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RESOURCE GUIDE



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LOGISTICAL ARRANGEMENTS

Dates: 28 to 30 September 2015

Venue: United Nations Conference Centre (UNCC), United Nations Building, Rajdamnern Nok Avenue, Bangkok 10200, Thailand - <http://www.unescap.org/uncc>

Rooms: Rooms for the Conference will be indicated on screens within the conference centre for each day of the conference

Webpage: <http://unstats.un.org/unsd/SDMX/sdmxglobalconference2015/default.html>

Contact: sdmx2015@un.org

ID badges: In order to enable more effective access control and speed up the screening by security personnel, ESCAP Conference Centre uses photo badges for meeting participants.

Conference participants are requested to register and obtain meeting badges with photo at the registration counter, located on the ground floor, ESCAP Conference Centre, from (08.00 hours to 09.00 hours) on Monday 28 and Tuesday 29 September 2015.

Participants who are not able to register during the time indicated above are requested to do so upon their arrival at UNCC before going to the conference room. Only the names of duly registered participants will be included in the list of participants.

Conference participants are advised to send an ID picture (passport type picture, less than 300 kb) to sdmx2015@un.org as soon as possible **but no later than 21 September 2015** in order to have meeting badges prepared in advance and facilitate the registration process.

GENERAL INFORMATION

I. VISA REQUIREMENTS

NOTE: The information provided below is accurate as of December 2014. All participants are advised to consult with the Royal Thai Embassy/Consulate in their respective countries regarding the latest applicable immigration requirements prior to their departure to Thailand.

Participants from countries other than those listed below are requested to obtain an appropriate entry visa from the Thai diplomatic or consular missions at the point of origin.

If there is no Thai embassy at the point of origin, participants will need to obtain a visa from a Thai embassy in another country en route prior to entering Thailand (see Section D below)

A. Visa exemption for a maximum of 14, 30 or 90 days for ordinary passport holders

According to the Immigration Bureau of Thailand, nationals of the following countries holding ordinary passports may enter and stay in Thailand for a period not exceeding 14 days, 30 days and 90 days, as per the list below, without a visa.

- **Visa exemption for a maximum of 14 days**

1. Cambodia

- **Visa exemption for a maximum of 30 days**

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| 1. Australia | 26. Macao, China |
| 2. Austria | 27. Malaysia |
| 3. Bahrain | 28. Monaco |
| 4. Belgium | 29. Mongolia |
| 5. Brunei Darussalam | 30. Netherlands |
| 6. Canada | 31. New Zealand |
| 7. Czech Republic | 32. Norway |
| 8. Denmark | 33. Oman |
| 9. Estonia | 34. Philippines |
| 10. Finland | 35. Poland |
| 11. France | 36. Portugal |
| 12. Germany | 37. Qatar |
| 13. Greece | 38. Russian Federation |
| 14. Hong Kong, China | 39. Singapore |
| 15. Hungary | 40. Slovak Republic |
| 16. Iceland | 41. Slovenia |
| 17. Indonesia | 42. South Africa |
| 18. Ireland | 43. Spain |
| 19. Israel | 44. Sweden |
| 20. Italy | 45. Switzerland |
| 21. Japan | 46. Turkey |

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| 22. | Kuwait | 47. | United Arab Emirates |
| 23. | Liechtenstein | 48. | United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland |
| 24. | Lao People's Democratic Republic | 49. | United States of America |
| 25. | Luxembourg | 50. | Viet Nam |

- **Visa exemption for a maximum of 90 days**

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| 1. | Argentina | 4. | Republic of Korea |
| 2. | Brazil | 5. | Peru |
| 3. | Chile | | |

B. Visa exemption for a maximum of 30 days and 90 days for diplomatic/official passport holders

Nationals of the following countries holding a valid diplomatic or official passport may enter and stay in Thailand for a period of 30 days and 90 days, as per the list below, without a visa:

- **Visa exemption for a maximum of 30 days**

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| 1. | Cambodia | 8. | Mongolia |
| 2. | China | 9. | Myanmar |
| 3. | Ecuador | 10. | Oman |
| 4. | Hong Kong, China | 11. | Pakistan (Diplomatic Passports only) |
| 5. | Indonesia | 12. | Singapore |
| 6. | Lao People's Democratic Republic | 13. | Vietnam |
| 7. | Macao, China | | |

