22nd Working Party on Data Collection and Statistics (WPDCS22)
24-28 November 2026
and
29th Scientific Committee Meeting (SC29)
30 November - 4 December 2026

SAN SEBASTIAN, SPAIN

1. Meeting dates and venue

The WPDCS will be held from the 24-28 November 2026, from 09:00 to 17:00 daily.

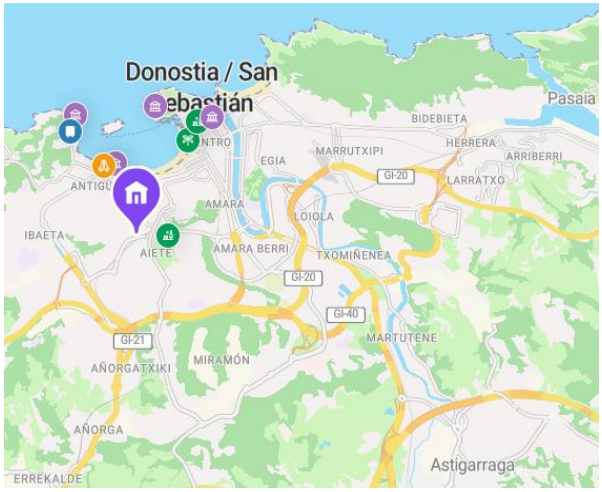
The Scientific Committee Meeting will be held from the 30 November-4 December 2026, from 09:00 to 17:00 daily.

The venue for the meetings will be

THE BARCELÓ COSTA VASCA

Avenida De Pio Baroja, 15, Antiguo, San Sebastian, Spain





2. Contacts

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3. Funding

IOTC Meeting Participation Fund (MPF)

The participation of up to **one** representative from developing Members of the IOTC may be supported through the IOTC Meeting Participation Fund (MPF). The applications for the MPF, must be received by the IOTC Secretariat (iotc-secretariat@fao.org) no later than:

WPDCS 10 October 2026

SC: 16 October 2026

Rules of procedure for the administration of the IOTC Meeting Participation Fund as well as guidelines for applying to the MPF can be found in Appendix VIII of the IOTC Rules of Procedure (2023). Please be reminded that there is no provision in the IOTC Rules of Procedure (2023) for the IOTC Secretariat to consider late applications to the MPF.

NOTE – this 45-day deadline will be strictly enforced.

4. Arrival and entry formalities

For further information regarding Visa, please follow this link.

ETIAS (COMING SOON) Expected: end of 2026. Please check online.

5. Accommodation options

VENUE: THE BARCELÓ COSTA VASCA

Below are the reservation procedures, terms and conditions to make a booking at the Hotel Barcelo Costa Vasca:

CODE **WPDCS2026** is valid for stays from November 23 to November 28, 2026.

Fixed rate: bed-and-breakfast basis, **SUPERIOR DOUBLE** 110€ - **SUPERIOR INDIVIDUAL** 90€

CODE **CS2026** is valid for stays from November 29 to December 4, 2026.

Fixed rate: bed-and-breakfast basis, **SUPERIOR DOUBLE** 110€ - **SUPERIOR INDIVIDUAL** 90€

Other Accommodation options:

NH Collection Aránzazu
https://www.nh-collection.com/en

Hotel Arrizul Catedral
https://www.hotelarrizulcatedral.com/

Ilunion San Sebastian
https://www.ilunionhotels.com/en

Arrizul Congress
https://www.hotelarrizulcongress.com/en/

Zenit – Convento San Martín
https://conventosanmartin.zenithoteles.com/en/

Sercotel – San Sebastián
https://www.sercotelhotelles.com/en/city/san-sebastian.es

6. Transportation

No Transportation will be provided to and from the meeting venue.

7. Dress code

The dress code for the meeting is Smart Casual.

8. INTERPRETATION

Both meetings will be held in English and French and **simultaneous interpretation will be provided for the Scientific Committee (SC) meeting only**.

9. Electricity

Spain operates on a standard voltage of 230V at 50Hz. The socket types used in Spain are Type C and Type F



Spain Type C plug and socket



Spain Type F plug and socket

10. Internet

Wi-Fi will be available in the conference area. Internet service outside the conference will be at participants' own expense.

12. Tourism, Climate and Additional Information

Information on tourism and other information are available at:

https://sansebastianturismoa.eus/en/