

To all IGCS 2019 Global Meeting Participants,

It is with great pleasure that Rio Convention & Visitors Bureau welcomes you to our marvelous destination for the upcoming IGCS Global Meeting in September.

Rio de Janeiro is a cosmopolitan city with more than 7 million inhabitants, being the second most populous municipality in Brazil. The city receives about 30% of the total number of tourists who visit the country and its International Airport is one of main gateways to Brazil for travelers from more than 80 countries, with 26 direct flights from main destinations around the globe and 22 air companies flying to Rio.

There are approximately 42.000 hotel rooms of all categories, 61 consular and commercial representations, well-equipped convention centers and full infrastructure to receive events of all sizes. The city has recently hosted with great success many important scientific events, as well as the world's largest sporting events such as the FIFA World Cup in 2014 and the Olympic Games in 2016.

In order to improve the security for residents and visitors the Government created the CICC - Integrated Center for Command and Control - a high-tech center working 24 hours a day with officers of eight different government institutions including the Municipal Guard, Civil Defense, Traffic Department, Military Police, Civil Police, Fire Department, Mobile Urgency Assistance, Federal Road Police. All together they control by cameras the main areas of the city and can solve very quickly issues of security, traffic, public order and medical urgencies.

In addition, amongst the government initiatives to grant security are the projects "Rio Presente" and "Rio + Seguro" which operates in areas of large tourist concentration reinforcing security with policeman and municipal guards that are retired or on day off duty. The implementation of these two projects have been reducing considerably the number of incidents, mainly in the Downtown and South Zone areas. Also, the operation of BPTUR (Rio's tourist Police) and the increase of police force in the streets have impacted positively in the quality of life of residents and tourists. Besides all the above measures, it is usual to have security reinforcement in areas where big events are taking place.

We are certain that these measures will further enhance security and wellbeing of all visitors in Rio de Janeiro and particularly the IGCS 2019 Global Meeting participants. It is of utmost priority to the city to provide a trouble-free and most pleasant experience to all our visitors.

Sincerely,

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