



# 3<sup>rd</sup> GLOBAL FORUM ON GENDER STATISTICS



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## *Information Note for Participants*

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## Practical Information to Participants

### General Information

- 1) The Global Forum on Gender Statistics is scheduled to be held in Manila, Philippines on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2010.
- 2) The Interagency Experts Group on Gender Statistics Meeting is scheduled to be held in Manila, Philippines on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2010.
- 3) Participation in the Global Forum on Gender Statistics is by invitation only.

### Venue of the forum

- 4) The Global Forum on Gender Statistics conference venue is the EDSA Shangri-la Hotel (<http://www.shangri-la.com/en/property/manila/edsashangrila>) , One Garden Way, Ortigas Center, Mandaluyong City, Philippines. It is approximately 12 kilometers or 30-45 minutes away from the airport and has easy access to the financial centers, main shopping area, cafés and restaurants.



### Registration

- 5) The opening session of the Global Forum on Gender Statistics will commence at 09:00 a.m. on Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> October 2010. Participants are requested to register between 08:00 and 08:45 a.m. on the same day. Participants who will not be able to register on the opening day are requested to do so as soon as possible, to ensure that their names will appear on the list of participants.

### Welcome Desk at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport

- 6) A welcome desk is located at the arrival lounge of the airport with the members of the Local Secretariat to welcome and assist delegates upon arrival in the Philippines

## Concerned contacts

7) The following persons may be contacted:

<p><b>For the agenda and Forum content:</b></p> <p><b>Ms. Linda Hooper</b> Associate Statistician Demographic and Social Statistics Section United Nations Statistics Division Department of Economic and Social Affairs 2 UN Plaza, Room 1548 New York, NY 10017, USA Tel: +1(212)963-7771 Fax: +1(212)963-1940 e-mail: hooper@un.org</p>	<p><b>For local arrangements:</b></p> <p><b>Ms. Bernadette B. Balamban</b> Local Secretariat National Statistical Coordination Board 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Midland Buendia Bldg., 403 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City Telefax: +632 896 7981 Mobile Number: +639198281910 Email Address: bb.balamban@nscb.gov.ph</p> <p><b>and/or</b></p> <p><b>Ms. Teresita M. Almarines</b> Local Secretariat National Statistical Coordination Board Telefax: +632 896 7981 Mobile Number: +639196542483 Email Address: tm.almarines@nscb.gov.ph</p>
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## Internet and e-mail services

- 8) There will be free Internet and e-mail services available to participants at the Conference venue.
- 9) Internet cafés and computer shops offer Internet, e-mail and web-based services near the venue.

## Travel Information

### Visa requirements

- 10) Nationals from countries listed below who are traveling to the Philippines for business or tourism purposes are allowed to enter the Philippines without visas for a stay not exceeding 21 days, provided that they hold valid tickets for their return journey to port of origin or next port of destination (Please see the list of countries below). Philippine regulations require that passports are valid for a period of not less than six (6) months beyond the contemplated period of stay. However, Immigration Officers at ports of entry may exercise their discretion to admit holders of passports valid for at least sixty (60) days beyond the intended period of stay. For details, please see the Philippines' Department of Foreign Affairs website at <http://www.dfa.gov.ph> or contact your local consular office.

1. Andorra	8. Bahrain	15. Brazil*
2. Angola	9. Barbados	16. Brunei Darussalam
3. Antigua and Barbuda	10. Belgium	17. Bulgaria
4. Argentina	11. Benin	18. Burkina Faso
5. Australia	12. Bhutan	19. Burundi
6. Austria	13. Bolivia	20. Cambodia
7. Bahamas	14. Botswana	21. Cameroon

