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Pre-Hispanic City of Teotihuacan (Nahuatl) "It's a place where men become gods".

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Portable sprinkler irrigation in a lettuce crop. Zamora, Michoacan, Mexico.

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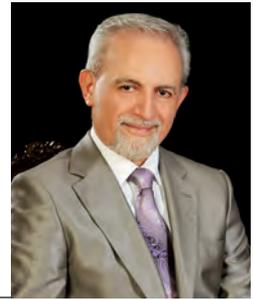
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Irrigation District 066, Santo Domingo Valley, Baja California Sur, Mexico.



## Invitation from the president of ICID

**It is widely** acknowledged that in order to ensure food security for a burgeoning global population, there is a need to usher in second Green Revolution in many developing countries. Under the new post-2015 sustainable development regime to be adopted shortly by the UN General Assembly, the second green revolution will have to follow a different trajectory of food production, avoiding the pitfalls of the first green revolution such as intensive use of chemicals and water in food production. The second green revolution will have to be based on frugal use of water and zero tolerance on environmental degradation. It will have to depend on higher per unit of water productivity, principles of better irrigation and drainage services, and appropriate harnessing of the new technologies.

With the above background, it gives me great pleasure to invite you to the 23rd International Congress on Irrigation and Drainage to deliberate on the theme "Modernizing Irrigation and Drainage for a new Green Revolution". The 23rd Congress together with the 68th International Executive Council (IEC) will be hosted by our Mexican National Committee MXCID from 8-14 October 2017 at Mexico City, Mexico.

MXCID, with their parent organization CONAGUA, have held many a successful water related events in the past, the most recent and impressive being the 4th World Water Forum in 2006. It is with this background, I anticipate an exceptionally well-organized and successful 23rd ICID Congress and 68th meeting of IEC in Mexico City in 2017.

Mexico has demonstrated a strong vision of water management for food production and environmental protection based on sound water management principles that have fuelled economic prosperity and overall national development. Mexico City is one of the world's most important centers of archaeology and urban architecture, with 23 World Heritage sites designated by UNESCO. The International Exhibition & Convention Center at World Trade Center in Mexico City, the venue of our meetings, is one of the largest exhibition centers in the country.

I am sure that this is a great opportunity for all of us to not only participate in the Congress and IEC meetings, but also to visit and learn from the many models of irrigation and drainage success stories in Mexico. At this moment, I am reminded of the very successfully organized ICID's 7th Congress and 20th IEC hosted by MXCID in April 1969. I can assure you that this time also, our colleagues in MXCID will succeed in scaling the benchmark set by them for international water fraternity, by organizing very successful 23rd ICID Congress rich in all respects -- technically, culturally, and socially.

Once again I extend a warm invitation to all of you to Mexico City and look forward to seeing you there.

Yours truly,

**Dr. Saeed Nairizi**  
President, ICID



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Corn diversity in Mexico.



## Message from the President of Mexican National Committee on Irrigation and Drainage (MXCID)

**Mexico** is a country with unique hydrometeorological conditions.

Our territory is part of the large desert strip, which makes us prone to severe droughts in three fourths of the country, whilst at the same time we are exposed to the impact of tropical cyclones and other phenomena that on the one hand makes us vulnerable to flooding and on the other one it give us much of the water we use.

Which is why we have built a hydraulic tradition of more than 500 years of history that started at the pre-Hispanic era with the construction of the levee of Nezahualcoyotl and which continues to this day, where climate change has brought new water challenges.

On irrigation, it was particularly at the dawn of last century when a major agricultural revolution was driven through the construction of modern infrastructure to enable administer, manage and harness water more efficiently and productively.

Because of this joint effort of all levels of government, and the hydro-agricultural users, Mexico ranks sixth among countries with the largest arable land.

We count on 22 million productive hectares, nearly half of which feature seasonal and technological advanced irrigation infrastructure.

During the administration of President Enrique Peña Nieto, a further boost to the construction of more infrastructure of this nature has been triggered, as well as to the conservation, modernisation and technification of the existing one.

Only in the last 3 years, we have benefited more than one million irrigated hectares, which has enabled us to consolidate significant successful cases such as the Irrigation District 001 Arteaga Pavilion in Aguascalientes that now controls water

with top-notch technology, from the source until it arrives at the plant supplying the precise volume required according to the type of crop, achieving 98% of water productivity efficiency.

And we will continue driving this type of infrastructure works, through subsidised programmes, joining forces with local users and governments.

These actions are being reinforced with the implementation of measures in order to move from reactive schemes in the face of hydrometeorological contingencies to risks prevention and mitigation strategies.

In this regard, the creation of a new approach in dam management by reconciling the productive demand with drought prevention to ensure the supply for all uses up to two years, even without rainfall, stands out.

These are just some of the actions undertaken in our country and we would like share them with you while we learn from your experiences.

Thus, It will be in our great pleasure to welcome you all in Mexico City in October 2017, hosting the 23<sup>rd</sup> ICID Congress and 68th IEC on the theme: "Modernising Irrigation and Drainage for a new Green Revolution."

We are confident that as in the 7th edition of the Congress held in Mexico in 1969, the work to be carried out will be of great relevance to improving water productivity in irrigation.

You will be more than welcome to Mexico, Our doors are always open for you!

**Mr. Roberto Ramírez de la Parra**  
President of MXCID



Photograph: CONAGUA

Drinking Water Supply for the Valley of Mexico Metropolitan Zone. The Cutzamala System

# About ICID

The International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage (ICID), established in 1950, is the leading scientific, technical and not-for-profit Non-Governmental Organization (NGO). ICID, through its network of professionals spreads across more than a hundred countries, has facilitated sharing of experiences and transfer of water management technology for over half-a-century. ICID supports capacity development, stimulates research and innovation and strives to promote policies and programs to enhance sustainable development of irrigated agriculture through a comprehensive water management framework.

## Mission and Purpose

The mission of ICID is to stimulate and promote the development and application of the arts, sciences and techniques of engineering, agriculture, economics, ecological and social sciences in managing water and land resources for irrigation, drainage, flood management, for achieving sustainable agriculture water management.

ICID is dedicated to enhance the world wide supply of food and fibre for all people and believes that food security at various levels: global, national, local and household, and provision of assured livelihood starts with stable agricultural production. ICID encourages public private partnership in development and management of water resources. Please access ICID website [www.icid.org](http://www.icid.org) for more information.

Sorghum technified irrigation  
in the Valley of Santo Domingo,  
Baja California Sur, Mexico.





Photograph: CONAGUA

World Trade Center, Mexico City.

Reservoir for technified irrigation in La Cascarona Ranch, Zacatecas, Mexico.



## About the Congress

40 years ago, Mexico hosted the ICID Congress and today, in line with the National Water Program in its goal number 6, "Strengthening Mexico's participation in the international context on water", our country is once again the venue for the 23 edition.

ICID has been organizing its flagship triennial event International Congress on Irrigation and Drainage since 1951. The 1<sup>st</sup> ICID Congress was held in 1951 at Delhi and so far ICID has held 22 Triennial Congresses, the most recent 22<sup>nd</sup> ICID Congress being held in Gwangju, Republic of Korea in September 2014.

The list of questions addressed by the Congresses clearly indicates a progressive shift from purely technical questions to sustainability of irrigation and global water and food security issues.

Mexico City hosted, in 1969, the seventh International Congress on Irrigation and Drainage with four questions: (24) Hydraulic structures on small channels, (25) Methods and economics operations and maintenance of drainage systems in agricultural areas, (26) Development of new irrigation and drained areas: procedures and policies. In addition, two technical events were celebrated, a Special Session on essential elements necessary for successful irrigated agriculture and a Symposium on the application of computers in the analyses of various problems relating to irrigation and drainage systems.

Now in 2017 during the 23<sup>th</sup> Congress in México, the theme will be "Modernizing Irrigation and Drainage for a new Green Revolution" with the Question 60: The water productivity : Checking the water, energy and food concepts; Question 61: State of knowledge of irrigation techniques and practical aspects in the socioeconomic environments. The Special session "Irrigation techniques with reused water and its impacts", and the Symposium "Review of experiences with associations of water users".

This theme and all the items are undoubtedly the most urgent agenda for the irrigation community that needs to be addressed in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. An ever-growing population, the fast degradation of natural resources, and the potential impacts of climate change, challenge us to find integrated solutions to global problems. The green revolution began in Mexico in the 1940's and many countries, after using green revolution technologies, have become self-sufficient.

"Luces en el Monumento a la Revolución".  
Monument Revolution.



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# About the 23<sup>th</sup> ICID Mexico Congress

**Title:**

23<sup>rd</sup> International Congress on Irrigation and Drainage & 68<sup>th</sup> IEC Meeting.

**Date:**

08-14 October 2017

**Location:**

Mexico City, Mexico

**Theme:**

Modernizing Irrigation and Drainage for a new Green Revolution

**Venue:**

International Exhibition and Convention Center WTC Mexico City

**Estimated No. of participants:**

1,000 from 60 countries (main-days)

**Language:**

English and Spanish.

**Website:**

<http://www.icid2017.org/>

**Contact:**

[info@icid2017.org](mailto:info@icid2017.org)

**Social Networks:**

  @ICIDCongressMX



## Call for papers and Guidelines

The Congress welcomes the proposals of the global water and irrigation community. Experts, actors and stakeholders of all disciplines -including science, policy, economics, management, and governance-; who wish to present their work and research at the oral sessions during the Congress to be held in Mexico City, must submit their abstracts from December 15, 2016 to April 15, 2017.

