INFORMATION NOTE

3rd MEETING OF THE INTER-AGENCY AND EXPERT GROUP ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL INDICATORS

Mexico City, Mexico
30th March-1st April, 2016
Date and Venue

From 30th March to 1st April, 2016 in Mexico City, Mexico.

The venue will be in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Av. Juárez #20, Col. Centro, Delegación Cuauhtémoc, 06010, Ciudad de México, México) http://www.sre.gob.mx/

Working languages

The sessions will take place in English.

Requirements to enter Mexico

On the following web page you will find a list of countries whose nationals require a visa to enter Mexico: http://www.inm.gob.mx/index.php/page/Paises_Visa

It is recommended that all participants contact the closest Mexican Embassy or Consulate in their country or region in order to verify if they need a visa.

On the following web page you will find the requirements and schedules to apply and obtain the visa: http://www.inm.gob.mx/index.php/page/Solicitud_de_Autorizacion_Visas

List of the Mexican Embassies abroad:
http://directorio.sre.gob.mx/index.php/embajadas-de-mexico-en-el-exterior

List of Consulates in Mexico:
http://directorio.sre.gob.mx/index.php/consulados-de-mexico-en-el-exterior

Access to the venue

The Mexican Government recommends entrance through the Mexico City International Airport “Benito Juarez”.

For more information regarding the Mexico City International Airport, please visit: http://www.aicm.com.mx/
Weather and dress code

During March, the maximum temperature in Mexico City is 19-22°C (67°F) and the minimum is 4-8°C (40°F). Please note that there is a high chance of light precipitation. For more information, please visit:

https://weather.com/es-US/tiempo/hoy/l/Ciudad+de+Mexico+DF+M%C3%A9xico+MXDF0132:1:MX
https://weather.com/weather/today/l/Mexico+City+Mexico+MXDF0132:1:MX

The dress code for the event will be casual business or national attire.

Voltage

In Mexico City the voltage is of 120 volts and a frequency of 60Hz. The power sockets are mainly type A (two flat parallel pins). In order to use personal appliances with a three prong electrical cord plug we suggest taking a converter with you. If your electronics require 220 volts, you will need a voltage adaptor.

Local currency and Exchange rate

The national currency is the Mexican peso (MXN) that circulates in 20, 50, 100, 200, 500 and 1,000 peso bills; 1, 2, 5, 10, and 20 peso coins, as well as 10, 20, and 50 cent coins. The US dollar, Canadian dollar, and Euro are accepted in all money exchange houses in the country. Bills and travelers checks can be changed in banks and exchange houses. Please note that foreign currencies cannot be used to purchase locally, however the majority of establishments accept credit cards, such as Visa and MasterCard.

The exchange rate is flexible and fluctuating. For instance, 28th January, 2016 the exchange rate was:

1 USD = 18.45MXN

For more information please visit:
Lodging

The following hotels are recommended due to their proximity to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (this note will be updated with information on special rates for meeting participants if and when that information becomes available):

- Hilton Mexico City Reforma
  - Avenida Juárez 70, Col. Centro
  - Mexico City, 06010
  - +52-55-5130-5300

- Howard Johnson Hotel Alameda Mexico City
  - Revillagigedo No. 23, Col Centro
  - Mexico City, 06050
  - +52-55-5518-1150

- Boutique Hotel Cortes
  - Av. Hidalgo 85 Esq. Paseo de la Reforma, Col. Centro Mexico City, 06300
  - +52-55-5518-2181

- Fiesta Inn Centro Histórico
  - Av. Juárez #76, Col. Centro,
  - Mexico City, 06010

- ONE Mexico City Alameda
  - Plaza Juárez #88, Col. Centro,
  - Mexico City, 06600
  - [http://www.onehoteles.com/es/web/one-ciudad-de-mexico-alameda](http://www.onehoteles.com/es/web/one-ciudad-de-mexico-alameda)

- Fiesta Americana Reforma
  - Av. Paseo de la Reforma #80,
  - Col. Juárez, Mexico City 06600
Ground transportation

Each government or organization is responsible for their participants’ transportations from their country of origin to Mexico City. For air travelers, Mexico City International Airport (MEX) is the best available option to arrive to Mexico; it has two terminals for domestic and international flights. Taxi is the safest way to travel from the International Airport (MEX). This service can be found at the entrances of the national and international arrivals in Terminals 1 and 2. In both cases, taxi tickets can be purchased in the modules located near the arrivals gates and in the walkway area. Rates are posted in a visible place and are authorized by the Ministry of Communications and Transportation.

For more information visit: http://www.aicm.com.mx/pasajeros/transporte/taxis

Local time

The local time in Mexico City is GMT-6 hours.

Telephone dialing

To dial by phone to Mexico from abroad, the country code is (52) and the local area code is 55.

The national long distance code is 01.

If you are dialing from Mexico, in order to call the United States or Canada the long distance code is 001, for all other countries the long distance code is 00.

Emergency phone numbers

066 – Police and ambulances
065 – Red Cross
078 – Roadside assistance and tourist information