22. Canada	65. Israel*	108. Poland
23. Cape Verde	66. Italy	109. Portugal
24. Central African Republic	67. Jamaica	110. Qatar
25. Chad	68. Japan	111. Republic of Korea
26. Chile	69. Kenya	112. Romania
27. Colombia	70. Kiribati	113. Russia
28. Comoros	71. Kuwait	114. Rwanda
29. Congo	72. Lao People's Democratic Republic	115. Saint Kitts and Nevis
30. Costa Rica	73. Latvia	116. Saint Lucia
31. Cote d'Ivoire	74. Lesotho	117. Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
32. Cyprus	75. Liberia	118. Samoa
33. Czech Republic	76. Liechtenstein	119. San Marino
34. Democratic Republic of the Congo	77. Lithuania	120. Sao Tome and Principe
35. Denmark	78. Luxembourg	121. Saudi Arabia
36. Djibouti	79. Madagascar	122. Senegal
37. Dominica	80. Malawi	123. Seychelles
38. Dominican Republic	81. Malaysia	124. Singapore
39. Ecuador	82. Maldives	125. Slovakia
40. El Salvador	83. Mali	126. Slovenia
41. Equatorial Guinea	84. Malta	127. Solomon Islands
42. Eritrea	85. Marshall Islands	128. Somalia
43. Estonia	86. Mauritania	129. South Africa
44. Ethiopia	87. Mauritius	130. Spain
45. Fiji	88. Mexico	131. Suriname
46. Finland	89. Micronesia	132. Swaziland
47. France	90. Monaco	133. Sweden
48. Gabon	91. Mongolia	134. Switzerland
49. Gambia	92. Morocco	135. Thailand
50. Germany	93. Mozambique	136. Togo
51. Ghana	94. Myanmar	137. Trinidad and Tobago
52. Gibraltar	95. Namibia	138. Tunisia
53. Greece	96. Nepal	139. Turkey
54. Grenada	97. Netherlands	140. Tuvalu
55. Guatemala	98. New Zealand	141. Uganda
56. Guinea	99. Nicaragua	142. United Arab Emirates
57. Guinea Bissau	100. Niger	143. United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
58. Guyana	101. Norway	144. United Republic of Tanzania
59. Haiti	102. Oman	145. United States of America
60. Honduras	103. Palau	146. Uruguay
61. Hungary	104. Panama	147. Venezuela
62. Iceland	105. Papua New Guinea	148. Vietnam
63. Indonesia	106. Paraguay	149. Zambia
64. Ireland	107. Peru	150. Zimbabwe

Note: \*The following nationals are allowed to enter the Philippines without a visa for a stay not exceeding fifty-nine (59) days: holders of Brazil and Israel passports

The following nationals are allowed to enter the Philippines without a visa for a stay not exceeding seven (7) days: Holders of Hong Kong Special Administrative (SAR) passports; Holders of British National Overseas (BNO) passports; Holders of Portuguese Passports issued in Macao; and Holders of Macao Special Administrative Region (SAR) passports

**Transport from and to Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA)**

- 11) The airport is located 7 km (4 miles) south of Manila. Participants can travel to the city center by car, bus, jeepney, and taxi.
- 12) Taxi service is available from NAIA to all points of Metro Manila.
  - 12.1) Designated airport taxis (i.e. taxis marked with “Bayan Ko, Sagot Ko”) are stationed at the lower level of the arrival area of the airport. A taxi desk for fixed rate airport taxi is available at the same area in the airport. Airport taxis fixed rate is P 700.00 from the airport to the venue.
  - 12.2) There are also metered taxis (i.e. yellow taxis marked with “Airport Taxi”) available around the area with Php 70.00 flag down rate and counter raises by PhP 4.00 for every 300 meters. The estimated fare from the airport to the venue ranges from PhP 300 - PhP 400. A taxi desk for metered airport taxi is also available at the lower level of the arrival area of the airport.

**Airport Facilities**

- 13) Airport information desks are open for all flights
- 14) The international airport has adequate traveler facilities: tourist information and assistance counters, hotels and travel agency representative, banks and ATMs, postal service, telephone booths, and medical clinics, among others. Baggage carts and porter services are available for free.
- 15) The airport wheelchairs, which are available upon request from the airline ground staff. It also has ramps, lifts and toilets for the disabled; passenger requiring any special assistance should inform their airline prior to travel. Call telephone number: +632 877 1111 for assistance.

**Airport Fees**

- 16) Passengers departing for international destinations are charged an airport terminal fee of PhP 750.

**Social activities**

- 17) There will be a welcome dinner for the participants scheduled on the first day of the forum. Information on this activity will be provided to the participants upon registration.

**Hotel Accommodation**

- 18) Listed below are some hotels situated close to the venue.

Hotel	Address	Room Rates* as of June 11, 2010			Distance from Conference Venue	Hotel Rating
		Type of Room	Single Occupancy	Double Occupancy		
EDSA Shangri-La Hotel	1 Garden Way, Ortigas Center, Mandaluyong City Tel. No.:(+632) 633-8888 <a href="http://www.shangri-la.com/en/property/manila/edsashangrila">http://www.shangri-la.com/en/property/manila/edsashangrila</a>	-Superior	USD 120++	USD 133++		5-star
		-Deluxe Garden	USD 137++	USD 150++		
		-Horizon Deluxe Room	USD 184++	USD 197++		
		-Executive Garden Suite	USD 216++	USD 229++		
		-Garden Suite	USD 227++	USD 240++		

