



New York Resource Guide

for the

**Third Expert Group Meeting on the Impact of the Covid-19 Pandemic
on Conducting Population and Housing Censuses and Addressing Data
Quality Concerns**

New York, 12 – 14 December 2022

(Last Update: 28 November 2022)

This information is compiled to assist you in the preparation for your trip to New York to participate in the Third Expert Group Meeting on the Impact of the Covid-19 Pandemic on Conducting Population and Housing Censuses and Addressing Data Quality Concerns.

Administrative arrangements for the meeting

The meeting of the Third Expert Group Meeting on the Impact of the Covid-19 Pandemic on Conducting Population and Housing Censuses and Addressing Data Quality Concerns will be held from 12 – 14 December 2022, in the United Nations Headquarters in New York, General Assembly building, first basement level, Conference Room 8. Below is a map of the surrounding area.

Map of UNHQ premises



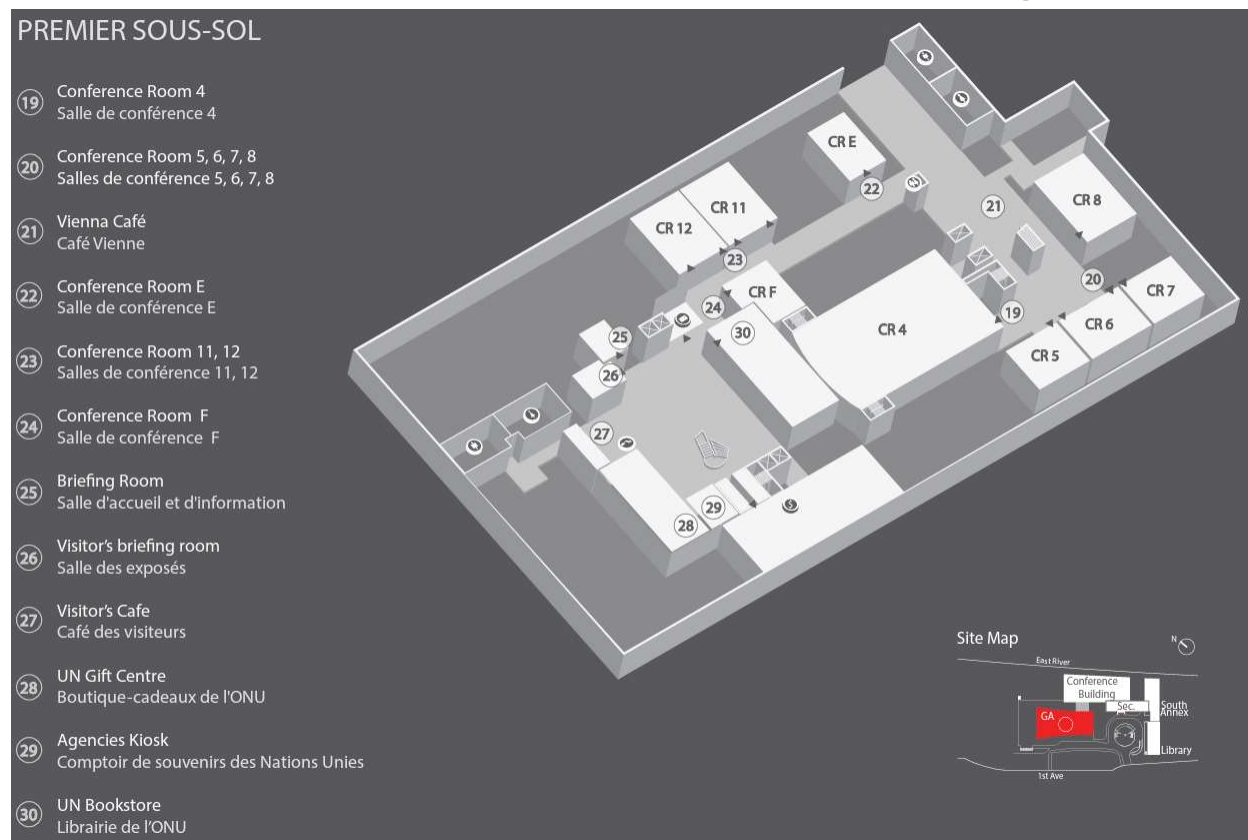
On the first day of the meeting, please meet UNSD staff in the lobby of the DC-2 Building (2 UN Plaza) at 323 E. 44th St. (between 1st/2nd Ave.) at 9:15 am on Monday, 12 December 2022 to obtain your UNHQ grounds pass. Please bring your passport for verification purposes. US citizens can bring a driver license. UNSD staff will escort participants on the first day of the meeting to the meeting venue.

If you arrive later than 9:30 a.m. please notify Mr. Vladimir Korovkin. at +1 (212) 963 3215 or korovkin@un.org to make separate arrangements to pick up your UNHQ grounds pass. You can call him at ext. 33215 from the lobby of DC-2 building. Alternatively, please contact Mr. Andrew Smith at +1 (914) 354 0519.

All participants will need to enter UNHQ through the Visitor's Entrance, located on 1st Avenue at 46th St. Please take the UNHQ Grounds Pass with you at all times to entry into and remain on UNHQ premises.

The meeting will be held in the conference building, first basement level, Conference Room 8. Please see below a map to the meeting venue.

Directions to Conference Room 8 in the conference building



Participants will be able to access Wi-Fi on UNHQ premises. No password is needed. The meeting will be conducted in English only.

Website

Relevant information including the meeting agenda, presentations and papers will be uploaded on the meeting webpage at:

<https://unstats.un.org/unsd/demographic-social/meetings/2022/egm-covid19-census3/>

Health and security

International travelers will need to check with their travel agency or the responsible airline company for travel requirements.

