

# OECD-Conassif symposium on financial literacy

## INFORMATION NOTE

Hybrid event

24 May 2024  
San José, Costa Rica

Remote participation via Zoom is possible.



## Schedule and meeting information

The **OECD-Conassif symposium on financial literacy** will be held back-to-back with the **meetings of the Advisory Board, LAC Regional Network and Technical Committee of the OECD International Network on Financial Education (INFE)**. Information specific to OECD/INFE meetings is available to OECD/INFE full members on the member-only [online community](#).

The symposium will be followed by a drinks reception hosted by Conassif in the venue lobby.

### Symposium venue

Conassif HQ  
Central Bank's ODMs Building  
Avenida 13 y 17, C. 3A  
Barrio Tournón, San Jose  
(opposite the Headquarters of the Ministry of Labor and Social Security)

### Language

Simultaneous interpretation English-Spanish.

### Dress code

Business casual

### Documentation

The draft programme and speaker presentations will be available on the OECD public website at <http://www.oecd.org/financial/education>.

## Registration

Participation is by invitation only. Please register via the link in your invitation email before **6 May 2024** or contact [SecretariatINFE@oecd.org](mailto:SecretariatINFE@oecd.org) to request an invitation.

### On site participation

Registration is free but participants planning to participate in person are responsible for their own travel-related expenses.

### Remote participation

Near the meeting date, you will receive your personalised link to connect to the meetings that you are eligible to attend. Please note that each link is personal to you and should not be shared.

## Transportation

**20 to 26 May:** Complimentary airport transfers will be provided. **Participants attending in person are invited to provide their flight and accommodation details via this [online form](#) by 6 May.** Participants arriving or departing outside of these dates should organise their own transfers.

**24 May:** Transport will be provided between the recommended hotels (see below) and the venue (Conassif HQ) at fixed scheduled times. The list of scheduled times will be made available to in person participants in due course.

If you do not require airport transfers, please let us know via the [online form](#) and indicate where you will be staying for the purpose of planning transport between the recommended hotels and the venue. Thank you.

## Accommodation

Accommodation must be reserved and paid directly by participants. We have arranged preferential rates at the hotels listed below, but you are free to choose any other hotel. We recommend booking as soon as possible.

To book, please provide the following information along with the reference "INFE event":

- Full name
- Arrival and departure dates
- Room type (single or double room / one or two beds)
- Credit card number and expiration date (this is only a guarantee)

### 1. Crowne Plaza Corobici

The [Crowne Plaza Corobici](#) will serve as the venue for the meeting of the OECD/INFE Technical Committee on 23 May. It is located 16.6 km from the airport and 5.1 km from Conassif's Headquarters (INFE AB and LAC meetings and OECD-Conassif symposium venue on 22 and 24 May).

Transfer from the airport is US \$30 including tax (up to 4 people arriving on the same flight).

| Room category                       | Rate per Night   | Reservations   |
|-------------------------------------|--|--|
| Standard room<br>(single or double) | US \$139.00 plus 13% tax<br>Breakfast and Wi-Fi included | Ms. Ingrid Arquín<br><a href="mailto:Ingrid.arquin@corobicicp.co.cr">Ingrid.arquin@corobicicp.co.cr</a> ;<br>Tel.: 506 2543 6010 |

### 2. Hilton Sabana

The [Hilton Sabana](#) is a no-smoking hotel, 14.8 km from the airport and 7.7 km from Conassif's Headquarters.

Transfer from the airport is US \$35 plus 13% tax (up to 3 people).

