

CORDEX Central America and South America Training Workshop on Downscaling Techniques 2018

Logistic Information

Greetings from the LFA and welcome to La Paz! The LFA wish you a pleasant stay here.



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Meeting Location

CORDEX workshop will take place on 25-27 of June 2018 in La Paz, Bolivia. The workshop will be kindly hosted by the Laboratory for Atmospheric Physics (*Laboratorio de Física de la Atmósfera*, LFA-IIF-UMSA)

Meeting venue: Hotel Calacoto

Ballivian Avenue, 13th Street Corner, Calacoto.

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website: www.hotelcalacoto.com

<https://www.google.com/maps/@-16.5408094,-68.085677,17z>



Lodging Information

A block of rooms has been reserved for the period of the workshop (24-27 of June) at Hotel Calacoto, located at the southern part of La Paz city.



In case you plan to arrive earlier or you would like to stay longer at the hotel, please let us know as soon as possible so we can book the hotel for the extra nights and include you in the corporate rates which are:

- Single standard rooms - US\$ 52 per night
- Double standard rooms - US\$ 68 per night.

(These rates include local taxes, breakfast buffet and internet access from the room and common areas).

If this is the case, you would have to pay the charge of the extra nights when checking-in.

In case you would like to make the reservation on your own, you can contact the hotel directly using the keyword CORDEX to be charged with the corporative rates. Still, we would ask you to please let us know so we don't double-book the room.

In case you would like to stay somewhere else for the extra nights, we can recommend you a few other places nearby, such as:

- Hotel Rennova (www.hotelrennova.com – ~200 m distance to Hotel Calacoto)
- Hotel Camino Real (www.caminoreal.com.bo – ~450 m distance to Hotel Calacoto)
- Hotel Casa Grande (www.casa-grande.com.bo - ~450 m distance to Hotel Calacoto)
- Bolivian Rooms and Suites Los Pinos (www.boliviansuites.com - ~1.5 km distance to Hotel Calacoto)
- Bolivian Rooms and Suites Achumani (www.boliviansuites.com – ~2 km distance to Hotel Calacoto)

Please notice that, if you choose to stay in a different hotel than Hotel Calacoto, you would have to arrange your own reservation. Still, please let us know so we can keep things organized.

Meals

Breakfast: Breakfast Buffet is included in the room rates.

Lunch: Served at the hotel's Restaurant, will be covered for participants and lecturers that have the Daily allowance (DSA). For participants and lecturers that do not count with the DSA, the cost for the Lunches of the three days of the workshop will be charged at the beginning of the course during registration.

If you have any food preference or restrictions, please let us know so we can organize the meals.

Passport and visa

It is recommended to check the effective date of the passport and with the office of the Bolivian Consulate in your country for visa requirements (where applicable).

Sanitary requirements

To enter Bolivia, it is mandatory to have the yellow fever vaccine and it is highly recommended to have the influenza vaccine (when possible).

Climate

June in La Paz is the second coldest month of the year but with very low relative humidity. Clear skies are almost assured in this period. The normal mean temperature is 8.4 °C, while the normal maximum is 19.1 °C and the normal minimum is -1.1 °C. The normal relative humidity for this period is 46%.

Money change, Credit Cards

The national currency of Bolivia is the Boliviano (BOB), and the currently money exchange is around BOB 6.96 per U.S. \$ 1.00. The most popular credit cards (Visa, Mastercard) are accepted. There are money exchange stores in Calle 18, around five blocks from Hotel Calacoto.

Time Zone

UTC/GMT -4 hours

Electricity

Most electricity currents are 220V AC, at 50Hz. Typical power plugs are the unearthed Multi-standard socket type. Most plugs and sockets are the two-pin, round-prong variety, but a few anomalous American-style two-pin, parallel flat-pronged sockets exist.

Transportation from the airport

El Alto International Airport is located in El Alto city (neighboring city of La Paz). For transportation from the airport to Hotel Calacoto the Transfer service will be covered by the course.

Tourist information

La Paz city (officially known as Nuestra Señora de La Paz - English: Our Lady of Peace) is the seat of government and the de facto national capital of the Plurinational State of Bolivia (the constitutional capital of Bolivia is Sucre).

Located in the Andean region of Bolivia (west-central part of Bolivia), near the Andean Mountain Chain, La Paz is the highest capital city in the world (~3650 above sea level) and it is set in a canyon created by the Choqueyapu River.

Surrounded by beautiful mountains like the Illimani, La Paz is known by its characteristic topography and the amazing views you can get from the highest points of the city. Steep streets, constructions on the hills and on the sides of the valley are part of its beautiful landscape. This allowed a revolutionary massive transportation system as the Teleférico (cable car) to be implemented, which is now considered one of the city's touristic attractions.

La Paz is considered also a cultural and historical city. Founded in 1809, it still preserves many Spanish constructions of that time like the Government Palace, The San Francisco church, the museums located along the Jaen street, and others.

La Paz is also located relatively close to different Touristic places such, as:

- Titicaca Lake
- Tiwanaku ruins
- Zongo Valley
- Yungas Valley

For more information you can visit:

<https://www.boliviaturismo.com.bo/la-paz.php>

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