Workshop on tourism statistics for CIS countries

Jointly organized by the United Nations Statistics Division, National Bureau of Statistics of the Republic of Moldova and UNDP Office in Moldova, Chisinau, 29 June – 2 July 2010

INFORMATION NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS

I. GENERAL

Date and Venue

The Workshop on tourism statistics for CIS countries is scheduled to be held in the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) premises, Chisinau, Republic of Moldova, from **29 June to 2 July 2010**.

Registration & Identification Badges

Participants are requested to register and obtain meeting badges at the Registration Counter, located on the 8th floor, NBS building, between 8:00 AM to 8:30 AM on the opening day of the meeting. Participants who are not able to register during the time indicated above are requested to do it during coffee breaks. Only the names of duly registered participants will be included in the list of participants.

Seminar presentations:

3. Contributions such as written documents and PowerPoint presentations should be forwarded to UNSD at the e-mail addresses: tradeserv@un.org as soon as possible but at least by 20 June.

The presentations (including time for questions) will normally be limited to 20 minutes.

Address of the conference room and facilities:

The Workshop will be conducted in the Conference Hall within the premises of NBS

Address of the NBS is:

Grenoble street 106

Chisinau, MD 2019

The conference room is located on the 8th floor. The room is equipped for PowerPoint presentations.

Coffee breaks and lunch will be assured by the organizers.

Working languages:

English and Russian. Simultaneous interpretation from/into those two languages will be provided.

Arrival at the Airport

Please complete the *attached* hotel reservation form including the exact date of your arrival to and departure from Chisinau, the host authorities will make hotel reservations in the Vila-Verde Hotel and Codru Hotel. Please send the form as specified in the hotel reservation form.

Otherwise, if you choose to book some other hotels than the "Vila-Verde" and "Codru" hotels, you are requested to book it by yourself.

Transportation for all participants from the airport/railway station to the hotels on their arrival and back to the airport/railway station on their departure will be provided by Moldavian side according to the information from the Hotel Reservation Form.

II. ACCOMMODATION

There are lots of hotels and guesthouses in Chisinau Capital, Republic of Moldova.

For accommodation we recommend the following hotels:

1. "**Vila Verde**" **Hotel**. Vila Verde Hotel & Tourist Complex is situated at 7-10 minutes distance walk from the NBS. Hotel represented by an ensemble of 3 buildings with terraces, with Paintings Gallery inside and located at 10 minutes drive from downtown, in a newly built residence area. All of rooms are equipped with wireless internet, telephone with international access, satellite tv, safe, minibar, working table with lamp, air conditioning and heating. The room rates per night (breakfast included) are provided in the table below:

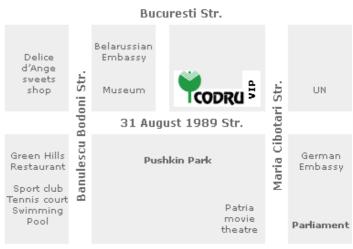


Room rates in Vila Verde Hotel

Type of room	Room rate ¹⁾
Single standard	50€
Double standard	60€

¹⁾ The reduced rate for participants is: single -48 Euro and double -55 Euro <u>if it is reserved before 4 June</u> <u>2010</u>.

2. "Codru" Hotel. Staying at "CODRU" means being in the very heart of the city, in an important business district and in a favorable location: overlooking the central park. "CODRU" is ideally positioned for work meetings and for those who wish to enjoy their free time. It is just a short walk to the residency of the President, Parliament and Government buildings, National Historical Museum, Museum of Fine Arts, Ethnographical Museum, museums, theatres, cinemas, shopping areas, sport and nightclubs. The guest rooms have the view to the Central Park and the Republican Palace. All rooms are equipped with air conditioning, telephone, cable tv and internet access. The room rates per night (breakfast included) are provided in the table below:



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Room rates in Codru Hotel

Type of room	Room rate ¹⁾
Single standard	125€
Double standard	145€

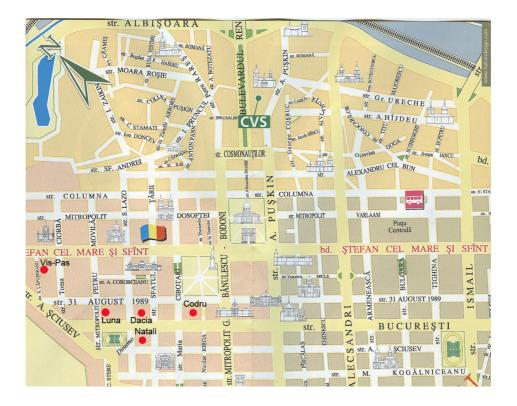
¹⁾ The reduced room rate is: single – 79 Euro and double – 89 Euro correspondingly – However this reduced rate will be <u>applicable only if the reservation is made before 11 June 2010.</u>

Room details can be seen at the hotel web page: www.codru.md/?action=show&cat=3&lang=2120

Payments for rooms, meals and services participants will have to make to the hotel themselves. Hotels accepts cash (local currency) and main credit cards. Check out at 12.00.

In case of choosing the other hotels than the Codru and Vila-Verde, participants are required to book their own hotel accommodation. You can book a hotel by yourself with the information below.

- Hotel "Dacia" http://www.hotel-dacia.com/cost.html
- Hotel "Luna" -Http://www.allmoldova.com/index.php?action=viewfirm&id=1071751814&page=1074520013&lng=eng
- Hotel "Vis-Pas" http://www.vispas.com/en/rooms_and_rates.html
- Hotel "Natali" <u>http://en.villanatali.com/accomodation</u>



III. VISA INFORMATION

Moldovan entry visa is not required for citizens of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Ukraine, Member States of the European Union, Canada, Iceland, Japan, Norway, Switzerland, and USA, who do not intend to stay in Moldova for more than 90 days. Citizens of other countries (Turkmenistan etc.) can enter to Moldova with both an invitation and visa documents. For details see www.mfa.gov.md/consular-information/visas-to-moldova/.

IV. WEATHER

For information please visit - http://www.gismeteo.ru/city/legacy/?city=4980

V. CURRENCY

The local currency is Moldovan Lei (1 Euro \approx 16.89 Lei, 1 US\$ \approx 12.59 Lei). It is advised to bring Euro or US dollars for exchange at many exchange offices. Standard credit cards (VISA, Eurocard and MasterCard) are accepted by ATMs and in larger shops. For more information about the exchange rate please visit http://bnm.md/ru/official_exchange_rates or www.statistica.md.

INFORMATION ABOUT MOLDOVA AND CHISINAU:

http://www.turism.md/eng

http://www.moldova.md

http://www.allmoldova.com/