Frequently asked questions about the DISES in Cusco, Peru conference:
DISES Conference Home Page

- **Program and Presentation:**
  - **Can we let you know when we would like to present?** We have a team working on the program. They will do their best to accommodate, however, nothing is guaranteed. Once the program is complete a draft will be sent to all presenters to confirm information is correct.
  - **Presentation materials:** You are welcome to use the template for your presentation– these have been designed with accessibility in mind (font size, content, etc.)
    - DISES Presentation Slide Deck template
    - DISES Poster template Recommended size: 4ft x 3ft or 91cm x122cm.
- **Registration:**
  - **How much is registration for international and local attendees?**
    - All registration information can be found at the DISES Website: DISES Conference 2026

- **DISES WhatsApp Group**: We've created two DISES in Cusco 2026 WhatsApp Groups to share important information and announcements related to the conference. To be added to the groups, click on the links below or contact Anna Hart at: drannahartaz@gmail.com.

  Cusco2026 Information and Announcements - This group is to receive information and announcements only. Members will not be able to comment in this group.

  Cusco 2026 Group Chat - This group is a group chat where you will be able to connect with other attendees, ask questions, and get information about the trip and conference.

- **Scholarships and Sponsorship:**
  - **Can I sponsor an individual to attend?** Yes, you can donate the amount using the registration link and email info@dises-cec.org and Jennifer Ward at jlward@svsu.edu to ensure registration is paid for a certain individual.
  - **How do I apply for a scholarship?**
    - **To give:** Submit donation to our registration website or contact Jennifer Ward at jlward@svsu.edu

        - **To apply to receive:** Complete the DISES Scholarship Application Form
- **Cancellation Policy:** Cusco 2026 Cancellation Policy
- **Altitude Sickness:**
    - Due to Cusco's high elevation, some people may be affected by altitude sickness. Acetazolamide is the main medicine for altitude sickness. This can be obtained from a doctor's prescription or bought over the counter for less than a dollar at a local pharmacy in Peru. It's important to keep hydrated and drink coca tea (mate de coca). Sleep well prior to travel as well as the first night in Peru. Keep in mind that consuming alcohol may have a stronger effect at high altitude.

- **Lodging**
    - The deadline for reserving a room under the DISES room block has passed. If you need help finding hotels or accommodations, contact Michael Cipoletti at ikecip@fneinternational.org or WhatsApp: +18572050236.
- **Airport Transfer in Cusco:** The best way to get from the airport in Cusco to your hotel is by private transfer. If you would like FNE International to arrange airport pick-up and drop-off at your hotel please complete this form by July 1. Cusco Airport Transfer
- **Pre-conference events:**
    - **Pre-conference excursions:** Friday, July 10th, day trip to Pisac. Transportation will be provided at a cost to each participant. Guests are welcome. Once in Pisac, you are free to explore on your own. Pisac Day Trip Sign- Up **(Sign-up by June 21)**
    - **Welcome Reception:** DISES will host a welcome reception for all conference attendees and guests on Friday, July 10th from 6:00-8:00. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. Welcome Reception RSVP **(Sign-up by July 1)**
- **Travel logistics:**
    - **Money:** Travelers checks are not recommended. The exchange rate is better if you exchange in Peru. ATMS are easily available and credit cards are accepted most places, with the exception of American Express (American Express is not widely accepted). Markets are generally cash only and do not accept credit cards.
    - **Visa:** Although DISES does not provide VISA requirements (they change by country and throughout the year), we do recommend that you check with your country's Visa policy. For the United States you should be able to find this information on Visa Requirements for U.S. Citizens Traveling Abroad.
    - **Travel Insurance:** DISES is not responsible for injury or illness during the conference. We recommend you purchase travel insurance.
    - **Vaccines/Medication:** Please check with your medical professionals to find out which vaccines and medication you need. This will depend on where you plan to travel.
    - **Safety:** Please remember to be safe as you are in a new country. We recommend you stay within the safety of the hotel/conference center grounds, especially after dark. We would also recommend you utilize vetted tour companies. At the conference, quality food is available.

    - **Flights:** All flights to Cusco are via Lima. There are several flights per day from Lima to Cusco.
- **How to Become a DISES member?**
    - Sign up to become a member on our DISES website.
- **Accommodations/Support:** Please complete the attendee form by May 1st to ensure all accommodations are met to the extent possible.
    a. Mobility, Hearing, and Visual: We ask all presentations to use the closed captioning function. Any requests for accommodations can be submitted at the link below.
    b. Food allergies: Based on the attendee form, we will do our best to select food that meets the needs of our attendees. Any dietary requests can be submitted at the link below.
    c. Spanish/English translation: If you plan to present in Spanish or would like English to Spanish translation for presentations and sessions please indicate on the form linked below.
    d. Any accommodations requests can be submitted here: DISES Cusco 2026 Accommodations Requests
- **Presentations: Support for presentations includes:**
    a. Breakout Room/Workshops/: Wifi, screen and projector. **Presenters are responsible for bringing their own dongle if needed to connect your laptop**.
    b. You will be responsible for printing and displaying your poster at the event. Recommended size: 4ft x 3ft or 91cm x122cm.
- **Excursions**

  Saturday, July 11 - San Pedro Market (no cost to join, only pay for what you purchase)
  Sunday, July 12 - Sacsayhuaman Ruins Sign-up for Sacsayhuman Ruins **(Sign-up by June 21)**
  Monday, July 13 - School visits (for conference participants only)
    a. Sign up information coming soon.
    b. Not included in the conference fee, paid for by attendees
    c. Excursion prices vary
    d. Guests are welcome to all excursions (with the exception of the school site visits), but you must sign them up. A list of all excursions will be sent out to confirm you and your guests.
    e. Limited space.

- **Conference Materials: Will conference materials be available after the conference?**
  Yes!
    a. Conference Proceedings (Peer Review Publication)
    b. DISES website resources

- **Can you provide a list of things to do after the conference participants who choose to stay longer can explore Peru?** Contact Michael Cipoletti to arrange tours or other opportunities: ikecip@fneinternational.org or WhatsApp: +18572050236
- **Post-conference service project -** If you're interested in participating in a post-conference service project (tentatively scheduled for Wednesday-Saturday), contact Michael Cipoletti by May 1. ikecip@fneinternational.org or WhatsApp: +18572050236
- **Volunteering with FNE International** - FNE International is partnering with DISES to host the 2026 Conference in Cusco. For more information about the organization or to volunteer with FNE, check out their website: FNE International Volunteer with FNE International
- **Machu Picchu** -If you are interested in learning more about visiting Machu Picchu, contact Michael Cipoletti to see about availability at ikecip@fneinternational.org or WhatsApp: +18572050236. Spaces are limited.