- **Visa exemption for a maximum of 90 days**

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| 1. | Albania | 22. | Luxembourg |
| 2. | Argentina | 23. | Malaysia |
| 3. | Austria | 24. | Mexico |
| 4. | Belgium | 25. | Nepal |
| 5. | Bhutan | 26. | Netherlands |
| 6. | Brazil | 27. | Panama |
| 7. | Chile | 28. | Peru |
| 8. | Colombia | 29. | Philippines |
| 9. | Costa Rica | 30. | Poland |
| 10. | Croatia | 31. | Romania |
| 11. | Czech Republic | 32. | Russian Federation |
| 12. | Estonia (Diplomatic Passport only) | 33. | Slovak Republic |
| 13. | France (Diplomatic Passport only) | 34. | South Africa |
| 14. | Germany | 35. | Spain (Diplomatic Passport only) |
| 15. | Hungary | 36. | Sri Lanka |
| 16. | India | 37. | Switzerland |
| 17. | Israel | 38. | Tajikistan |

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| 18. Italy | 39. Tunisia |
| 19. Japan | 40. Turkey |
| 20. Republic of Korea | 41. Ukraine |
| 21. Liechtenstein | 42. Uruguay |

C. Visa on arrival for a maximum of 15-day stay

Nationals of the following countries/territories holding a valid ordinary passport may apply for visa, not exceeding 15 days on arrival, at Suvarnabhumi International Airport, conditional on meeting the requirements mentioned below:

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| 1. Andorra | 10. Lithuania |
| 2. Bulgaria | 11. Maldives |
| 3. Bhutan | 12. Malta |
| 4. China | 13. Mauritius |
| 5. Cyprus | 14. Romania |
| 6. Ethiopia | 15. San Marino |
| 7. India | 16. Saudi Arabia |
| 8. Kazakhstan | 17. Ukraine |
| 9. Latvia | 18. Uzbekistan |

The requirements for a visa on arrival are as follows:

- (a) The applicant must possess a passport of at least six-month validity and must be in possession of a valid return ticket with date of departure within 15 days of the date of entry;
- (b) The applicant must fill out an application form, which is available at the Visa-on-Arrival counter at Suvarnabhumi International Airport, and supply one recent passport-sized photograph. A fee of Baht 1,000 applies.

D. Others participants

Participants from countries other than those listed above are requested to obtain an appropriate entry visa from the Thai diplomatic or consular missions at the point of origin or en route prior to entering Thailand.

If there is no Thai embassy at the point of origin, participants will need to obtain a visa from a Thai embassy in another country en route prior to entering Thailand. To begin the process of doing so, participants must send the following to sdmx2015@un.org **no later than 6 September 2015**:

- ✓ passport information (scan),
- ✓ tentative itinerary including third-country with Thai embassy, and
- ✓ planned date for the visa application.

II. WEATHER

The weather in Bangkok is usually warm and humid. Light tropical clothing would be appropriate. The conference rooms where the meetings are to be held are air-conditioned and the temperature is maintained in the range of 23-24 degrees Celsius (73-75 degrees Fahrenheit). To check for current weather condition in Bangkok, please refer to:

<http://www.weather.com/weather/today/l/THXX0002:1:TH>

III. HEALTH AND VACCINATION

Upon arrival at the port of entry in Thailand, participants who are the nationals of or have travelled from/through countries listed below which have been declared Yellow Fever infected areas must provide an International Health Certificate proving that they have received **a valid Yellow Fever vaccination at the Health Control Office upon arrival before proceeding to immigration. A valid vaccination certificate means that the vaccine was administered at least 10 days prior to travel to the affected country.** The International Health Certificate must also be submitted together with the visa application form.

The countries/areas listed below have been declared yellow fever infected areas:

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| 1. Angola | 24. Guyana |
| 2. Argentina | 25. Kenya |
| 3. Bolivia | 26. Liberia |
| 4. Brazil | 27. Mali |
| 5. Benin | 28. Mauritania |
| 6. Burkina Faso | 29. Niger |
| 7. Burundi | 30. Nigeria |
| 8. Cameroon | 31. Panama |
| 9. Central African Republic | 32. Paraguay |
| 10. Chad | 33. Peru |
| 11. Colombia | 34. Rwanda |
| 12. Republic of Congo | 35. Sao Tome & Principe |
| 13. Cote d'Ivoire | 36. Senegal |
| 14. Democratic Republic of Congo | 37. Sierra Leone |
| 15. Ecuador | 38. Somalia |
| 16. Equatorial Guinea | 39. Sudan |
| 17. Ethiopia | 40. Suriname |
| 18. French Guiana | 41. Tanzania |
| 19. Gabon | 42. Togo |
| 20. Gambia | 43. Trinidad & Tobago |
| 21. Ghana | 44. Uganda |
| 22. Guinea | 45. Venezuela |
| 23. Guinea-Bissau | |

In view of the current outbreak of Ebola in some west African countries, the Government of the Kingdom of Thailand also requires all individuals who have stayed in or visited Guinea, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Mali and Equator (city of the Democratic Republic of the Congo) within the past three weeks (21

days) to identify themselves at the Health Control Office at Suvarnabhumi International Airport BEFORE proceeding to immigration.