		Room Rates* as of June 11, 2010				
<b>Crowne Plaza</b>	Ortigas Avenue corner Asian Development Bank Avenue, Pasig City Tel. No.:(+632) 633-7222 <a href="http://www.crowneplazahotelm Manila.com/ppc/">http://www.crowneplazahotelm Manila.com/ppc/</a>	- Deluxe Room	USD 107++	USD 107++	5 minutes cab ride 10-15 minutes walk	5-star
<b>Oakwood Premier Joy ~ Nostalg Center</b>	17 ADB Avenue, Ortigas Center, Pasig City Tel. Nos.:(+632) 637-7888 (+632) 910-8888 <a href="http://www.oakwood.com/">http://www.oakwood.com/</a>	- Studio Executive - One Bedroom Superior - One Bedroom Deluxe - One Bedroom Executive	USD 123 USD 135 USD 146 USD 157		5 minutes cab ride	Serviced Apartment
<b>Holiday Inn Galleria Manila</b>	1 ADB Avenue, Ortigas Center, Pasig City Tel. No.:(+632) 633-7111 <a href="http://www.holidayinngalleriam Manila.com/ppc/">http://www.holidayinngalleriam Manila.com/ppc/</a>	- Deluxe Room	USD 105	USD 105	5 minutes cab ride 10-15 minutes walk	4-star
<b>The Linden Suites</b>	37 San Miguel Avenue, Ortigas Center, Pasig City Tel. No.:(+632) 638-7878 <a href="http://www.the-linden-suites.com">http://www.the-linden-suites.com</a>	-Executive Room -One-Bedroom Suite	USD 86++ USD 107++		5-10 minutes cab ride 10-15 minutes walk	4-star
<b>Richmonde Hotel</b>	21 San Miguel Ave., Ortigas Center, Pasig City (+632) 638-7777 <a href="http://www.richmondehotel.com/">http://www.richmondehotel.com/</a>	-Superior	USD 97	USD 97	3-5 minutes walk	4-star
<b>Discovery Suites</b>	25 ADB Avenue, Ortigas Avenue, Ortigas Center, Pasig City (+632) 719-8888 <a href="http://www.discoverysuites.com/">http://www.discoverysuites.com/</a>	- Junior Suite Deluxe - Junior Suite Premiere	USD 97	USD 97 USD 108	5 minutes cab ride 10-15 minutes walk	Serviced Apartment
<b>Astoria Plaza</b>	J. Escriva Drive, Ortigas Center, Pasig City Tel. No.:(+632) 687-1111 <a href="http://www.astoriaplaza.com">http://www.astoriaplaza.com</a>	- One-Bedroom Suite - Two-Bedroom Suite	USD 90 USD 138		5 minutes cab ride 10-15 minutes walk	3-star
<b>New Horizon Hotel</b>	778 Boni Avenue corner EDSA, Mandaluyong City Tel. No.:(+632) 532-3021 <a href="http://www.newhorizonhotel-manila.com">http://www.newhorizonhotel-manila.com</a>	-Superior Room -Junior Suite -Deluxe Suite	USD 59 USD 70 USD 81	USD 59 USD 70 USD 81	10 minutes cab ride 3 minutes train ride	3-star