- Abstract proposals must be prepared in english and submitted through the Abstract Submission Platform in the website [www.icid2017.org](http://www.icid2017.org) or through the e-mails: [info@icid2017.org](mailto:info@icid2017.org) / [info@mxcid.mx](mailto:info@mxcid.mx) / [internacional@conagua.gob.mx](mailto:internacional@conagua.gob.mx)
- Abstracts should clearly describe the research, project, study, or paper ("project") in under 500 words and include: a) The purpose or thesis of the project; b) a summary of the key issue(s) or problem(s) addressed; c) the methodology or procedures used; d) a summary of the results or conclusions derived from the project; e) a summary of the implications of the project or its results; and f) incorporate a science-policy dimension.
- Abstracts should not include graphs, charts, diagrams, images, references, or citations. Abstracts will be reviewed by the OC on a rolling basis. All authors of accepted abstracts oral sessions are expected to prepare and submit a paper.

All proposals will focus on various issues as below:

### **Theme: Modernizing Irrigation and Drainage for a new Green Revolution**

**Question 60: Water productivity: revisiting the concepts in light of water energy and food nexus**

- 60.1 Water saving. What is possible, what is not possible?
- 60.2 Water footprint of crops and derived crop products.
- 60.3 Hydropower generation in irrigation systems: sharing water and benefits.
- 60.4 Understanding water productivity, water and energy use efficiency.
- 60.5 Water security for growth and development.
- 60.6 Transferring water out of agriculture: emerging issues and challenges.

**Question 61: State of knowledge of irrigation techniques and practicalities within given socio-economic settings**

- 61.1 Precision irrigation management.
- 61.2 Water use in food value chains.
- 61.3 Modelling and remote sensing for modernization and operation of irrigation schemes.
- 61.4 Monitor and control systems for improved operation and maintenance of irrigation schemes.
- 61.5 Improving surface irrigation under water scarcity.

**Special Session: Irrigation techniques with reused water**

**Symposium: "Review of experiences with water user associations".**

Should you have enquiries related to the event and papers, please send e-mails: [info@icid2017.org](mailto:info@icid2017.org) / [info@mxcid.mx](mailto:info@mxcid.mx) / [internacional@conagua.gob.mx](mailto:internacional@conagua.gob.mx)

## Components

### Sponsorship & Exhibition

The 23<sup>rd</sup> ICID Congress Exhibition is providing a special opportunity where companies and organizations can promote their products and services to more than 1000 congress assistants. This will be a unique business event relating to agriculture and irrigation.

The conference exhibition will give an opportunity to experience the newest skills and products simultaneously and for exchanging information from worldwide companies and a place for business meetings.

Deadline of Submission for Exhibition: Feb 15, 2017 - Sep 31, 2017.

### Side Events

Side events are an opportunity for individuals or groups to bring together a range of stakeholders to focus on one's own specific area of interest in the format of their choice.

### Technical Tours

Several technical tours will be arranged for participants about irrigated agricultural development in Mexico.

### Accompanying Person's Tours

Several touristic tours will be arranged for accompanying persons during the meeting.

Should you have enquiries related to the event, side events, symposiums and workshops, please send e-mail at: [info@icid2017.org](mailto:info@icid2017.org) / [info@mxcid.mx](mailto:info@mxcid.mx) / [internacional@conagua.gob.mx](mailto:internacional@conagua.gob.mx)



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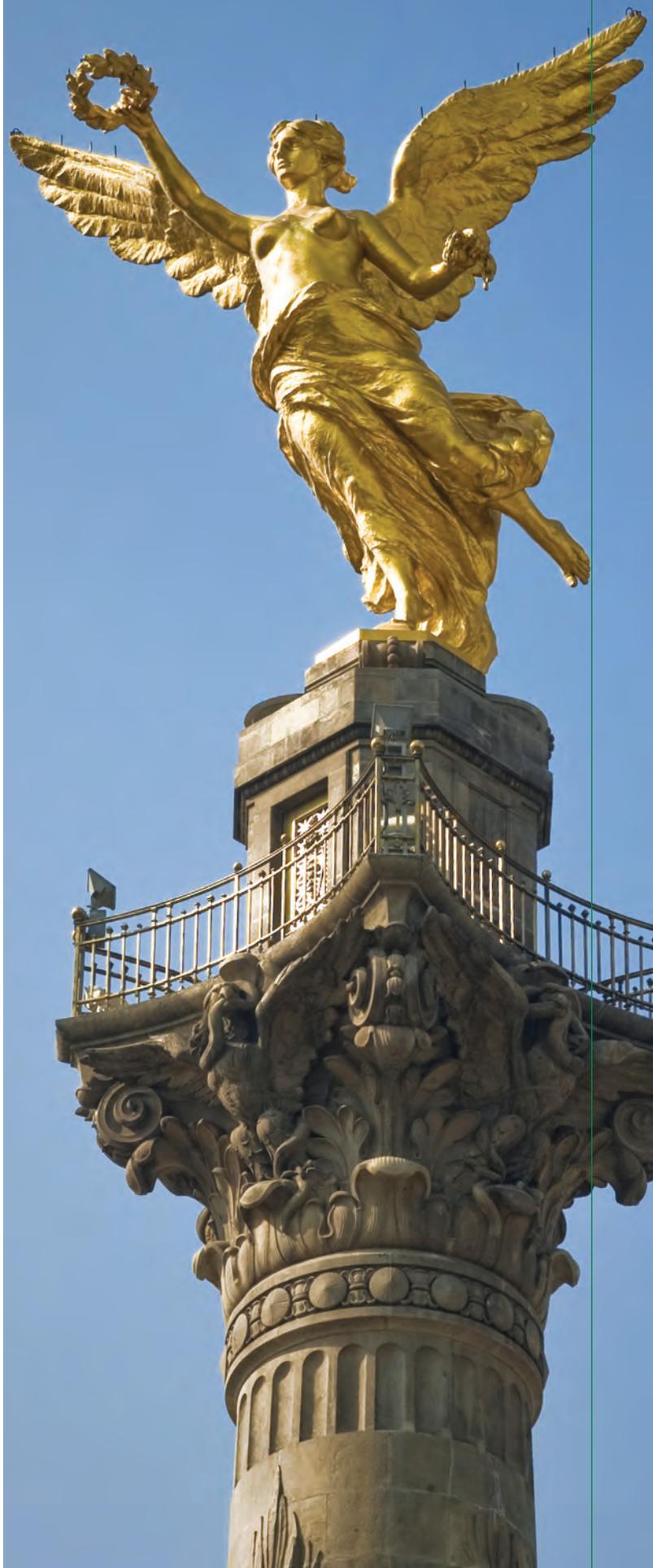
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### **Dr. Mauricio Carrillo**

Former Coordinator of Irrigation Districts  
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## Keynote Speakers



**Roberto Ramírez de la Parra, Director General of the National Water Commission of Mexico**

Ramírez de la Parra holds a Bachelor's Degree in Law from the Free School of Law and a MBA from the University of Phoenix, and several studies and diploma courses from national and international universities.

He has a 20-year career in public service in various positions in Public Administration such as Administrator of Legal Support and Customs Operations in the Tax Administration Service Office.

He has a 10-year experience in high-level positions in the water sector, such as Legal Coordinator of the Secretariat of Water and Public Works of the State of Mexico, and Water Coordinator of the Transition Team of President-elect Enrique Peña Nieto.



**José Graziano da Silva, Director General, FAO**

Dr. José Graziano da Silva has worked on issues of food security, rural development and agriculture for over 30 years.

Since assuming his mandate as FAO Director-General in 2012, he has spearheaded major transformational changes within the Organization. These reforms have entailed refocusing FAO's work, reinforcing its institutional capacities, strengthening partnerships with civil society, private sector and academia and boosting FAO's support for South-South Cooperation. His efforts have resulted in best value for money for the Organization and its partners.



**Jeremy Bird, Director General, International Water Management Institute (IWMI)**

His career includes research and consultancy work on natural resources, policy and strategy development across Asia and Africa; research with HR Wallingford; project development with the Asian Development Bank (ADB); member of the World Commission on Dams Secretariat and the United Nations Environment Programme. He joined IWMI

in 2012 after three years as CEO of the Mekong River Commission.

He is a civil engineer and holds Master's Degrees in Irrigation Engineering and Water Law and Policy with specialisation in shared river basins.

He has contributed to international processes on water resources management, was recently appointed as 'outcome ambassador' of the Bonn2011 initiative on the Water, Energy and Food Security Nexus and is a member of the Scientific Advisory Group for UNEP's water programme.



**Saeed Nairizi, Iran, President, ICID International**

Dr. Nairizi began his career in 1969 as an Agricultural Extension Officer with Ghazvin Development Project, a leading developer of Irrigation Projects in Iran, later switched to teaching Irrigation at Faculty of Agriculture at Mashhad University of Iran, and was the Dean of the Faculty and Member of University Board in 1980. In 1983, he joined Mahab Ghods Consulting Engineers, the largest consulting firm in Iran, as its Regional Director at Khorasan, overseeing the projects works in Irrigation, Dams and Water Supply Projects. At present, Nairizi is Head of the Board and Managing Director of TOOSSAB Consulting Engineers Co. and Chairman of the Board of RAYAB Consulting Engineers Co. of Iran.



**Benedito Braga, President del World Water Council (WWC)**

Benedito Braga is Secretary of State for Sanitation and Water Resources for the state of Sao Paulo and professor (on leave of absence) of Civil and Environmental Engineering at Escola Politecnica of University of Sao Paulo (USP), Brazil.