Travelers from Ebola and Yellow Fever affected countries are both required to complete a health declaration form before an immigration check. Those who fail to follow this protocol may be denied entry to Thailand (as per the Communicable Disease Act B.E.2523 and Immigration Act B.E. 2522).

First-aid and emergency medical service is available at the Medical Centre, which is located on the ground floor of the UNCC, during weekdays. The ESCAP Medical Officer and Nurse are available from 0730 to 1545 hours, with the exception of lunch time from 1200 to 1245 hours. Appointments may be made through extensions 1352 or 1761.

The United Nations buildings are smoke-free areas. Smoking is permitted only in the designated areas outside of the buildings.

IV. FOREIGN CURRENCY DECLARATION

Any person who brings or takes an aggregate amount of foreign currency exceeding US\$ 20,000 or its equivalent into or out of the Kingdom of Thailand shall declare such amount of foreign currency to a Customs Official. Failure to make such a declaration or making any false declaration to a Customs official is a criminal offence.

Currency exchange facilities are available at hotels and all over Bangkok. Such services are also available at the Siam Commercial Bank, United Nations Branch, which is located on the first floor of the Service Building (telephone extension 2168). The Bank opens from 08:30 to 15:30 hours, with no lunch break, from Monday to Friday.

V. AIRLINE RESERVATIONS

Many international airlines operate regular services to and from Bangkok. Participants are advised to secure their return bookings prior to their departure for Bangkok. If this is not possible, they should make firm return bookings immediately upon arrival in Bangkok.

VI. HOTEL ACCOMODATION

The following hotels, located relatively close to ESCAP, have been designated as recommended hotels.

Participants are requested to contact the hotel directly at least 10 working days in advance and provide the participant's full name, date and time of check-in and check-out, flight numbers and contact details.

The rates provided in the table are as of 1 January 2015 and subject to change without notice. Please confirm the room rates with the hotel directly.

Name and address	Driving distance to UNCC (min.)	Room type	Daily room rates (Baht)	
			Single	Double
Shangri-La Hotel ***** 89 Soi Wat Suan Plu, New Road Bangkok Tel: +66.2.2367777 Fax: +66.2.2368579 E-mail: thiptera.tanthasri@shangri-la.com Website: http://www.shangri-la.com <i>Contact person:</i> Ms. Thiptera Tanthasri	30-40	Deluxe Room	5,300 ^{a/c}	5,900 ^{a/c}
The Sukosol ***** 477 Si Ayuthaya Road, Phayathai Bangkok Tel: +66.2.2470123 Fax: +66.2.2470165 E-mail: ratchanikrit@sukosolhotels.com Website: http://www.sukosolhotels.com <i>Contact person:</i> Ms. Ratchaneeekrit Khankath	15-25	Deluxe	2,700 ^{a/c}	2,900 ^{a/c}
Amari Watergate Hotel & Spa ***** 847 Petchaburi Road Bangkok Tel: +66.2.6539000 Ext. 5122 Fax: +66.2.6539045 E-mail: sutrapat.k@amari.com Website: http://www.amari.com/watergate <i>Contact person:</i> Ms. Sutrapat Kumwan	20-30	Deluxe	3,000 ^{a/c}	3,200 ^{a/c}

