

Workshop on Supporting Evidence-Based Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs) and SDG Reporting: Data and Statistics Innovations

6-7 December 2023, Ankara - Republic of Türkiye

GENERAL INFORMATION NOTE

Venue

The Workshop will be hosted by the Statistical Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC) at the following address:

Kudüs Cad. No:9, Diplomatik Site 06450 ORAN, Çankaya, Ankara, Türkiye

Tel: (90-312) 468 61 72

Geolocation: https://maps.app.goo.gl/bAAXE1UoFBWzi29F7

Hotels

The hotels within walking distance of SESRIC are:

1. Hotel Monec

Webpage: www.hotelmonec.com.tr Email: info@hotelmonec.com.tr Phone: +90 312 491 30 30

2. TRYP by Wyndham

Webpage: www.trypankaraoran.com
Email: info@trypankaraoran.com
Phone: +90 312 491 77 88

Hotels at close proximity to SESRIC but not within walking distance are:

- 1. Park Inn by Radisson-Çankaya (Approx. 5 km) https://www.radissonhotels.com/en-us/hotels/park-inn-ankara-cankaya
- 2. Divan Ankara Hotel (Approx. 6.1 km) https://www.divan.com.tr/otel/divan-ankara-otel
- 3. Ankara Hilton (Approx: 9,5 km) https://www.hilton.com.tr/oteller/turkiye/ankara/ankara-hiltonsa

Please book your room either directly with the hotel through the above contact numbers or through online travel booking platforms.

Visa

Please visit https://www.mfa.gov.tr/visa-information-for-foreigners.en.mfa to learn whether you need visa to enter to Türkiye. Visitors who are not exempt from entry visa must obtain their visas or schedule an appointment with the Turkish Consular offices via Pre-Application System for Turkish Sticker Visa (https://www.konsolosluk.gov.tr/). The applicants who meet the requirements will be directed by the Pre-Application System for Turkish Sticker Visa to the e-Visa system (www.evisa.gov.tr). In those countries where Türkiye does not have a consular representation, participants can also use online scheduling for appointments with the nearest accredited consular office of Türkiye.



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Transport from / to the Airport	Please visit https://esenbogaairport.com/en-EN/passenger/passenger-guide/to-from-the-airport for information concerning the transport options from / to the Esenboga International Airport.
Catering	The three shopping malls (Panora, Kuzu Effect, and One Tower) within walking distance to the workshop venue offer various cuisine options. Please visit (as the following websites are in Turkish, please use online translation platforms to see the content in your preferred language): https://www.panora.com.tr/foods https://www.kuzueffectavm.com/magaza/ https://onetoweravm.com.tr/
Medical Services	All participants will be responsible for payment of any medical, surgical, dental, hospital or ambulance services that they may be required in Türkiye and are advised to make appropriate arrangements for insurance. Pharmacies (Eczane) are open from $09.00 - 19.00$ on weekdays and Saturdays. They are closed on Sundays but there are always on-call pharmacies (Nöbetçi Eczane) open 24-hours in specified neighbourhoods for medical emergencies. You can find on-call pharmacies by choosing "Çankaya" from the list on page https://www.aeo.org.tr/NobetModulu/Nobet . There are pharmacies in the above indicated three shopping malls. The closest private hospital to the workshop venue is Private Acibadem Ankara Hospital (https://www.acibadem.com.tr/en/hospital/ankara-hospital/). 112 (free of charge from landline phones) can be dialled to contact the Emergency Call Centres in Türkiye.
Currency	The official currency of Republic of Türkiye is Turkish Lira (TRY). Coins come in the amounts of 1, 5, 10, 25, 50 kurus, and 1 and 5 Liras, and notes in 5, 10, 20, 50, 100 and 200 Liras. All payments on the territory of Türkiye must be done in TRY. The local banks and exchange offices in Ankara provide foreign currency exchange service. As it may be hard to exchange money during the workshop hours due to the schedule, participants are advised to use foreign exchange facilities of the Esenboga International Airport. It is also possible to use the ATMs located in banks, hotels, and large shopping malls. Major credit cards, such as Visa and MasterCard are accepted at hotels, restaurants, shops, etc. However, some restaurants and small shops accept cash payments only so it is recommended to have some cash in Turkish Liras with you. For the indicative daily rates, please visit the Central Bank of Republic of Türkiye: https://www.tcmb.gov.tr/wps/wcm/connect/EN/TCMB+EN/Main+Menu/Statistics/Exchange+Rates/Indicative+Exchange+Rates
Weather	Please visit https://www.mgm.gov.tr/eng/forecast-cities.aspx?m=ANKARA for weather information.



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Dialling Code	The international dialling code of Türkiye is ± 90 . The city dialling code of Ankara is 312 .
Time Zone	GMT +3 (TRT)
Power Supply	The electric power in Türkiye is 230V running at 50Hz and the plug types used is Type F.
Foreign Currency Declaration	There is no limit to the amount of foreign and Turkish currency to be brought into Türkiye. However, more than US\$5000 worth of Turkish currency cannot be taken out of the country.
Taxis	The taxis in Ankara are yellow and if you do not have a phone number from where you call one, just wave your hand to the first empty cab you see on the street. For calculating the approximate cost of your route, you can check the link: https://hizlihesaplama.com/en/taxi-fare/ankara
Diplomatic Missions	The contact information of diplomatic missions in Ankara can be accessed on: http://cd.mfa.gov.tr/mission/mission-list?clickedId=3
Thing to Do in Ankara	Please visit https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g298656-Activities-Ankara.html for information on things to do in Ankara.