

Disruptive Technologies for Financial and Public Services

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 14th – 17th January 2019

Practical information for participants

1 Meeting venue

BNDES (The Brazilian Development Bank) office at **Ventura Corporate Towers**.

Av. República do Chile, 330, Centro, Rio de Janeiro, RJ, 20031-170.

West tower - Rooms 701, 702 and 703.

2 Accessing the meeting venue

Attendees should identify themselves EVERY DAY at the front desk with an original document – either passport or Brazilian identity card. Attendees will receive a visitor's credential, which needs to be returned at the end of the day.

Men should wear trousers to access the building.

3 Accommodation

The Copacabana neighbourhood and especially the Atlântica Avenue have some of the best hotels in Rio. Ipanema and Leblon neighbourhoods are also good locations, although a bit further. Copacabana, Ipanema and Leblon are beaches. It is nice to have the opportunity to walk along the beach before or after the meeting.

Botafogo, Flamengo and Laranjeiras are good neighbourhoods, but without beaches.

Downtown is near the event, but it is not a recommended place to stay since local people usually live in other neighbourhoods.

Some hotels in Copacabana:

- Hotel Pestana Rio Atlântica (5 star) — <https://www.pestana.com/br/hotel/pestana-rio>
- Hotel Othon Palace (5 star) — <http://www.othon.com.br/hotel-copacabana/rio-othon-palace/>
- Hotel Windsor Palace (4 star) — <http://www.windsorhoteis.com/hotel/windsor-palace/>
- Hotel Golden Tulip Rio Copacabana (4 star) — <http://www.goldentulipriocopacabana.com/pt-br>

4 Transportation and directions

> Galeão-Antonio Carlos Jobim International Airport (GIG)

Rio de Janeiro **Galeão - Antônio Carlos Jobim International Airport (GIG)** is served by major international airlines. The airport is located 20 km from downtown Rio de Janeiro and 26km from Copacabana. Best transportation options from GIG to Copacabana and surroundings is taxi.

Taxis are available from Galeão Airport. The yellow cabs are the regular ones. Delegates are advised to refuse any taxi offer made by individuals inside the airport. Yellow cabs are located just

outside the arrivals floor, where you can find a representative of an authorized company. The price is around R\$100,00. The approximate travel time is 40-60 min to Copacabana. Please, see more details about yellow cabs in the “Get Around” information below.

There are also more expensive special taxis that are blue, red or white, which can be hired in designated booths inside the airport. When booking your accommodation you can request an airport pick up from the hotel and they will charge it to your room.

Santos Dumont Airport (SDU)

Santos Dumont Airport is a regional airport, dedicated to domestic flights.

The airport is located in downtown Rio de Janeiro and 12km from Copacabana. Best transportation options from SDU to Copacabana and surroundings is taxi.

Taxis are available at the end of the arrivals terminal. The yellow cab rate for a trip from SDU to Copacabana is around R\$60.00. Please, see more details about yellow cabs in the “Get around” information below.

Get around

Taxi is one of the best ways to move around Rio. All legal cabs are yellow with a blue stripe painted on the sides. Taxis not designed like this are special service cars (to the airport or bus stations) or illegal. Rio taxis are not too expensive on a kilometre basis but distances can be quite considerable.

Yellow cabs use two different rates, the cheaper is rate 1 charged every time except: Mon-Sat from 9PM until 6AM, Sundays, holidays and the whole of December, when it is rate 2. A cab driver may use a conversion table that adds money on top of what is on the taximeter. This is used when he is waiting to get his taximeter calibrated with current year’s new price. If you have a lot of luggage, they also have the right to add a certain amount for that. Try to talk to the driver about additional expenses before getting into the car.

Besides traditional ways, you can also use the following apps: 99taxi and EasyTaxi.

Uber is available throughout Rio.

Rio de Janeiro Metro is a mass-transit underground railway network. It does not cover all the city neighbourhoods, but can be a good option to go to downtown. See the network map at <https://www.metrorio.com.br/VadeMetro/MapaInterativo> (information in Portuguese). Rates start at R\$4.30 for the unitary (one-way) card.

