



# Pact Network Connect 2025

## Welcome pack

### About

Welcome to Mexico! We hope that you had an enjoyable journey and that you will gain lots of valuable insights from the event. The agenda is a full one, with more details provided in this pack, along with contact numbers for the WRAP team should you need to get in touch. Have a great event!

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### Arrival in Mexico

If your flight route requires you to transit a third country, please ensure you have the appropriate transit visa. For instance, all passengers transiting through the US require an [ESTA](#) (or full visa) as you will pass through US immigration before taking your connecting flight.

Individual invitation letters have been provided which you may present at immigration if required.

**You will need to arrange your own taxi from Mexico City Airport to the Holiday Inn Trade Center** (unless you are arriving on Monday and travelling directly with the group to the Hacienda, from the airport collection point). It is recommended to pre-book a taxi via the hotel or using another reputable service e.g. Uber. Please note that there are multiple Holiday Inn hotels in Mexico City, so please check the address carefully:

#### Hotel Holiday Inn Trade Center

Av Revolucion #583 Ciudad de Mexico, Ciudad de México 03800 Mexico

<https://www.ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/gb/en/mexico/mextc/hoteldetail>

### Joining instructions

Based on the information you provided in the travel form we have arranged group transport for you from Mexico City to the main workshop venue Hacienda de Cortes in Cuernavaca.

- For those of you staying at the Holiday Inn Trade Centre for 1 night (19 January), your transfer will depart from the hotel at 12.30pm on Monday 20 January.
- For those arriving on Monday, your transfer will depart from Mexico City Airport, we will be in touch with you individually to confirm the exact pick-up location.

Please refer to this list to check which option you are booked on: [Pact Network Connect 2025 | WRAP](#).

## Dress code

### Main workshop at Hacienda de Cortes (Mon 20 to Thurs 23 January)

Business casual

### Site visit (morning Thurs 23 January)

Casual, with sturdy footwear. The site visit will go to Huerto Roma Verde in Central District of Mexico City and BAMX's food bank housed within the market, Banco de Alimentos de la Central de Abastos.

### Reception event (evening Thurs 23 January)

Smart casual with a sustainable twist i.e. slightly smarter than daytime attire

The sustainable twist could be a second-hand item, something that has been repaired or repurposed, etc.

Bring with you:

- **Lightweight clothing** for daytime.
- **Warmer layers** for cooler evenings.
- **Comfortable footwear** for walking and site visits.
- **Sun protection:** Although not as intense as in summer, the sun can still be strong, so bring a sun hat, sunscreen, and sunglasses.
- **Leisure wear** – there may be opportunities for sports before/after the workshop sessions e.g. running, yoga and swimming.
- **Water bottle:** Stay hydrated, especially when exploring outdoor sites. Please avoid drinking tap water.
- **Battery pack:** Helpful for long days out when phone charging options may be limited.
- **Torch:** Useful if venturing into areas with limited lighting or for emergency use.

## Contacts

We have set up a WhatsApp group to easily communicate with delegates while we are in Mexico. Please join the group using this link (contact us if you have any issues joining):

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/FSM5ym3P5U97DdYonxXTH6>

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### Other useful numbers

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## Itinerary

The workshop will be held in a traditional Mexican Hacienda on the outskirts of Cuernavaca in Morelos state which is approximately 1.5 hours outside Mexico City.

**Hacienda de Cortés**

Plaza Kennedy 90, Col. Atlacomulco,  
Jiutepec, Morelos. C.P. 62560, México  
<https://hotelhaciendadecortes.com.mx/en>

You can download a copy of the detailed [agenda here](#). Below is an outline of the running order for the topics:

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January**

Context Setting.

Our World: Presentations by each Pact.

World Cafe: Discussions on core Pact topics (TMA, stakeholder engagement, behaviour change, farm loss).

Fundraising and building value propositions for Pact members.

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January**

Reflections

Tackling our shared challenges.

Creating our Network community.

Preparation for the next day's pitch session.

Value Chain activity.

Discussion on opportunities for Collective Impact.

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January**

Site visit.

Pitch Session.

Q&A with the philanthropy sector.

Evening reception (in Mexico City).

## Health and safety considerations

Reminder of recommended actions:

Other recommended actions:

- Subscribe to applicable travel updates and safety alerts available through your organisation's travel insurance and/or your country's consular services.
- Check that your mobile phone will operate in Mexico and check data/roaming limits. You can get local SIM cards at the airport if necessary.
- Save emergency numbers for your organisation's travel insurance provider and for your country's Embassy on your phone
- Download and register with Uber/Didi app. Uber and Didi are widely used in Mexico.
- Limit travel to daylight hours when possible.
- It is recommended for safety reasons to ask the hotel to pre-book your taxis, especially for your arrival into Mexico, as the hotel will know when to expect your arrival.
- Check your organisation's travel insurance coverage and follow the equivalent travel advice from your government.
- Add 'In case of emergency' (ICE) contact details in your phone contacts
- Store a copy of your passport in a secure drive that you or colleagues/family members can access
- Contactless and card payments are widely accepted throughout Mexico City. However, in more local areas or smaller businesses, cash is often the only accepted form of payment.

Therefore, it is advisable to carry some cash for those situations, but avoid exchanging large amounts. The best place to exchange money is at the airport, as it typically offers reliable currency exchange services.

## Departing Mexico

Please arrange your own taxi from Hotel Laila to the airport. There are no formal activities planned for Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January so you may depart at any time.

### Laila Hotel Reforma

Río Lerma #237 esq. Río Mississippi Col. Cuauhtémoc C.P. 06500 CDMX

<https://www.lailahotels.com/en/>

## Meals

The following meals will be provided:

	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner
Mon 20 Jan	[Hotel rate includes breakfast]*	-	Yes
Tues 21 Jan	Hotel rate includes breakfast	Yes	Yes
Wed 22 Jan	Hotel rate includes breakfast	Yes	Yes
Thurs 23 Jan	Hotel rate includes breakfast	Yes	Yes (canapés)
Fri 24 Jan	[Hotel rate includes breakfast]*	-	-

\*Subject to your travel arrangements

## Reminder! Grant funding

Grant funding claimed by pacts attending this event is intended for costs of flights to/from Mexico City. In order to evidence pact attendance, delegates are required to sign the attendance sheet each day of the 3 days of the conference. Failure to do so could result in grant monies being requested to be returned.

For those that have not claimed their grant money yet, please note that claims will not be accepted after 28 February 2025. Payments will be made in Pound Sterling.

## Communications

As an attendee of Pact Network Connect 2025, and committed member of the Plastics Pact Network, you're playing a key role in shaping the future of our global plastic system. We've prepared a marketing toolkit to help you raise awareness of the important work you're doing and share your attendance at the event. Inside the short toolkit you'll find key messages and designed social media templates. Download the toolkit now on the [Pact Network Connect event webpage](#).

## More information

We have set up an [event webpage](#) which will contain useful documents for the workshop including this pack, the agenda, etc.

Questions? Please email us at [sachi.shah@wrap.org](mailto:sachi.shah@wrap.org) for help or with any queries.