republic without visas must have valid passports unless there is a bilateral agreement with the Dominican Republic that waives the validity passport requirement.

You can enter the Dominican Republic **WITHOUT A VISA** if you have a **DIPLOMATIC OR OFFICIAL PASSPORT**:

Argentina, Belize, Brazil, Costa Rica, Columbia, Chile, China-Taiwán. Ecuador, El Salvador, Federation Council of Russia (effective April 1, 2010), France (short stay – less than 30 days every 6 months or

airport transit), Guatemala, Honduras, Israel, Japan, Korea, Mexico (except Official Passports), Marocco (except Official Passports), Nicaragua, Panama, Peru, Singapore, Switzerland (except Official Passports, Trinidad & Tobago, Ukraine, Uruguay and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

Citizens from the following countries may enter the Dominican Republic **WITHOUT VISAS** and **WITHOUT TOURIST CARDS**.

Argentina, Chile, South Korea, Ecuador, Israel, Japan and Uruguay.