



5th Meeting of the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators (IAEG-SDGs)

Plenary Session

Ottawa, Ontario Resource Guide

March 30 - 31, 2017



Introduction

This information booklet has been compiled to assist you in the preparation for your trip to Ottawa, Ontario to participate in the 5th Meeting of the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators (IAEG-SDGs) held March 30 – 31, 2017.



The IAEG-SDG Indicators meeting will be held at the **Shaw Centre**, 55 Colonel By Drive, in downtown Ottawa. Fully accessible for people with disabilities or mobility issues, the Shaw Centre (www.shaw-centre.com) is within walking distance of over 6,000 downtown hotel rooms, numerous attractions and landmarks, and the ByWard Market.

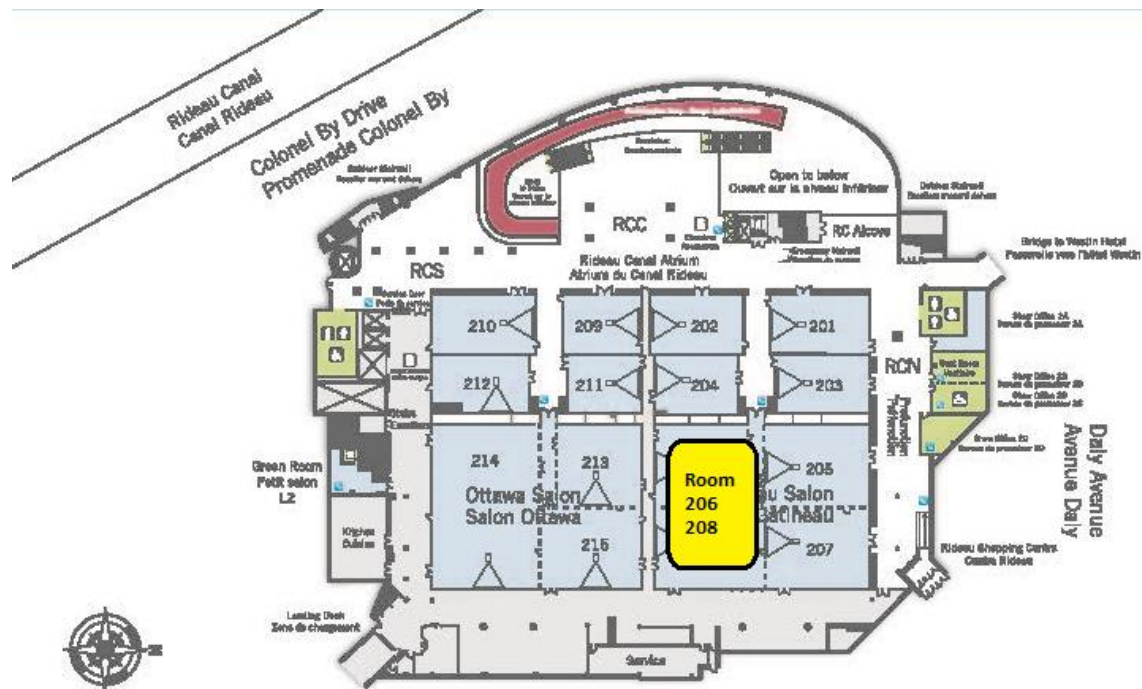
Access to the Shaw Centre

The Shaw Centre can be accessed through the following entrances:

- Entrance to Level B1 from Citipark Blue Garage P2 (Elevator or stairs up to Level 1)
- Entrance to Level 1 from Citipark Blue Garage P1
- Main entrance to Level 1 is located off the Capital Plaza on Colonel By Drive
- Entrance to Level 2 from the Rideau Centre Shopping Complex (www.cfshops.com/rideau-centre.html)
- Entrance to Level 2 from the Westin Hotel link (www.thewestinottawa.com)

Plenary Session Information: March 30 – 31, 2017

The Plenary Session of the IAEG- SDG will be held March 30-31, 2017 on the second floor of the Shaw Centre in room **206/208**. Statistics Canada employees will be available to assist you with registration, as well to answer any questions.



Traveling To Canada, Documentation Required

Most travellers to Canada require permission to enter Canada as a visitor. Unless they are citizens of a visa-exempt country, individuals who wish to enter Canada for a temporary purpose, must apply for and be granted a Temporary Resident Visa (TRV).