Prof. Braga was elected to his first three-year mandate as President of the World Water Council in November 2012 and was re-elected for a second term in November 2015. Before this, from 2006 to 2012, he served as Vice-President of the World Water Council and chaired the International Steering Committee (ISC) of the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> editions of the World Water Forum in Marseille (France) and Dae-gu-Gyeongbuk (Korea).

## Important Dates

- **Dec 15, 2016 - Apr 15, 2017:**  
Submission (Online) of Extended Abstracts
- **Apr 15, 2017 - May 15, 2017:**  
Acceptance (Online) of Extended Abstracts
- **Feb 15, 2017 - Sept 31, 2017:**  
Submission for Exhibition
- **May 15, 2017 - Jul 15, 2017:**  
Full paper submission (Online)
- **Feb 15, 2017 - Sep 17, 2017:**  
On-line registration
- **Jan 15, 2017 - Aug 17, 2017:**  
Hotel reservation
- **Oct 8, 2017 - Oct 14, 2017:**  
23<sup>rd</sup> International Congress on Irrigation and  
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# General Program

Standard Format for ICID Congress and IEC Meeting					
8 - 14 October 2017					
Day / Hrs.	7-Oct-17	8-Oct-17		9-Oct-17	
All Day 08.30-18.00	Registration / Lobby Olmecca	Registration		Registration / Exhibition	
09.00-10.30				Opening Ceremony (Olmecca 4)	
10.30-11.00		MB-1			
11.00-12.30		Sub-Committee / Themes Tarasco Room		SC	
		WG-4/1 Huichol Room	WG-8/1 Yaqui Room	Opening Plenary N.D. Gulhati Memorial Lecture GR Presentation (Q. ) GR Presentation (Q. )	
12.30-13.30		LUNCH BREAK Olmecca 4 Room		LUNCH BREAK Mexica 1 Room	
13.30-15.00		Symposium - I (1/2) Toltecas 1 Room		Congress Question--- Mixteca 1	
				Congress Question--- Mixteca 2	
		International Workshop -I (1/2) Mixteca 1		Congress Question--- Tolteca 1	
		Special Session -I (1/2) Mixteca 2		PFC Huichol Room	MT-JOUR Yaqui Room
				WG-4/2 Tarasco Room	WG-8/2 Zapoteca Room
15.00-15.30		Symposium - I (2/2) Tolteca 2 Room			
15.30-17.00		International Workshop -I (2/2) Mixteca 1 room		Congress Question--- tolteca 2	
		Meeting with YPs ----- Huichol Room		Congress Question--- Tolteca 1	
		Meeting with GR/PEs ----- Yaqui Room		Mixteca 1	
				PFC Huichol	
17.00-18.00		Special Session -I (2/2) Mixteca 2 Room			
18.00-19.00					
19.00-21.00		Welcome Dinner Olmecca 4 Room			

	Registration		YP-Training		Tours
	Congress		International Workshop -I (2/2)		Tours for accompanying persons
	IEC and related meetings		Staff Committee (SC)		Post-Congress tours
	Symposium		Management Board (MB)		Working Groups
	Special Session		MT-JOUR		
			Sub-Committee/Themes		

Tentative Program (DRAFT) (Version 9 Sept. 2015)						
World Trade Center (WTC), Mexico City						
10-Oct-17	11-Oct-17		12-Oct-17		13-Oct-17	14-Oct-17
Registration / Exhibition	Exhibition					
Congress Question---	WG-1/1	WG-5/1			PCTA	IEC Mixteca 2
Congress Question---	WG-2/1	WG-6/1	WG-12/1	WG-21/1		
Congress Question---	WG-3/1	WG-7/1	WG-13/1	WG-22/1	YP-Training	
			WG-14/1	WG-23/1	Workshop	
	Health Break					
Congress Question---	WG-1/2	WG-5/2			PCTA	IEC Mixteca 2
Congress Question---	WG-2/2	WG-6/2	WG-12/2	WG-21/2		
Congress Question---	WG-3/2	WG-7/2	WG-13/2	WG-22/2	YP-Training	
			WG-14/2	WG-23/2	Workshop	
LUNCH BREAK	LUNCH BREAK	LUNCH BREAK	LUNCH BREAK	LUNCH BREAK	LUNCH BREAK	LUNCH BREAK Terraza
Plenary IEC Toltecas y Mixtecas Rooms	WG-15/1	WG-17/1	WG-24/1	WG-9/1	PCTA	IEC
	WG-16/1	WG-18/1	WG-25/1	WG-10/1		
	WG-19/1	WG-20/1	WG-26/1	WG-11/1	YP-Training	
					Workshop	
Wrap-up of _____ ICID Congress Questions--- Congress Questions--- Congress Questions--- Mixtecas y Toltecas Rooms	WG-15/2	WG-17/2	WG-24/2	WG-9/2	PCTA	IEC
	WG-16/2	WG-18/2	WG-25/2	WG-10/2		
	WG-19/2	WG-20/2	WG-26/2	WG-11/2	YP-Training	
MTG. nC - Office Bearers Tarasco and Zapoteca rooms	OBC Meeting				Workshop	MB-II
					Closing Ceremony	
Reception					Farewell Dinner	

