



INFORMATION ON THE BAHAMAS **“It’s Better in the Bahamas”**

Geography of The Bahamas?

The Bahamas, officially the **Commonwealth of The Bahamas**, is an island country consisting of more than 700 islands sprinkled over 100,000 square miles of ocean starting just 50 miles off the coast of Florida. The archipelago is an ecological oasis featuring 2,000 breathtaking islands and cays and boasts the clearest water on the planet—with a visibility of over 200 feet.

Weather

The climate in the Bahamas is sub-tropical. In the islands there are basically two seasons: Wet and Dry. Average temperatures range between 70 to 90 degrees Fahrenheit. The Wet Season is from June through November which is also the hurricane season. The height of the tropical activity is traditionally between August and October. Brief heavy showers are common throughout the year.

Local Time

Standard Time Zone:	UTC/GMT -5 Hours
Daylight Savings Time	+1 Hour
Current Time Zone	UTC/GMT -4 Hours

DST started on Sunday, March 9, 2014 at 2:00 AM local standard time.
DST ends on Sunday, November 2, 2014 at 2:00 AM local daylight time.

*****DST – Daylight Savings Time**

Currency

The Bahamian Dollar is the currency of Bahamas

Symbol: BSD\$

Minor Unit: 1/100 = Cent

Coins: Freq Used: \$1, \$20, 1, 5, 25, 50



Banknotes: Freq Used: \$1, \$2, \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50, \$100

US\$1 = BSD\$1.00

Population

The population of **The Bahamas** is approximately 321,834 (August 2014 est.)

Language

English (Official). Some dialects of Creole are spoken among Haitian immigrants.

Recreation

For a full listing of things to do in Bahamas visit <http://www.bahamas.com/things-to-do>

Country Code

+1 242

Emergency Telephone Numbers

919

911

The Bahamas Ministry of Foreign Affairs

The Bahamas

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

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CANTO 2014 EVENT INFORMATION

Requirements for Entry into Bahamas

Entry requirements differ depending on what country you are a resident and citizen of. Visit the following link to find out the necessary documentation you will need to ensure a smooth entry into The Bahamas <https://www.bahamas.com/entry-requirements>

Vaccination Requirements

A **YELLOW FEVER VACCINATION CERTIFICATE** is required from travelers over age one arriving from countries with a risk of Yellow Fever transmission or having transited for more than 12 hours through the airport of a country with a risk of yellow fever transmission; as identified by the World Health Organization (WHO).

For a full listing of countries required to have a Yellow Fever Vaccination Certificate for entry into The Bahamas kindly visit: <http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/yellowbook/2014/chapter-3-infectious-diseases-related-to-travel/yellow-fever#4259>

*****American Airlines requires a Yellow Fever Vaccination Certificate for Trinidadians travelling to The Bahamas.**

CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA

Argentina	French Guiana	Peru
Bolivia	Guyana	Suriname
Colombia	Panama	Trinidad & Tobago
Ecuador	Paraguay	Venezuela

CANTO Recommended Hotel

Atlantis Paradise Island
 One Casino Drive
 Paradise Island, Bahamas
 Bahamas
 Telephone: 1-242-363-3000

Hotel Notices: Early Departure Fee

Attendees will be charged by the hotel – as liquidated damages and not a penalty – the amount equivalent to one (1) room night fee as compensation for the harm caused to Hotel by unscheduled early departures (an “Early Departure Fee”). An Early Departure Fee may only be charged if an attendee checks out of Hotel prior to the attendee’s scheduled departure date, without having notified Hotel by



12:00 midnight the day after check-in of the change in scheduled departure.

Dress Code

Opening Ceremony	Elegantly Casual
Conference	Business
Evening Networking Events	Elegantly Casual
Wednesday	Conference T-Shirt
HR Forum	Business
LACNIC in the Caribbean 5	As Specified

Important Rooms

CANTO Secretariat	
Registration	
Exhibition	
Conference	
Press Conference	

Registration Hours

*Delegates are **required** to check in onsite at the registration counter located at Registration Booth in **Conference Center***

Saturday 9th August 10:00am - 5:00pm
 Sunday 10th August 8:00am - 2:00pm
 Monday 11th August 8:00am - 2:00pm
 Tuesday 12th August 8:00am - 10:00am

Opening Ceremony

Sunday 10th August, 2014
 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

**Board of Directors Meeting
(Closed Meeting)**

Saturday 9th August
 10:00am – 4:00pm

**Committee Meetings
August, 2014**

Committee Meeting	Location	Time
Marketing & Communication		
Regulations & Emerging Technology		
Financial Advisory		



Disaster Preparedness		
Human Resource		
Corporate Social Responsibility		

BIIPAC Steering Committee Meeting

Lunch & Coffee Breaks

Food & Beverage will be served during the morning and afternoon coffee breaks located within the exhibition hall. Please see the Conference Agenda for meal times and the Exhibition Hall Layout for the location of coffee and lunch stations.

Exhibition Hours

Sunday 10 th	7:00 pm – 10:00 pm
Monday 11 th	1:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Tuesday 12 th	1:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Wednesday 13 th	1:00 pm – 6:00 pm **Open to Public

Internet

Social Sites

Twitter: @cantoICT
Twitter Hashtag: #CANTO2014
Facebook: www.facebook.com/Canto
YouTube: CANTOICT
LinkedIn: CANTO Caribbean

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