Name and address	Driving distance to UNCC (min.)	Room type	Daily room rates (Baht)	
			Single	Double
Pullman Bangkok Kingpower ***** 8 Rangnam Road, Kweag Thanon-Phayathai, Rachathewi Bangkok Tel: +66.2.6809999 Ext. 2529 Fax: +66.2.6809998 E-mail: sm@pullmanbangkokkingpower.com Website: http://www.pullmanbangkokkingpower.com <i>Contact person:</i> Ms. Orawan Jirathanasin	20-25	Superior Deluxe Executive Executive suite	3,055 ^{a/c} 3,376 ^{a/c} 4,018 ^{a/c} 5,088 ^{a/c}	3,269 ^{a/c} 3,590 ^{a/c} 4,232 ^{a/c} 5,302 ^{a/c}
Anantara Siam Bangkok Hotel ***** 155 Rajadamri Road Bangkok Tel: +66.2.1268866 Ext. 2529 Fax: +66.2.2539195 E-mail: naruedee_sa@anantara.com Website: http://siam-bangkok.anantara.com/ <i>Contact person:</i> Ms. Naruedee Sahawatcharin	30	Deluxe	3,900 ^{a/c}	4,600 ^{a/c}
Crowne Plaza Bangkok ***** Lumpini Park Hotel 952 Rama 4 Road Bangkok Tel: +66.2.6329000 Fax: +66.2.6329001 E-mail: chalita.chokvanit@ihg.com Website: http://www.crowneplaza.com <i>Contact person:</i> Ms. Chalita Chokvanit	30	Superior	3,700 ^{a/c}	3,700 ^{a/c}
Novotel Bangkok on Siam Square ***** 392/44 Siam Square Soi 6 Rama 1 Road Pathumwan Bangkok Tel: +66.2.2098888 Fax: +66.2.2551824 E-mail: h1031-sl1@accor.com Website: http://www.novotelbkk.com/unitednations/ <i>Contact person:</i> Ms. Jarunun Sripromma	30	Standard Superior Executive Premier Floor	3,414 ^{a/c} 3,767 ^{a/c} 4,238 ^{a/c}	3,414 ^{a/c} 3,767 ^{a/c} 4,238 ^{a/c}

Name and address	Driving distance to UNCC (min.)	Room type	Daily room rates (Baht)	
			Single	Double
Royal Princess Larn Luang Hotel **** 269 Larnluang Road Bangkok Tel: +66.2.2813088 Fax: +66.2.2801314 E-mail: benjarat@royalprincesslarnluang.com Website: http://www.royalprincesslarnluang.com Contact person: Ms. Benjarat Rusakul	5-10	Superior Deluxe	2,700 ^{a/b/c} 3,300 ^{a/b/c}	2,900 ^{a/b/c} 3,500 ^{a/b/c}
Grand China Hotel **** 215 Yaowarat Road Bangkok Tel: +66.2.2249977, +66.2.2247997 Fax: +66.2.2247999 E-mail: sale@grandchina.com Website: http://www.grandchina.com Contact person: Ms. Phet-Anong Naksuthi	15-20	Deluxe	2,500 ^{a/b/c}	2,700 ^{a/b/c}
Prince Palace Hotel **** 488/800 Bo Bea Tower Damrongrak Road, Klong Mahanak Bangkok Tel: +66.2.6281111 Fax: +66.2.6281000 E-mail: wannajit@princepalace.co.th Website: http://www.princepalace.co.th Contact person: Ms. Wannajit Chulamakorn	10-15	Superior	1,700 ^{a/b}	1,900 ^{a/b}
Siam @ Siam Design Hotel **** 865 Rama 1 Road, Wangmai, Patumwan Bangkok Tel: +66.2.2173000 Ext. 1102 Fax: +66.2.2173030 E-mail: assist.dos@siamatsiam.com Website: http://www.siamatsiam.com Contact person: Ms. Phakaporn Chatchaisathaporn	15-20	Superior	3,300 ^{a/c}	3,600 ^{a/c}

