



COMMITTEE ON COMMODITY PROBLEMS

**JOINT MEETING OF THE FORTY-FIRST SESSION OF THE
INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUP ON HARD FIBRES AND THE
FORTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUP
ON JUTE, KENAF AND ALLIED FIBRES; AND THE TWENTY-
SECOND SESSION OF THE SUBGROUP OF SISAL AND HENEQUEN
PRODUCING COUNTRIES**

Salvador, Bahia, the Federative Republic of Brazil

27-29 May 2024

INFORMATION NOTES ON ARRANGEMENTS

1. LOCATION OF SESSION

By kind invitation of the Federative Republic of Brazil, the Joint Meeting of the Forty-First Session of the Intergovernmental Group (IGG) on Hard Fibres and the Forty-Third Session of the Intergovernmental Group (IGG) on Jute, Kenaf and Allied Fibres and the Twenty-Second session of the sub-group of Sisal and Henequen producing countries will be held in Salvador, Bahia, the Federative Republic of Brazil, from 27 to 29 May 2024. The venue will be the Federation of Industry of Bahia - FIEB (Edifício Pondé Street, 342 - Stiep, Salvador - Bahia. Zip Code 41770-395).

2. ENQUIRIES ON THE MEETING

a. All enquiries concerning the session, except those regarding local arrangements, should be addressed to:

Ms Nina Olin and Ms Julie Claro
Secretariat
Intergovernmental Group (IGG) on Hard Fibres and
IGG on Jute, Kenaf and Allied Fibres
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b. All enquiries on local arrangements should be addressed to:
Mr Wilson Andrade
President
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3. LANGUAGE AND INTERPRETERS

The Session will be conducted in English with interpretation provided in Portuguese.

4. ENTRY FORMALITIES

It is the delegate's own responsibility to obtain a visa for the Federative Republic of Brazil. Passports must be valid for at least six months from the date of arrival in the country. A valid entry visa can be obtained in advance from the participant's nearest Brazilian Embassy/Consulate.

5. CUSTOMS AND HEALTH

Delegates are requested to check the customs and health regulations of the Federative Republic of Brazil before entering the country. It is recommended that delegates consult in advance within their respective countries, the health requirements/vaccinations needed for entry into Brazil. International health insurance is also recommended.

6. HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

A block-booking for the participants of the Session has been made at the Quality Hotel & Suites São Salvador.

Dr. José Peroba Street, 244, Stiep, Salvador - Bahia. Zip Code 41770-235

WhatsApp: +55 7199998-2569

E-mail: reservas.qssa@ahi.com.br

Website: <https://www.reserveatlantica.com.br/hotel/quality-hotel-suites-sao-salvador>

Apartments have been pre-booked at a special rate for the event. Participants must make their reservations and payments directly at the hotel.

A single or double apartment at the Quality Hotel & Suites São Salvador will cost approximately US\$80.00 to US\$100.00 (with Breakfast) using the code "FAO Event".

The Quality Hotel & Suites São Salvador is located 100 meters from the Federation of Industry of Bahia – FIEB, the location of the event.

7. TRANSPORT

Delegates travelling on international flights will arrive at the Aeroporto Internacional de Salvador - Dep. Luis Eduardo Magalhaes (SSA). Transportation from Aeroporto Internacional de Salvador to the hotel will be provided by the organizers. Please send your flight details and arrival/departure dates to wilsonandrade@terra.com.br

8. CLIMATE

The average temperature in Salvador in May ranges between 23°C (73.4°F) and 28°C (83°F).

9. TOURIST ATTRACTIONS

Information on the tourist attractions can be found at the hotel's reception and at:

<https://saltur.salvador.ba.gov.br/>

<http://www.setur.ba.gov.br/>

<http://www.bahia.com.br/>

10. CURRENCY, BANKS AND CREDIT CARDS

The Brazilian Real is the official and legal currency in circulation in the country. There are currency exchange services at the airport and at the Salvador Shopping Mall, 3 km from the location of the event. All banks offer currency exchange services. Cash withdrawals from Visa and MasterCard credit/debit cards are possible at the main banks in Salvador.

Five international credit cards, namely Visa, MasterCard, Diners and American Express are accepted by major hotels and restaurants, and large department stores in Brazil.

12. MEETING REGISTRATION

Delegates attending the Session are requested to complete the pre-registration form and send it to the FAO IGG HF/JU Secretariat and to Mr Wilson Andrade (Sindifibras) when confirming their participation.