5 Entry requirements and visa information

Depending on a visitor’s nationality, an entry visa may be required by national authorities.

Participants concerned are strongly advised to seek information on requirements applicable in their case from Brazilian embassies or consular missions in their home countries. Where a visa is required, applicants are strongly advised to apply as early as possible. For more information please visit: <http://www.portalconsular.itamaraty.gov.br/vistos> (in Portuguese and English). The list of Brazilian Embassies and Consular missions is at <http://www.portalconsular.itamaraty.gov.br/representacoes-do-brasil-no-mundo> (in Portuguese).

Needing a visa or not, delegates must hold a passport with 6 months validity at least to enter Brazil.

A letter of invitation can be issued to registered participants.

Requests should be addressed by e-mail to BlockchainForDevelopment@bndes.gov.br.

The e-mail subject should be “**LOI for event in Rio**”, and the e-mail should state the **registration number, address of the Brazilian embassy in the applicant’s country** and include a **scan of the applicant’s passport data page**.

6 Health & vaccination requirements

Although not mandatory, visitors should have a health insurance before arriving.

Visitors are invited to consult

<http://www.saudedoviajante.pr.gov.br/modules/conteudo/conteudo.php?conteudo=96> for information about vaccinations.

Please also consult the WHO updates on yellow fever vaccination recommendations for international travellers related to the current situation in Brazil, at <https://www.who.int/ith/updates/20180116/en/>.

7 General Information

> Time zone

UTC-03:00 + Summer time

> Climate

This time of year, daily highs average 29°C, but they are known to frequently climb into the 30s and even towards 40°C in some parts of the city during the hottest parts of the afternoon. Even at night, temperatures remain in the 20s.

The relative humidity normally ranges between 56% (mildly humid) and 97% (very humid), rarely falling below 37% (comfortable) or reaching as high as 100% (very humid).

For more information, see http://www.holiday-weather.com/rio_de_janeiro/.

Currency

The Brazilian Real (sign: R\$; code: BRL) is the currency of Brazil. The Real is subdivided into 100 cents. In most major shops and outlets credit cards and debit cards are widely accepted.

VISA and MasterCard are widely accepted in Brazil. WeChat and Alipay are not common.

Electricity

The power voltage in Rio de Janeiro is 110 Volts and the power sockets, in general, are of type C or N. If you are coming from a country with different power outlets, make sure you bring over plug adaptors to avoid any trouble (or simply buy one upon your arrival). For more information, please see <https://www.power-plugs-sockets.com/br/brazil/>.

Language

Official language is Brazilian Portuguese. http://wikitravel.org/en/Portuguese_phrasebook
English speakers are rare, except at Rio’s touristic areas and its services. Spanish is commonly understood.

Business hours

Shops: Mon-Fri: 9am-6pm; Sat: 9am-1pm
Shopping Centres: Mon-Sat: 10am-10pm; Sun: 3pm-9pm
Banks: Mon-Fri: 10am-4pm;

Tipping

Tipping is not mandatory in general. In restaurants, a 10% tip is usually included in the bill. Taxi drivers do not expect big tips. People usually round up the trip total cost.

Smoking

Smoking is forbidden in all indoor and enclosed public spaces such as bars and restaurants, clubs, shopping malls, movie theatres, banks, supermarkets, bakeries, chemist shops, health places, government offices and schools. Also it is no longer allowed on work and study places, libraries, buses, cabs, commercial and residential common areas, hotels and inns. Anybody violating the law is charged with a fine.

Security

Delegates are advised to avoid walking streets at night, walking with large amounts of money in pockets and wearing jewellery and electronic equipment (even cell phones).

Just in case, emergency police phone number is 190. Tourist Specialized Police (DEAT) is located at Av. Humberto de Campos 315, Leblon, open 24h. Fire and ambulance emergency number is 193.

Tourism

Rio, the marvellous city, is the number 1 tourist destination in Brazil and has plenty of must-see places. The following links are recommended websites to help you plan your visit:

- Rio Official Guide: <https://www.riodejaneiro.com/>
- Brazil Tourism Portal (you can check many destinations nearby): <http://www.visitbrasil.com/en/>
- Rio@Wikipedia: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rio_de_Janeiro

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