<b>C2 Classic Cuisine</b> Shangri-La Plaza Mall, Level 6 Unit 614, EDSA cor. Shaw Boulevard, Mandaluyong City, Philippines Tel. (632) 426-1338, (632) 636-1510	<b>HEAT</b> EDSA Shangri-La Hotel, Level 1, Ortigas Center, Mandaluyong City, Philippines Tel. (632) 633-8888 loc 2738, 2739	<b>Sukhothai Restaurant</b> SM MegaMall, Level 1, Building A, EDSA cor. Doña Julia Vargas Tel. (632) 634-173	<b>Terry's Selection</b> The Podium, LG/Lvl., 18 ADB Ave., Ortigas Center, Mandaluyong City, Metro Manila, Philippines Tel. (632) 636-3513
<b>Casa Armas Tapas Bar y Restaurante</b> The Podium, Level 1, 18 ADB Avenue, Ortigas Center, Mandaluyong City, Philippines Tel. (632) 687-3665	<b>Mexicali</b> SM MegaMall, Level 1, Building A, EDSA cor. Doña Julia Vargas Tel. (632) 635-6079 <a href="http://www.mexicali-phil.com/">http://www.mexicali-phil.com/</a>	<b>Summer Palace</b> EDSA Shangri-La Hotel, Mezzanine Tower Wing, Ortigas Center, Mandaluyong City, Philippines Tel. (632) 633-8888 loc 2927 to 28	<b>Banana Leaf</b> 2/F The Podium, ADB Ave., Ortigas Center, Mandaluyong City, Metro Manila, Philippines Tel.(632) 687-6808 <a href="http://www.bananaleaf.com.ph/">http://www.bananaleaf.com.ph/</a>
<b>Dads</b> SM MegaMall, Level 4, Bridgeway, EDSA cor. Doña Julia Vargas Tel. (632) 636-3785	<b>Paparazzi</b> EDSA Shangri-La Hotel, Mezzanine Tower Wing, Ortigas Center, Mandaluyong City, Philippines Tel. (632) 633-8888 loc 2922	<b>Via Mare</b> Shangri-La Plaza Mall, Level 1 Streetscape Unit GD108, EDSA cor. Shaw Boulevard, Mandaluyong City, Philippines Tel. (632)631-1506, (632) 632-0350	<b>Kaya Korean Restaurant</b> G/Lvl. The Podium, 18 ADB Ave., Ortigas Center, Mandaluyong City, Metro Manila, Philippines Tel. (632) 635-6833
<b>House of Wagyu</b> 5/F The Podium, Ortigas Commercial Center Mandaluyong City, Metro Manila, Philippines Tel. (632) 635-3056	<b>CYMA Greek Taverna</b> Shangri-La Plaza Mall, Shop Number 638, Level 6 , EDSA cor. Shaw Boulevard, Mandaluyong City, Philippines Tel. (632) 637-3090	<b>Crustasia's Thai Shrimp House</b> Shangri-La Plaza Mall, Shop Number 639, Level 6 , EDSA cor. Shaw Boulevard, Mandaluyong City, Philippines Tel. (632) 910-4096	<b>Cibo Nuovo</b> Shangri-La Plaza Mall, Shop Number 230, Level 2 , EDSA cor. Shaw Boulevard, Mandaluyong City, Philippines Tel.(632) 631-7753/ (632) 631-7761

### Shopping Centers

20) The shopping centers within Metro Manila are the following:

<b>Shangri-la Mall</b> EDSA corner Shaw Boulevard, Mandaluyong City, Metro Manila	<b>SM Megamall</b> EDSA cor. Julia Vargas Avenue, Ortigas Center, Mandaluyong City, Metro Manila	<b>St. Francis Square</b> St. Francis Street cor. Julia Vargas Avenue, Mandaluyong City, Metro Manila	<b>The Podium</b> ADB Avenue, Mandaluyong City, Metro Manila
<b>Robinson's Galleria</b> Ortigas Avenue corner EDSA, Ortigas Center, Mandaluyong City, Metro Manila	<b>Greenhills Shopping Center</b> Missouri Street, San Juan, Metro Manila	<b>Glorietta Shopping Mall</b> Ayala Center, Ayala Avenue corner Pasay Road, Makati Avenue and EDSA, Makati City, Metro Manila	<b>Greenbelt Shopping Mall</b> Ayala Center, Paseo de Roxas corner Legaspi Street, Ayala Center, Makati City, Metro Manila
<b>Robinson's Place Pioneer</b> EDSA cor. Pioneer Street, Mandaluyong City, Metro Manila	<b>SM Makati</b> Ayala Center, EDSA, Makati City, Metro Manila	<b>Bonifacio High Street</b> Bonifacio Global City, Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City, Metro Manila	<b>SM Mall of Asia</b> SM Central Business Park, Bay City, Pasay City, Metro Manila
<b>Market! Market!</b> Carlos P. Garcia Avenue (also known as <b>C-5</b> ) cor. 26th Street, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City, Metro Manila	<b>Gateway</b> Aurora Boulevard, Araneta Center, Cubao, Quezon City, Metro Manila	<b>SM City North Edsa</b> North Avenue cor. EDSA, Quezon City, Metro Manila	<b>Trinoma</b> North Avenue cor. EDSA, Quezon City, Metro Manila

## Other Useful Information

### Climate

- 21) October in Manila is wet or monsoonal, with temperatures in Fahrenheit range from 84° Fahrenheit to 87° Fahrenheit or 28.8° to 30.5° Celsius. An umbrella is a necessity. The conference room where the meeting is to be held is air-conditioned with temperature maintained in the range of 21-26 degrees Celsius (70-78 degrees Fahrenheit).