The TRV is a document issued by a Canadian Immigration Visa Office outside Canada, showing that the holder has satisfied the requirements for admission to Canada as a visitor. TRVs may be for single entry or multiple entry.

Citizens of visa-exempt countries intending to travel to Canada by air are expected to have applied for and obtained an electronic Travel Authorization (eTA) before their departure to Canada. Exceptions to this include citizens of the United States.

The following web site provides step by step information, processing times and instructions on the TRV and eTA application process:

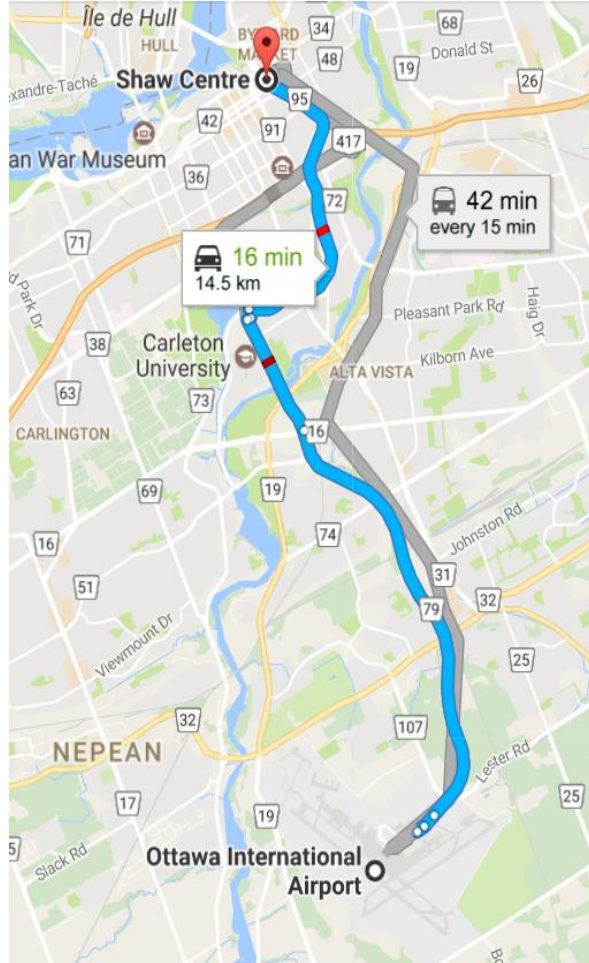
<http://www.canadavisa.com/visiting-canada-tool>

Arrival in Ottawa

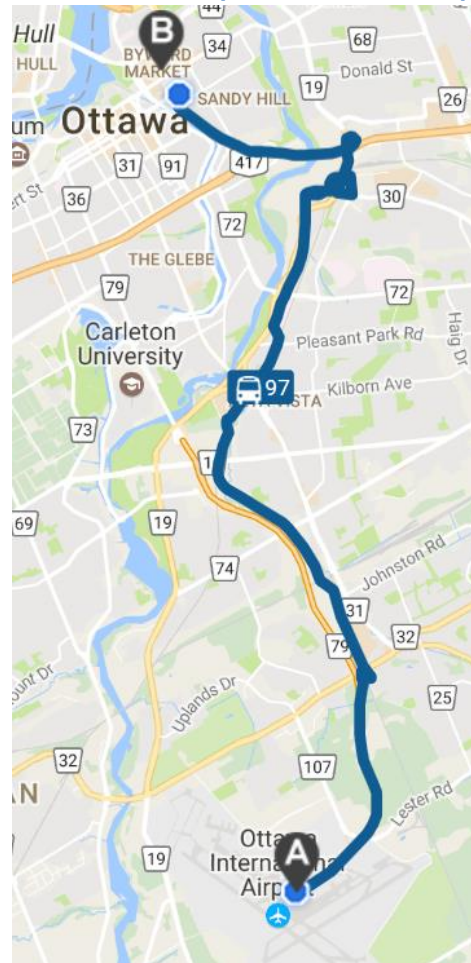
The Shaw Centre is located 14.5 km from the Ottawa International Airport (YOW). Transportation options from the airport include public transit (OC Transpo) and the cost is \$3.50 for a 30 minute ride. UBER and taxi services are also available for a cost of approximately \$40 CAD.