Note: All All WG meetings will be of 180 minutes duration unless otherwise mentioned  
All technical / cultural tours will be organized after closing of the event



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"Angel of Independence". Reforma avenue, Mexico city.

# Venue

## Overview of Mexico

Official Name: United Mexican States

Capital: Mexico City

Politic System: Federal Democratic Republic

Population: 118,39,000 in 2013 (estimated)

Total Area: 1,972,550 km<sup>2</sup>

Official Language: Spanish

International borders: USA, Guatemala and Belize.

Marte R. Gómez Dam,  
Tamaulipas, Mexico.



Photograph: CONAGUA



Trajineras of Xochimilco, tourist boats.

## Overview of Mexico City

Mexico City is one of the largest, populous and most complex metropolises in the world. In the metropolitan area, the surface of which is almost 5,000 Km<sup>2</sup>, there are about 18 million inhabitants. Mexico City is the center of economic, political and cultural activity in Mexico, which is reflected in its contribution to the national GDP (21.5%).

The city is home of 23 World Heritage sites designated by the UNESCO more than 150 museums, 21 countries around the world with direct flights to Mexico City and 12 million visitors per year.

### Airport:

Arriving at Benito Juárez Mexico City International Airport (AICM). - The AICM is an international metropolitan airport, located 5 km and 30 minutes away from downtown Mexico City. The airport has two terminals connected by an Aerotren which operates free of charge by presenting your ticket or boarding pass. If the Aerotren is not available, you can use land transportation "inter-terminal transportation", which offers buses that are located in Door 6, Terminal 1; and door 4 in Terminal 2.

- **From the airport to the hotel:** Authorized taxis are available 24 hours a day, 365 days per year in Terminal 1 and Terminal 2. At present the following groups are in operation: Porto Taxi, Nueva Imagen, Sitio 300 and Yellow Cab. The company Confort renders its services in Terminal 2 only. The Terminal 1 taxi boarding areas are located at entrances 1 and 10; and in Terminal 2, boarding areas are located at entrances 3 and 4. To receive the taxi service you must purchase the corresponding ticket previously at the authorized sale points located within the airport.

**Address:** Capitán Carlos León s/n Col. Peñón de los Baños Del. Venustiano Carranza 15620. Mexico City, Mexico. Phone: (55) 2482 2424 and (55) 2482 2400. <http://www.aicm.com.mx/>

### Accommodations:

In 3-mile (5 km) radius from the WTC International Exhibition and Convention Center Mexico City, you can find more than 5,000 hotel rooms, ranging from three to 5 stars. Within walking distance from the venue, you can find 6 hotels alone.

<b>Crowne Plaza Hotel de México ★★★★★</b> Dakota #95 Napoles, Mexico City 03810 World Trade Center Zone MX \$1,775 USD \$90,29	<b>Hotel Novit ★★★★★</b> Av. Insurgentes Sur 635, Mexico City 03810 MX \$1,611 USD \$90,29	<b>Isaaya Hotel Boutique by WTC ★★★★★</b> Dakota #155 Napoles, Mexico City 03810 World Trade Center Zone MX \$1,600 USD \$81,39	<b>Holiday Inn Express and Suites at WTC ★★★★★</b> Dakota 95, Mexico City 03810 World Trade Center Zone MX \$1,597 USD \$81,24
<b>Courtyard by Marriott Mexico City Revolucion ★★★★★</b> Revolucion #333, Mexico City 11870 MX \$1,558 USD \$79,25	<b>City Express Patio Universidad ★★★★★</b> Popocatepetl #546, Mexico City 03330 MX \$1,339 USD \$68,11	<b>Fiesta Inn Insurgentes Viaducto ★★★★★</b> Insurgentes Sur #553, Mexico City 11000 MX \$1,313 USD \$66,79	<b>TRYP by Wyndham Mexico City World Trade ★★★★★</b> Viaducto Miguel Alemán #14, Nápoles, Mexico City 03810 World Trade Center Zone MXN \$1,202 USD \$61,14
<b>Suites Batia ★★★</b> Del Parque Avenue #24, Mexico City. 03810 World Trade Center Zone MXN \$1,180 USD \$60,02	<b>One Ciudad de Mexico Patriotismo ★★★</b> Av. Patriotismo #229, San Pedro de Pinos, Mexico City 3810 MX\$953 USD \$48,48		

### Altitude:

About 2,240 m above sea level

### Currency:

Mexican peso (MXP). Existing currencies have denominations of \$0.10, \$0.20, \$0.50, \$1.00, \$2.00, \$5.00, \$10.00 and \$20.00 MXP. The denomination of the bills includes \$ 20.00, \$ 50.00, \$ 100.00, \$ 200.00, \$ 500.00 and \$1,000.00 MXP. Foreign currency can be exchanged in foreign currency exchanges and bank offices located at the airport and in the many shopping malls throughout town, with working hours usually from 9:00 a.m. to 17:00 hrs.