### Currency

- 22) The transportation of foreign currency or monetary instruments is legal. However, the carrying of foreign currency in excess of US\$10,000.00 or its equivalent in other foreign currencies must be declared in the Customs Declaration Form upon arrival at the airport.
- 23) It is illegal for any incoming or outgoing passenger to bring in or out Philippine Pesos in excess of PhP10,000.00 or without prior authority from the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas in accordance with BSP Circular 98-1995.
- 24) Exchange facilities are available at the airport, hotels, and malls near the venue (Shangrila Mall, SM Megamall and The Podium), normally between 8:30am to 7:00pm, Mondays thru Sundays. Most banks are open between 9:00am to 3:00pm, Mondays thru Fridays except for selected Banco de Oro branches (e.g., those located in EDSA Shangri-la Plaza Mall, SM Megamall and SM Makati), which are open from 10:00 am to 7:00pm from Mondays thru Sundays.

**View latest exchange rate on the website of the *Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas***  
<http://www.bsp.gov.ph/statistics/keystat/day99.htm>

### Language

- 25) Filipino is the national language. English is the business language and is spoken widely.

### Capital City

- 26) Manila is the capital city.

### Business Hours

- 27) Business hours are generally from 8:00am-12 NN and 1:00pm to 5:00 pm.

### Local Time

- 28) GMT plus 8 hours.

### Local transportation

- 29) Metered and fixed rate taxis are widely available in key cities nationwide. Jeepneys and buses are inexpensive ways of getting around most places. For the common white taxis the flag down rate is PhP 30.00, each 300 meters or for every two minutes the taxi stands motionless costs PhP 2.50. On the other hand, the yellow airport taxis flag down rate is PhP 70.00 then counter raises by PhP 4.00 for every 300 meters. Below is the list of some of the Metro Manila Taxi Operators.

<b>MGE</b> Tel Nos. 364-82-60; 363-60-96; 366-62-14; 366-62-87	<b>Dollar</b> Tel Nos. 927-87-18; 921-23-83	<b>Lady Helen</b> Tel No. 939-36-38	<b>Nolgaze</b> Tel No. 695-65-29	<b>Trends</b> Tel Nos. 822-93-45; 823-89-51
<b>Nine Stars, R&amp;E, EfE</b> Tel No. 330-16-54	<b>Obech</b> Tel No. 589-30-27	<b>Lulu</b> Tel No. 896-23-60	<b>Pioneer</b> Tel No. 252-95-66	<b>Xavierville</b> Tel No. 788-02-04
<b>EMP</b> Tel No. 293-59-60	<b>National</b> Tel No. 833-06-48	<b>Alkotby</b> Tel No. 432-24-06	<b>Shiro</b> Tel No. 984-14-73	<b>Basic Taxi</b> Tel No. 900-1447
<b>Golden</b> Tel No. 536-26-50	<b>Cruzette</b> Tel No. 896-60-59	<b>24/7</b> Tel No. 642-35-25	<b>Tai</b> Tel No. 772-27-15	<b>Avis</b> Tel No. 831-27-01

30) In Metro Manila, the fastest way of commuting is via the light railway system. The Metro Rail Transit (MRT) station can be a way to the venue. The Shaw Boulevard Station is connected by pedestrian walkways to the venue. This station is considered as the “central terminal” of the MRT, as it is the seventh station for trains headed to Taft Avenue and the seventh station headed to North Avenue. The station is located in Mandaluyong City. There are also other railway systems like Light Rail Transit 1 (LRT 1) connecting Caloocan City and Parañaque City and the Light Rail Transit 2 (LRT 2) connecting Pasig City and Manila.

#### **Electricity**

31) The standard voltage in Manila is 220 VAC at 50Hz. 110-volt outlets are also available in most hotels. Plugs are Type A (flat blade attachment plug).

#### **Postal services**

32) Postal/courier services are available at the Business Center located inside EDSA Shangri-la Hotel. It offers state-of-the-art equipment and around-the-clock services. Other services available at the meeting venue are facsimile transmissions, scanning and other business amenities.

#### **Credit Card and currency exchange**

33) The most widely accepted credit cards are MasterCard and Visa, which can be used at leading hotels, banks, airlines and supermarkets. Foreign currencies can be exchanged at forex bureaus and banks.

#### **Medical Services**

34) First aid and medical services are available at the Medical Center, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Service Building, EDSA Shangri-la Hotel during weekdays.

#### **Tour Information**

35) Tour information can be obtained from the following addresses:

<http://www.tourism.gov.ph> and <http://www.dotpcvc.gov.ph>.

#### **Telecommunication Facilities**

36) Telecommunication services are available at the Forum venue at cost to the users.

### **Country Dialling Code**

37) The country dialing code is +(632)

### **Emergency Numbers**

38) National Statistical Coordination Board:

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In case of any emergency (police) assistance, the participant may dial 117 in any landline phone, payphone, or mobile phone.



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