From Ottawa International Airport:

Taxi Route



Bus Route (Bus Number 97)



In regards to taking an Uber from the airport (YOW):

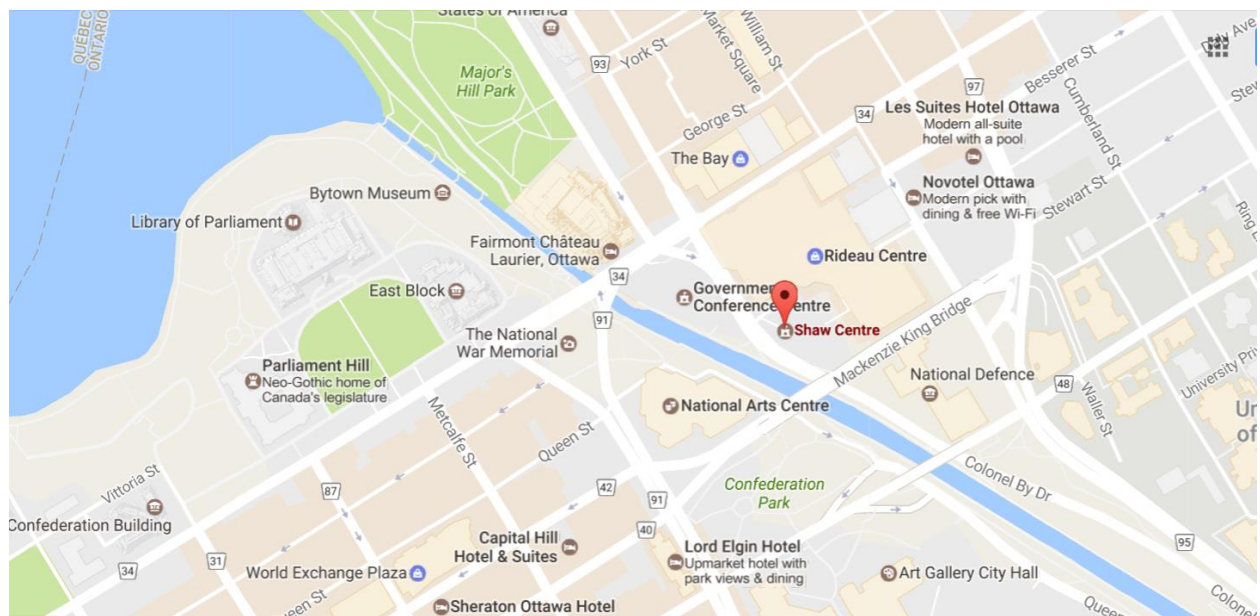
When to request an Uber. Request your ride once you've collected your luggage from baggage claim and are ready to step outside. Use the app to select your pickup location as Arrivals, Pillar 12 & 13. Your driver's vehicle has room for luggage, but if you have multiple bags or riders, consider a larger vehicle to accommodate.

Identifying your driver. If the airport is crowded, consider contacting your driver to confirm your pickup location. Reference the app to note the name and license plate number of your ride, and be on the lookout for your driver as he or she approaches.



Accommodations

Participants are responsible for reserving their own accommodations in Ottawa. Participants should make their reservations at least **two to three weeks prior to the event**, due to many activities and events surrounding Canada 150th Anniversary Celebrations, such as the Canadian Music Juno Awards which will be held on Sunday April 02, 2017.









Please note that a credit card is normally required to make a reservation, participants should plan accordingly.

Participants can contact hotels directly and make reservations. Following is the list of some hotels located within the vicinity of the Downtown Ottawa.

Links to Hotel booking information web sites have also been provided:

- www.tripadvisor.ca (price and comparative reviews)
- www.expedia.com
- www.hotels.com
- www.orbitz.com

Hotel name & address	Rates per night	Hotel website
The Westin Hotel (Attached to the Shaw Centre) 11 Colonel By Drive	Traditional Rooms rate from \$153 CAD/night Junior Suites Rates from \$274 CAD/night 	www.thewestinottawa.com
Chateau Laurier 1 Rideau Street	Daily rate from \$299 CAD/night Bed and Breakfast from \$359 CAD/night 	https://m.fairmont.com/laurier-ottawa/
Andaza Ottawa Byward Market 325 Dalhousie Street	Standard rate from \$179 CAD/night Bed and Breakfast from \$209 CAD/night 	https://m.hyatt.com/mt/ottawa.andaz.hyatt.com/en/hotel/home.html
Novotel Hotel & Resorts 33 Nicholas Street	Daily rates from \$162 CAD/night 	www.novotelottawa.com
Les Suites 130 Besserer Street	Standard rates from \$160 CAD/night 	www.les-suites.com
Lord Elgin 100 Elgin Street The Hotel just finished an intensive and extensive renovation to all guestrooms and corridors. The renovations have rendered a more sophisticated and contemporary look while staying true to the architecture of our beautiful historic building.	Standard rates from \$159 CAD/night 	www.lordelginhotel.ca

Canadian Currency



Canadian Dollar (CAD)

In 2013, the Canadian government eliminated the penny (1/100th of a dollar) from circulation.

A rounding guideline, which has been adopted in other countries, was adopted for cash transactions:

GUIDELINES		
ROUND DOWN		
	\$1.01 or \$1.02	\$1.00
	\$1.06 or \$1.07	\$1.05
ROUND UP		
	\$1.03 or \$1.04	\$1.05
	\$1.08 or \$1.09	\$1.10

The calculation of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) or Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) on purchases, whether for cash or non-cash transactions, will continue to be calculated to the penny and added to the price. It is only the total cash payment for the transaction that will be rounded.

Example of Rounding – Ontario

	Coffee	\$1.50	
	Sandwich	\$2.80	
		\$4.30	Subtotal
		\$0.56	HST (13%)
		\$4.86	Final Total

Payment options:

Cheque or Credit Card/Debit Card



No Rounding / No Change
Final Payment of **\$4.86**

Cash



Rounding Down \$0.01
Final Payment of **\$4.85**

The majority of ATMs (Automated Teller Machines) networks in Ottawa are linked to a network that most likely includes your bank at home. Hence, you would be able to make a cash withdrawal if you have a cash card (ATM Card) that offers **Cirrus** (<http://www.mastercard.com/atmlocator/index.jsp>) or **Plus** (www.visa.com/atm), the 2 most popular networks. There are fees and daily limits associated with withdrawing money using the above networks. Please check with your bank at home for this information.

Traveller's cheques are another good and safe alternative. Be sure to keep a record of their serial numbers, so you are ensured a refund in case they are lost or stolen. The 3 most popular traveller's cheque providers are **American Express** (American Express branches, www.americanexpress.com), **Visa** (TD branches), **MasterCard** (CIBC Branches).

Credit Cards are a convenient way to pay for transactions. **American Express**, **Visa** and **Master Card** (among others) are accepted virtually everywhere in Ottawa.

For your convenience here is a list of some currency exchange locations:

ICE International Currency Exchange:

Ottawa International Airport 8:00AM - 8:00PM (613) 249-249-8517 1-855-423-2274

Ultimate Currency Exchange:

240 Sparks Street, Open 9:30AM - 4:30PM (613) 232-1472 1-888-727-6926

www.uexchange.ca

FIRMA Foreign Exchange Corporation: 151 Slater Street #100 (613) 232-7038



Guide to food near by the Shaw Centre

The National Capital is home to great dining, attractions and entertainment here is a few places walking distance from the Centre to grab a bite to eat also you can always find more at the Ottawa Tourism Website at

www.ottawatourism.ca

Snacks/Cafés/Delicatessens	Restaurants
Rideau Centre Food Court <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amaya Express • Benton Sushi • Big smoke burger • Booster juice • Bridgehead • Crepe Delicious/Froshberg gelato • Green Rebel • Jimmy the Greek • KFC • MLTDWN • New York Fries • Prince Gourmet • Shanghai 360 • Squish (Specialty food) • Subway • Thai Express • Tim Hortons • Torino Grill • UMI Sushi & Teriyaki • Etc. 	Bazille (in Nordstrom in the Rideau Centre) Open most days from 11 AM - 9 PM
Continental Delicatessens 57 York Street	Nando's Flame-grilled PERI-PERI Chicken 90 Elgin St. (613) 230-7474
Nate's Deli 152 Sparks Street	Daly's Restaurant (In the Westin Hotel) 11 Colonel By Drive (613) 560-7333
International Cheese & Deli 40 Byward Market Square	Shore Club (in the Westin Hotel lobby) 11 Colonel By Drive (613) 569-5050
Le Boulanger Français 119 Murray Street	The Fish Market Restaurant 54 York Street
Moulin De Provence 55 Byward Market Square Also another location on Metcalf & Spark Street Mall	Zak's Diner 14 Byward Market Square
La Bottega Nicastro Fine Foods Shop 64 George Street Byward Market (613) 789-7575	Ottawa Tucker's Marketplace 61 York Street
	Ahora Mexican Cuisine 307 Dalhousie Street