**Mode of Payment:** Cash is most commonly used. However, international credit cards (Visa, MasterCard and American Express) can be used in most commercial outlets.

### Customs Information:

To find out about the different customs regulations, please visit: [http://www.aduanas.sat.gob.mx/aduana\\_mexico/2008/pasajeros/139\\_11065.html](http://www.aduanas.sat.gob.mx/aduana_mexico/2008/pasajeros/139_11065.html)

### Headquarters:

World Trade Center's privileged location in Mexico City has various means of transportation to get out and about. CIEC WTC is located 7.3 miles from the airport. More Information: [www.wtcmexico.mx](http://www.wtcmexico.mx)

### Electricity:

Voltage in Mexico is 110 volts; we recommend bringing a plug adapter to go from 3 to 2 prongs. (Please note that these may not be identical to U.S./Canadian sockets, and may require an adapter).

### Security:

As in all the mega-cities of the world, it is necessary to take care to avoid problems or mishaps. For security reasons, it is recommended not to wear fine jewelry, ostentatious items and other valuables. On the street, it is recommended to carry only one credit card and a reasonable amount of money, as well as a simple ID and a card with the hotel data,

leaving in the hotel safe all other documents not being used. For safety, you should go to ATM that is inside malls or shops. It is recommended that you carry with you enough prescription medicine for your stay. It is suggested that visitors ask your insurer's requirements and services that meet their insurance policies of an emergency abroad.

### Suggested tipping:

At airports and hotels, it may be necessary to request help. The customary tip is \$1 US Dollar per large suitcase. In regards to food and beverages, gratuity is not included in the menu prices, unless otherwise specified. In general, it is appropriate to leave a 10%-15% gratuity of the total receipt.

### Time Zone:

Mexico City is within the GMT-5 time zone (during summer time - DST) DST starts on Sunday 06 April 2014, 02:00 Mexico winter time / DST ends on Sunday 26 October 2014, 02:00 Mexico summer time. Standard time zone: GMT -6

### Taxes:

Mexico charges Added Value Tax (known in Spanish as IVA). Said tax is paid when buying or consuming most items, and it is mandatory both for tourists and locals. Usually, this tax is already included in the food and beverage prices in restaurants, stores, boutiques and excursion prices. Currently,



Inside of the National Museum of Anthropology in Mexico City



Bellas Artes Palace, Mexico City.

the rate is 16% on the sales value. Additionally, in all hotels in Mexico, a 3% tax is charged aside from the 16% VAT, giving a total of a 19% tax on top of the total amount due.

**Sales Tax Refund:** Under Mexican law, foreign tourists may obtain a refund of sales tax (value added tax) paid for goods purchased while in Mexico. Some restrictions apply. For more information, visit: <http://www.taxback.com.mx/>

#### Transportation:

- **Taxi Cabs:** Just outside the Convention Center there is an authorized cab service that can take you anywhere in the city for under \$30 US dollars.
- **Metrobus:** A bus rapid transit (BRT) system. The first trip costs under \$1.50 US dollars, after this each ride costs less than 50 US cents. There are 4 stations in a 2 mile (3.2 km) radius from the WTC.
- **Subway:** Mexico City's subway system is a fast and cheap way to get around the city. There are 6 stations in a 5 mile (8 km) radius from the WTC and a trip in the subways costs 30 US cents.

For transportation to other sites within Mexico City, we recommend using authorized taxis or you can request it via telephone from tourist or commercial establishment where you are in.