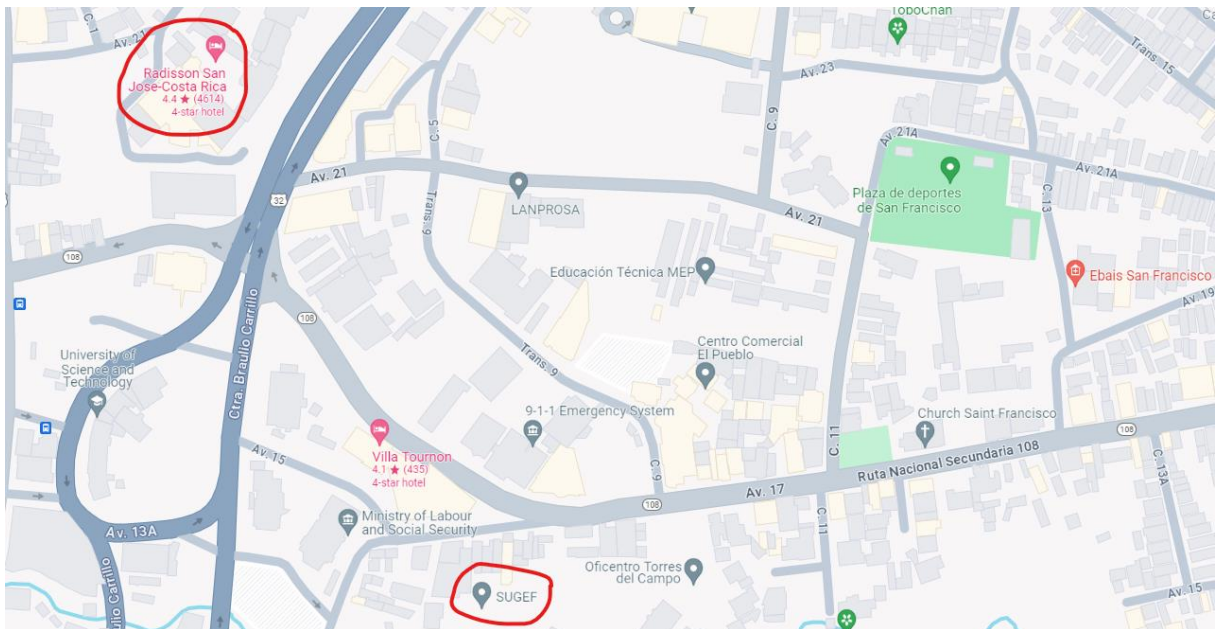
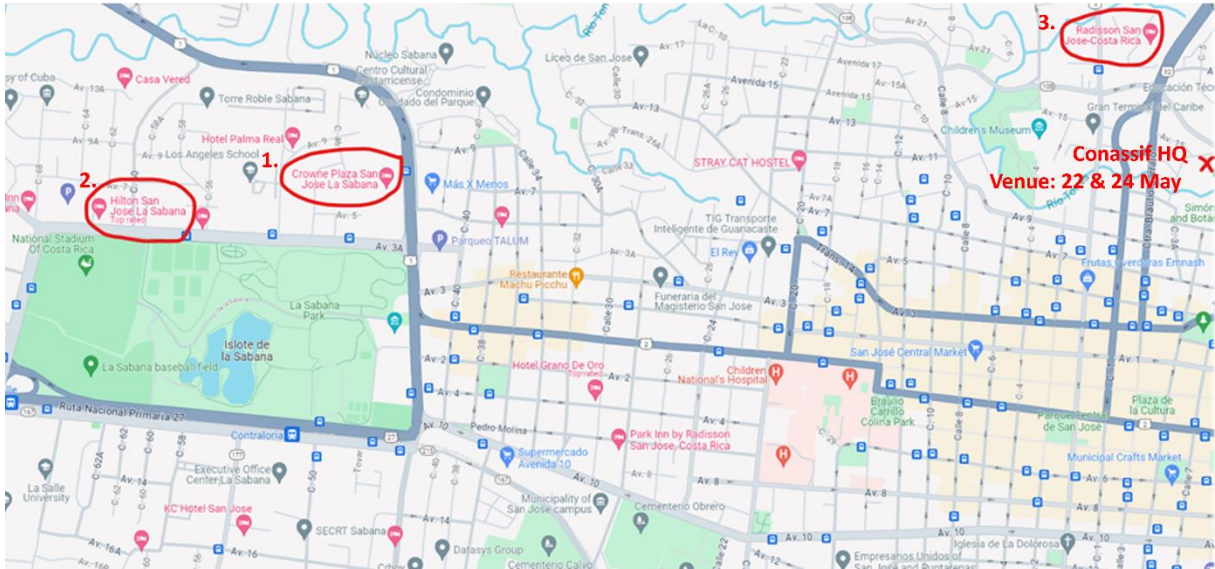
| Room category              | Rate per Night   | Reservations   |
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| Single room<br>Double room | US \$189 plus 13% tax<br>US \$209 plus 13% tax<br>Breakfast included | Ms. Johanna Rodríguez<br><a href="mailto:Johanna.Rodriguez@Hilton.com">Johanna.Rodriguez@Hilton.com</a> ;<br>Tel.: 506 2520 6025 or<br>506 7106 4676 |

### 3. Radisson San Jose

The [Radisson San Jose](#) is located 11.9 km from the airport and just 500 metres from Conassif's Headquarters.