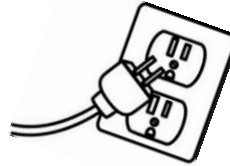
Electronics / Voltage

The Canadian electrical grid runs on the following voltage:

120V = Single phase voltage (Volts)

60 Hz = Frequency (Hertz)

A /B = Plug Type



Please note, if you are planning on bringing any electronics (telephone charging cables, laptop computers, etc.) please ensure that you have the correct adaptors packed. For more information, please refer to the following website:

www.worldstandards.eu/electricity/plug-voltage-by-country/

Ottawa Weather



The end of March is early spring in the National Capital region, where temperatures can range from – 8C to 10C. We recommend that you pack accordingly as snow can still be expected.

To check for current weather condition in the National Capital, please refer to

www.theweathernetwork.com/ca/weather/ontario/ottawa

Ottawa Time

Ottawa operates on Eastern Standard Time (EST). For the time difference between Ottawa and your country, please refer to www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/



Places of Interest in Ottawa:

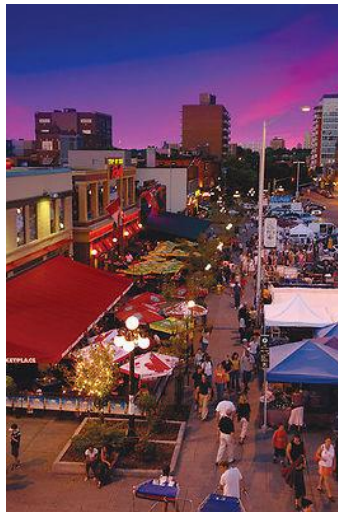
The **National Gallery** (380 Sussex Dr.) is one of the "must see" attractions in Ottawa. Founded in 1880, the National Gallery of Canada (Musée des beaux-arts du Canada) holds in trust a collection of European and Canadian paintings, sculptures, prints, drawings and photos.



Take the time to walk around the outside of the complex and admire the majesty of **Canadas Parliament Hill** (Wellington Street). Three Gothic Revival-style buildings, located on a 170-foot bluff overlooking the Ottawa River, house the offices of the members of Parliament, the House of Commons and the Senate. Free guided tours delve into Canadian history and explain the workings of the political system.



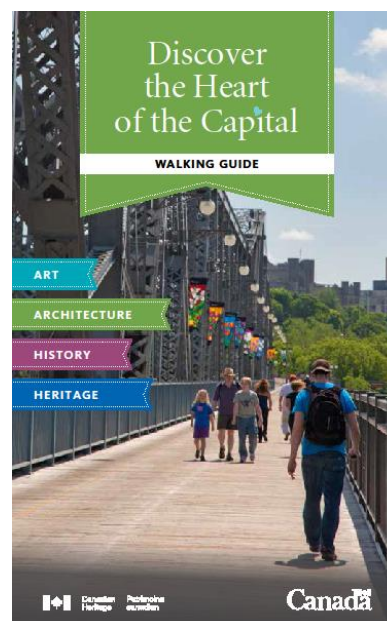
Established by Lt-Col. John By in 1826, the **ByWard Market** is one of Canada's oldest and largest public markets. The legendary builder of the Rideau Canal, Colonel By himself laid out the street plan of the Market, designating George Street and York Street to be extra wide to accommodate the creation of a public market and gathering place. Within an area roughly four blocks square, you'll find museums, cafes, specialty food shops, boutiques, galleries, restaurants, pubs, hair & aesthetics salons and more! Easily accessible on foot, by transit or by car, the ByWard Market offers a unique experience for all.



For more information on the **National Capital** and the events for **Canada's 150th** Plus more, please refer to the links below;

www.ottawatourism.ca / www.ottawa2017.ca

Capital Information Kiosk
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