- **Taximex:** 5538 1440 & 5519 7690
- **Servi-Taxi:** 5271 2560
- **Radio Servicios Móviles de Transporte:** 5771 4012; 5771 0130; 5760 4696 & 5551 7710
- **Taxi Radio Mex:** 5584 0571 & 5574 459
- **Servitaxis:** 5516 6020
- **Radio Maxi Seguridad:** 5768 8557 & 5768 8553

#### International Long Distance

**Worldwide:** 00  
**USA and Canada:** 00 + 1  
**Person-to-person: USA and Canada:** 09 + 1  
**International Operator's Assistance:** 090  
**Domestic Long Distance**  
**Domestic calls:** 01  
**Person-to-person domestic calls:** 02  
**Domestic Operator Assistance:** 020

#### Support phone numbers

**Information:** 040  
**Local hour:** 030  
**Wake-up number:** 031  
**Emergency number:** 066  
**Tourist Security:** 5250 0123 & 01-800-5903-9200  
**Missing person:** 5658 1111

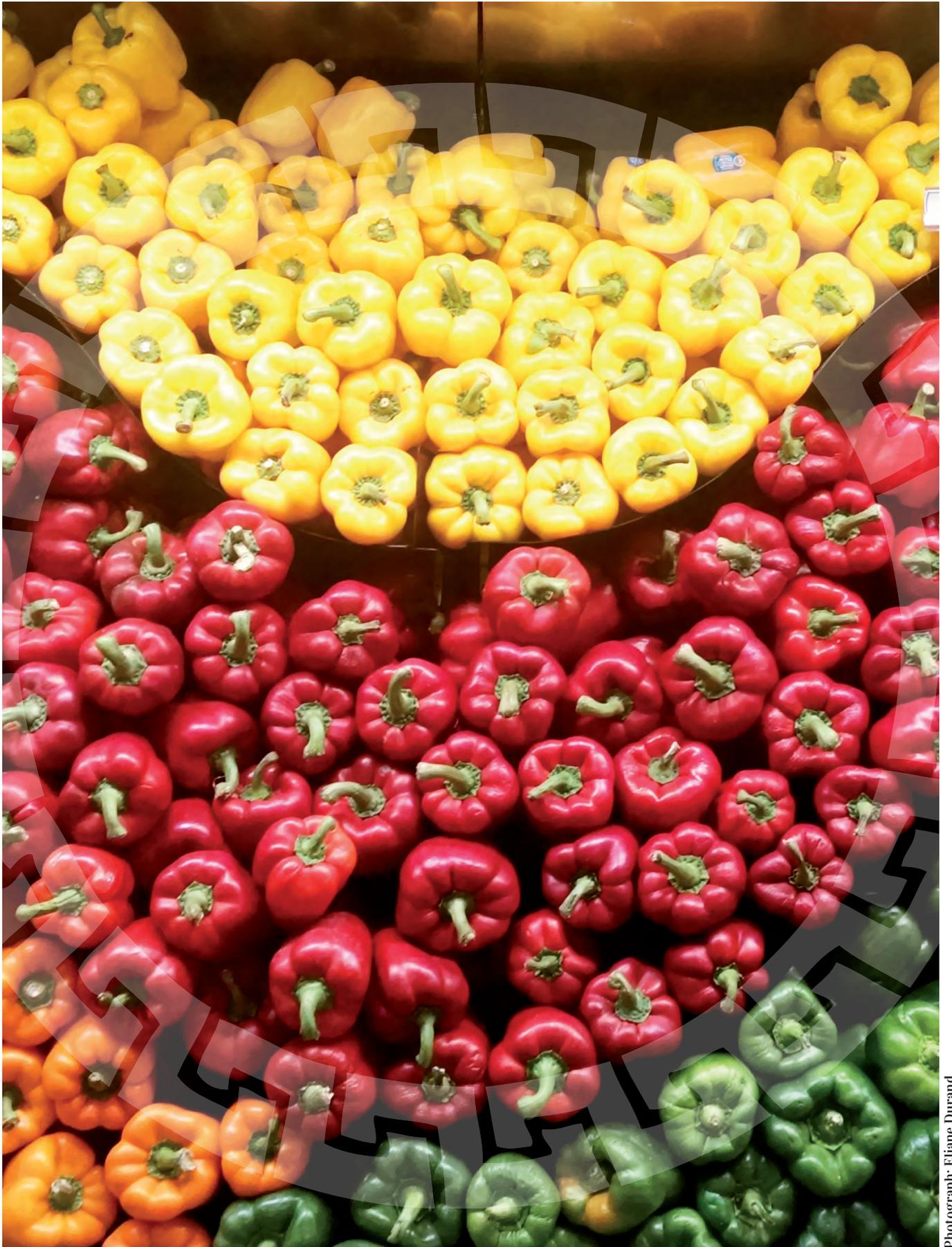
#### Visa:

Passport holders from more than 90 countries are entitled to a 180 day tourist visa upon arrival at airport immigration checkpoints. Visitors from another 100 countries must apply for visas through the more than 130 Mexican consulate offices around the World. For further information regarding entry requirements please visit [www.inm.gob.mx](http://www.inm.gob.mx).

#### Weather:

Mexico City enjoys a moderate year-round climate with average temperature of 59°. Daytime temperature highs range from the low 70°s in December to the low 90°s in May. This means events can be held outdoors in any month of the year.

- **On average:** November is the driest month. April is the warmest month. January is the coolest month. July is the wettest month.



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"Taste of colors". Mexicans peppers.

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