Information for Participants in the 2019 CAP Workshop in Mexico City

The 2019 Common Alerting Protocol (CAP) Implementation Workshop, 17-18 October, is hosted by Mexico City Secretariat of Integral Risk Management and Civil Protection. A CAP Train the Trainers session is all day on 16 October. Anyone interested in emergency alerting is welcome and there is no charge. The CAP Workshop and the CAP training session will be held in the all-purpose room of a Justice Superior Court of Mexico City building at Niños Héroes 121, Colonia Doctores 06720, Mexico City.

Mexico Entry Requirements
Travelers to Mexico must check their specific entry requirements which vary by nationality. This site shows a 2017 chart indicating that nationals of 67 countries holding normal passports did not require a visa to enter Mexico as tourists or business visitors. If you do need a visa, be sure to apply for the visa as early as possible.

Lodging Convenient to the Workshop Venue
There are many lodging options convenient to the workshop venue at Niños Héroes 121. In addition to a range of hotels, there are bed & breakfast and other lodgings in the Roma Norte area.

Transportation to Workshop Venue
Travellers are advised to use online mapping tools for directions to the Workshop venue. Uber is considered a good way to get around Mexico City.

Money, Electricity, and Internet Access
Currency in Mexico is the Mexican peso (MXN). Mexico electrical sockets are 120 volt, 60 Hz, and use plug types A and B (pictured right). Wireless Internet access is available in the Workshop venue.

Participants Must Inform the Program Committee
All persons attending the events must inform the Program Committee by e-mail to Eliot.J.Christian@GMail.com. A final List of Participants will be posted at the workshop website.

Public Broadcast and Press Coverage
The 2019 CAP Workshop on October 17 and 18 may be broadcast via Zoom. Members of the Press may also be present on those dates. Members of the Press are expected to so identify and to indicate their affiliations on their name badges. Materials posted on the workshop website are freely accessible and things said or presented during the Workshop can be used as background, but the Press is to obtain permission from the source before publishing attributed quotes.

Technical Meeting in English without Interpretation, Credentials Not Required
The CAP Workshop events are technical meetings conducted in English without interpretation. They are meetings among experts who participate by virtue of their expertise and interest, rather than as official delegates. Accordingly, credentials are not required, although to facilitate discussions participants are asked to identify their organizational affiliations.

Presentations and Topics of Discussion
An information flyer provides an overview of the events, including presentations and discussion topics. The CAP Implementation Workshop agenda is organized by the Program Committee, representing the host and the five co-sponsors: IAEM (Beth Armstrong), IFRC (Jessica Robbins), OASIS (Elysa Jones), ITU (Maritza Delgado), and WMO (Miriam Andrioli). Materials for the Workshop are posted on the workshop website.

CAP "Train the Trainers" session
On 16 October, in the same venue (Justice Superior Court of Mexico City), a CAP Train the Trainers session will be held. The training will cover: the basics of CAP and how it serves interoperability; getting and displaying CAP alerts from alerting authorities and aggregators; making and validating CAP; and, disseminating CAP via traditional methods, the Internet, and new media. Lessons can be downloaded from here in English. (The lessons in Spanish can be downloaded from here). Prior to this training, participants are encouraged to complete the online CAP Basics course.