Transfer from the airport is US \$35 including tax (up to 2 people).

| Room category                       | Rate per Night                             | Reservations   |
|-------------------------------------|--|--|
| Standard room<br>(single or double) | US \$85 plus 13% tax<br>Breakfast included | Ms. Yorleni Cano<br><a href="mailto:ycano@radisson.co.cr">ycano@radisson.co.cr</a> ;<br>Tel.: 506 2010 6014;<br>WhatsApp 506 8828 4329 |



## Enquiries

### OECD/INFE meetings and Symposium

OECD/INFE Secretariat  
 Email: [SecretariatINFE@oecd.org](mailto:SecretariatINFE@oecd.org)

### Local organisational matters and visa information

Mr. Cristian Vega ([vegacc@sugef.fi.cr](mailto:vegacc@sugef.fi.cr)) and  
 Ms. Isabel Tan ([tanci@sugeval.fi.cr](mailto:tanci@sugeval.fi.cr))

## Getting there

Juan Santamaría International Airport (IATA:SJO) is located approx. 16 km from the Crowne Plaza Corobici.

### Transfer by public transportation

There is a bus stop across from International Arrivals (approx. 100 metres away, behind the parking lot) on the route "Alajuela to San José" (must ask the driver) that have a stop right next to Crowne Plaza Corobici (45 minutes depending on traffic). The cost is approx. US \$1.5 payable in local currency directly to the driver.

### Transfer via taxi

The charge from the airport to the city centre is usually around US \$50.00 and payable directly to the driver. The service can be arranged directly at the counters in International Arrivals (right after custom check).

## Places of interest around San José

Costa Rica is a tourist destination with dozens of beaches, active volcanos, spring waters, national parks, and other places of interest within a few hours from its capital San José. For more information, please visit the website <https://www.visitcostarica.com/en>.

## Practical information

### Vaccination requirement

A **Yellow Fever vaccination** certificate is required on arrival from all travelers 9 months of age and older coming from a country with risk of Yellow Fever transmission. The vaccination requirement is imposed to protect against Yellow Fever since the principal mosquito vector *Aedes aegypti* is present in the territory. **Note:** Vaccination is required 10 days prior to your arrival date.

### Covid-19

There are currently no COVID-19-related entry restrictions in Costa Rica. Covid-19 related certifications are no longer required to enter the country.

### Insurance

You are strongly advised to have travel or medical insurance in case of any emergency that requires medical attention or other forms of assistance during this trip.

The organisers do not provide any medical insurance coverage for travelling to and participating in these events and therefore do not warrant or accept any responsibility relating to medical and injury claims.

If required, the hotel will assist with emergency medical attention at the venue of the event (first aid and paramedic attention). Should medical attention be required, there are two public medical facilities near the venue of the activity: Hospital San Juan de Dios and Hospital Mexico (both 10 minutes away).

Emergency number is 911.

### Weather

As a tropical country, Costa Rica only has a dry season and a rainy season. May usually marks the beginning of the rainy season although we are currently under the dry effects of "El Niño". Temperatures in San José may vary from 16° to 27° Celsius (60.8° to 80.6° Fahrenheit). For more information, please consult the weather forecast issued by the [National Institute of Meteorology](#).

## Electricity

For Costa Rica there are two associated plug types:



Costa Rica operates on a 110V supply voltage.

## Taxes

Costa Rica has a value-added tax (VAT) rate of 13%.

## Time Zone

Costa Rica time zone is UTC/GMT – 6 hours.

## Currency Exchange

The local currency is the Colon and is priced approximately at ₡507 for USD \$1.00. If you want to exchange currency, you can preferably do it at any bank located near the venue of the event.

## Credit/Debit Cards

Credit cards are widely accepted throughout Costa Rica, especially Visa, Mastercard and American Express. Before making your purchase, find out with the staff of the shop if your specific credit card will be accepted. Some commercial establishments also accept payments in US Dollars.

## Language

Costa Rica's language is Spanish.

## Water

Tap water in Costa Rica is drinkable.

## Restaurants and Tipping

Tipping is discretionary. Restaurants usually include a service charge, and these is always clearly stated on the menus. The usual tip amount is about a 10%, but the size of the tip should be according to the degree of your satisfaction with the services rendered.

## Liquor and Smoking Laws

Alcohol can be purchased and consumed in restaurants, bars and supermarkets during their opening hours without restrictions.

Smoking is prohibited in all public places, including Conassif's premises.