Name and address	Driving distance to UNCC (min.)	Room type	Daily room rates (Baht)	
			Single	Double
Nouvo City Hotel **** 2 Samsen 2, Samsen Road, Banglumphu, Pranakorn Bangkok Tel: +66.2.2827500 Ext. 0110 Fax: +66.2.2821243 E-mail: adam@nouvocityhotel.com Website: http://www.nouvocityhotel.com Contact person: Mr. Adam Phadungsilp	5-10	Superior	1,600 ^{a/b/c}	1,800 ^{a/b/c}
		Deluxe	1,900 ^{a/b/c}	2,100 ^{a/b/c}
		Grand Deluxe	2,200 ^{a/b/c}	2,400 ^{a/b/c}
Trang Hotel *** 99/1 Wisutkasat Road Bangkok Tel: +66.2.2822141-4 Fax: +66.2.2803610 E-mail: reservations@tranghotelbangkok.com Website: http://www.tranghotelbangkok.com Contact person: Ms. Thongtem Lerknawapairoj	5-10	Superior	1,400 ^{a/b}	1,400 ^{a/b}
		Superior Premium	1,600 ^{a/b}	1,600 ^{a/b}
		Deluxe	1,800 ^{a/b}	1,800 ^{a/b}
Hotel Dé Moc (former Thai Hotel) *** 78 Prajatipatai Road Bangkok Tel: +66.2. 6292100-5 Fax: +66.2.2801299 E-mail: sales@buddygrouphailand.com Website: http://www.hoteldemoc.com Contact person: Ms. Chalita Sombutboon	5-10	Standard	1,300 ^{a/b}	1,500 ^{a/b}
		Superior	1,500 ^{a/b}	1,700 ^{a/b}
Riva Surya – Bangkok **** 23 Phra Arthit Road Bangkok Tel: +66.2.6335000 Fax: +66.2.6335050 E-mail: info@rivasuryabangkok.com Website: http://www.rivasuryabangkok.com Contact person: Ms. Thannaree Ketkaew	10-15	Urban	3,220 ^{a/c}	3,520 ^{a/c}
		Riva	3,760 ^{a/c}	4,060 ^{a/c}
		Deluxe	4,160 ^{a/c}	4,460 ^{a/c}
		Premium	4,590 ^{a/c}	4,890 ^{a/c}

- a. Inclusive of daily American breakfast, service charge and government tax.
- b. Complimentary transport services provided according to fixed schedules, from the hotel to UNCC in the morning and back to the hotel in the evening.
 *Hotel Dé Moc and Golden Tulip Essential VASu Hotel have one way transfer from hotel to UNCC.
- c. Free Internet Access.

VII. PAYMENT OF HOTEL ACCOUNTS

Before departure from Bangkok, participants should settle directly with the respective hotels all accounts, including room charges and other expenses, such as for local and long-distance telephone calls, Internet use, business center use, laundry, room and hotel transportation services, mini-bar items, as well as restaurant and bar services. Participants are also responsible for any charges incurred with respect to rooms remaining vacant owing to late arrival or rescheduled departure for which inadequate prior notice is given.

VIII. TRANSPORT FROM AND TO AIRPORT

Participants should make their own transportation arrangements from Suvarnabhumi Airport to their respective hotels. Limousine, metered-taxi and bus services are readily available at the airport. Detailed information about Suvarnabhumi Airport can be found at <http://www.suvarnabhumiairport.com>.

To avail themselves of the limousines and public metered-taxis services as indicated above, **it is strongly recommended that participants contact only the authorized officials at the counters located in the airport arrival zone.** The officials, upon contact, will issue a ticket for the assignment of either a limousine or a public metered-taxi for transporting passengers to the desired destination. Participants may access public taxi counters by exiting gates 3 or 9 of the arrival zone in Suvarnabhumi Airport. In addition to toll fees, there is a 50 Baht surcharge to be added to the meter charge from airport to the city.

IX. TRANSPORT TO ATTEND CONFERENCE

Most hotels indicated in section IV provide complimentary transport, according to fixed schedules, to and from UNCC. Otherwise, participants must make their own transport arrangements in order to attend meetings.

X. INTERNET SERVICES

Eight personal computers (PCs) with a high-speed internet connection are available in the Internet Café on level 1 of UNCC for the use of participants free of charge. In addition, free wireless internet access is available in all conference and meeting rooms and in the public areas of the UNCC.

XI. CATERING SERVICES

Catering services are available at the cafeteria, which is located on level 1 of UNCC, from 1100 to 1400 hours for lunch. Rajapruek Lounge, on the ground floor of UNCC, is open from 0700 to 1700 hours on Monday through Thursday, and from 0700 to 1900 hours on Friday. The canteen, on the ground floor of

the Service Building, is open from 0700 to 1300 hours. In addition, a Coffee Corner, which serves sandwiches, pastries, coffee, tea and soft drinks, is located on level 1, UNCC and is open from 0700 to 1700 hours.

XII. BANKING FACILITIES

Banking services are available at the Siam Commercial Bank, United Nations Branch, located on the first floor of the Service Building, from 0830 to 1530 hours during weekdays. (telephone extension 2168).

XIII. POSTAL SERVICES

Postal services are available at the Post Office, United Nations Branch, located on the ground floor of UNCC. It is open from 0800 to 1600 hours, Monday through Friday. The Post Office can be contacted at extensions 1260 and 2911.

XIV. SOUVENIR SHOP

The souvenir shop is located on the first floor of UNCC.