

INFORMATION NOTE

8th Meeting of the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators (IAEG-SDGs)

Sida, Valhallavägen 199, Stockholm, 5-8 November 2018



Date and venue of the meeting

The eighth meeting of the Inter-Agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators (IAEG-SDGs) will take place from 5-8 November 2018 in Stockholm, Sweden. The meeting will be hosted by Statistics Sweden. The meeting comprises a Members' meeting to be attended only by members of the IAEG-SDGs and a plenary session to which international agencies, non-IAEG member countries and other stakeholders are also invited. The members meeting will take place on 5 November and the plenary session will be held from 6 to 8 November. All sessions will be held at the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency, Sida, on Valhallavägen 199 in Stockholm.

Website address and documentation

The documents for the meeting will be available at:

<https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/meetings/iaeg-sdgs-meeting-08/>, Participants are kindly requested to bring copies of all meeting documents as no documents or printing facilities will be made available in the meeting room. Free Wi-Fi is available in all meeting rooms.

Accommodation and travel arrangements

Participants are requested to make their own hotel and travel arrangements. For hotels close to the meeting venue, please visit <https://booki.ng/2M0K54x> and choose area:

Östermalm.

Visa

Prior to leaving their home country, participants are requested to make their own arrangements for a Schengen visa or travel permits that may be required for the participant's entire travel (including countries in transit) to Sweden. Participants from outside the European Union (EU) should [check](#) in advance whether or not a visa is required.

If a visa is needed, an invitation letter will be sent to you as well as to the Embassy, consulate or other visa issuing authority where your request will be processed. If you require an invitation letter for visa processing purposes, please contact Ms. Heather Page (pageh@un.org) and Mr. Benjamin Rae (raeb@un.org) and include the following information in the email:

1. A copy of your national passport
2. Intended length of stay

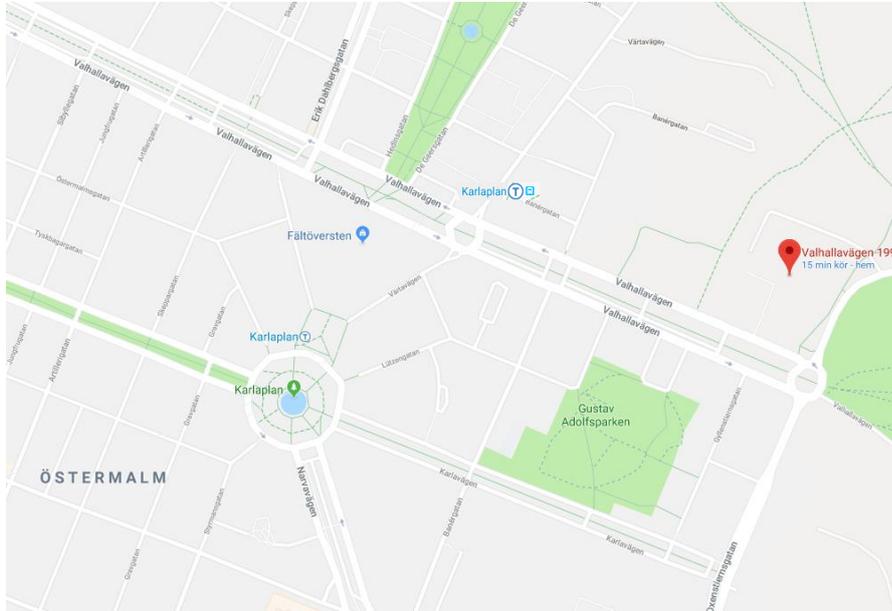
Statistics Sweden has no influence on how long it may take the consular services to issue the visa, but it can take up to 6-8 weeks in some cases for a visa to be issued. **Therefore, participants are strongly recommended to apply for a visa well in advance.**

Guide

Venue: Sida, Valhallavägen 199, 105 25 Stockholm

Metro station: Karlaplan

Bus stop: Rigagatan (busses 1 or 72)



Arriving at Stockholm Arlanda Airport (ARN)

Arlanda Express

Arlanda Express train is the fastest way into town from Stockholm-Arlanda Airport. It takes 20 minutes from the airport to the Central Station in Stockholm. There are two stations at Stockholm-Arlanda Airport, Arlanda Södra (south) with access to terminals 2, 3 and 4, plus Arlanda norra (north) under terminal 5. The price is around SEK 280 one way.

<https://www.arlandaexpress.com/>

Flygbussarna (Airport coaches)

The Flygbussarna airport buses to Cityterminalen takes 40 minutes and the price is SEK 99 one way. <https://www.flygbussarna.se/en>

Taxi

There are many taxi companies to choose from just outside the Airport exit. Approved taxis with metered fares always bear yellow number plates. Credit cards are accepted. Sweden does not regulate prices; they may vary greatly. For trips to and from Stockholm Arlanda Airport, the major taxi companies have fixed prices of around SEK 500. Always ask the driver beforehand. In addition to the major taxi companies, there are several independent firms; caution is advised. You may pre-book a taxi with "Taxi Stockholm", www.taxistockholm.se/en/Taxi-Stockholm-Services/Arlanda/ for a fixed price and an additional fee.

Public Transport

In order to travel with the SL services, you will need a ticket. There are tickets and travelcards for short and longer periods of time. Nearly all tickets are loaded on an SL Access card, which is an electronic smart card. You need to pay a fee of 20 SEK for the card itself, but you can re-use your card during future visits to Stockholm. There are single use travelcards with tickets valid 75 minutes, 24 or 72 hours. It is always cheaper to buy prepaid tickets, and the longer the period of validity of the ticket, the cheaper it will be.

Single tickets can be bought at the Metro barriers. There are also ticket machines at most Metro stations, as well as in a number of other locations. **You cannot purchase a ticket onboard the buses, most of the trams and light railway trains, or onboard commuter ferries.**

For more information about public transport, tickets and prices, visit: <https://sl.se/en/>



Currency

The currency used in Sweden is the Swedish krona (SEK). 1 EUR equals approximately 10 SEK. 1 US dollar equals approximately 9 SEK. Major credit cards are widely accepted.

Tipping is not required in Sweden, but appreciated in restaurants. 10 percent of the bill is the usual amount if you are happy with the service.

Weather

The weather in Stockholm in November may be cold and/or wet. Temperatures may vary but will usually be around zero degrees Celsius.

Tourist information

For more information about Stockholm, please see: www.visitstockholm.com

Inquiries

For inquiries about the meeting and the arrangements, please contact Heather Page (pageh@un.org) and Benjamin Rae (raeb@un.org).