Under the current UN guidance, all persons entering UNHQ premises need to confirm:

- They have not had symptoms consistent with COVID-19 in the last 5 days, including symptoms of upper respiratory tract infection, influenza etc.
- They have not had a positive COVID-19 test result in the last 5 days. Mask use is voluntary throughout the UNHQ premises. There are no distancing requirements.

Hotel accommodation

Participants are responsible for making their own hotel reservations. When making reservations, participants may wish to inquire about special rates for attending a United Nations conference and for hotel shuttle buses to and from airports. Please note that hotel reservations are generally only guaranteed with a credit card. Participants should make the necessary reservations at least one week prior to the meeting. The table below shows a list of hotels near the meeting venue:

List of hotels near UNHQ premises¹

Hotel Name	Hotel Address	Telephone
Beekman Hotel	3 Mitchell Place	646-921-6001
Even Hotel	221 E 44th St.	212-239-0002
Fitzpatrick	141 East 44th St.	212-351-6800
Hampton Inn	231 E 43rd St.	212-897-3385
Hotel NH Collection	22 E 38th St.	212-802-0600
Hyatt Grand Central New York	109 E 42nd St.	212-883-1234
InterContinental	111 E 48th St	212-755-5900
Millennium Hilton	1 UN Plaza	212-758-1234
Radisson Hotel	25 W 51st St	646-690-9997
Residence Inn by Marriott	148 E 48th St.	212-980-1003
The Benjamin	125 East 50th St.	212-715-2500
The Gotham Hotel NY	16 E 46th St.	212-490-8500
The Lexington Hotel	511 Lexington Ave, E 48th St.	212-755-4400
Westin Grand Central	212 East 42nd St.	212-490-8900

¹ When making hotel booking, please ask for "United Nations special rate"

In addition, you can check the following websites to find more hotels in New York:

www.trivago.com/en-US

www.agoda.com

www.kayak.com/hotels

www.expedia.com

www.booking.com/Hotels

Reviews of hotels in New York:

www.yelp.com

www.tripadvisor.com

Meals

The following options are available within UNHQ premises:

- The Riverview Café in the Conference Room Building, 4th Floor South (M-F 11:30 am - 3:00 pm)
- The Lobby Café in the Secretariat Lobby, 1st Floor North (M-F 8:00 am – 3:30 pm)
- Vienna Café in the General Assembly Building, 1st Basement South (M-F 10:00 am – 5:00 pm)

Various restaurants are also available within a short walking distance of United Nations Headquarters.

Airports

There are 3 major airports serving New York City.

They are:

- John F. Kennedy International Airport: Phone: 1-718-244-4444. Located in Queens, New York, about 15 miles from Midtown Manhattan.
- Newark Liberty International Airport: Phone: 1-973-961-6000. Located in Newark, New Jersey, about 16 miles from Midtown Manhattan.
- La Guardia Airport: Phone: 1-718-533-3400. Located in Queens, New York about 8 miles from Midtown Manhattan.

Information regarding transportation to/from the airports can be found at:

<https://www.nycgo.com/plan-your-trip/basic-information/transportation-in-nyc/getting-here>

Transportation in New York

By subway: Number 4, 5, 6 or 7 trains to Grand Central Station, then walk east three blocks on East 42nd Street to 1st Avenue.

By bus: buses M15 and M15 Select stop in front of the United Nations on 1st Avenue.

MetroCard is valid for subway and bus and can be purchased at subway stations. Typical fare is \$2.75. 7-Day Metro Card costs \$33.00 (unlimited ride for one week for one person). Alternatively, you can use OMNY, the new contactless fare payment system for public transportation in New York. For details, please check MTA website at:

<https://new.mta.info/fares>

New York City taxis and Ubers are available from any destination.

Taxis are a safe alternative for late night travel when train and buses can be few and far between. It is advisable not to take taxis without meters (illegal taxi), as they could charge exorbitant fares. Taxis should accept credit cards. Pay only what's on the meter, plus a 15-20 per cent gratuity. On all trips within New York City, any bridge and tunnel tolls to the destination shall be paid by the passenger, who shall be so informed before the start of the trip. On all trips within the City of New York, return tolls shall not be charged except for trips over the Cross Bay Veterans, Marine Parkway-Gil Hodges Memorial, and Verrazano Narrows Bridges. On trips beyond the City of New York, all necessary tolls to and from the destination shall be paid by the passenger. There are additional charges for crossings outside the metropolitan area and New Jersey. Passengers are required to pay one way.

Other logistical information

Post Office

The United Nations has postal services in the basement of the UN General Assembly complex. The office is located near the UN Gift Shop. Hours: 9:00 am-5:30 pm.

Banks

The closest bank to UNHQ premises is Chase Bank, located at the corner of East 43rd Street and 2nd Avenue, open from 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday, with client services and ATMs.

Money

The majority of ATMs (Automated Teller Machines) in New York City accept Mastercard (<https://www.mastercard.us/en-us/personal/get-support/find-nearest-atm.html>) or Visa (<https://www.visa.com/atmlocator/>). Hence, you would be able to make a cash withdrawal if you have a debit card or ATM Card that has a Mastercard or Visa logo. Depending on the type of card and the bank that issues it, there are fees and daily limits associated with withdrawing money from ATMs. 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 (Citibank branches), MasterCard (Thomas Cook Currency Services).

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

Time

New York currently uses Eastern Daylight Time, 4 hours behind Coordinated Universal Time (UTC-4). For the time difference between New York and your country, please refer to

<http://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/>

Weather

To check for current weather condition in New York, please refer to <https://weather.com>

Electricity

The power plug used in New York is the US standard type A/B, a plug with two flat parallel prongs and optionally with a third-round prong that is longer than the other two. Below are some examples:

