



New York Resource Guide

United Nations Statistics Division

Fifth Meeting of the Expert Group on Environment Statistics

New York, 16-18 May 2018

United Nations Secretariat Building (27th floor - Conference Room S-2726/2727)

1. Meeting Information

Title

Fifth Meeting of the Expert Group on Environment Statistics

Dates

16-18 May 2018

Venue

United Nations Secretariat Building (27th floor - Conference Room S-2726/2727)

Time

The sessions will be from 9:00 to 18:00 h on 16 May, and from 09:00-17:30 h on 17 - 18 May. A preliminary agenda was provided with the invitation.

Registration and Ground Passes

Participants will be met at the lobby of the UN DC 2 building (2 UN Plaza on East 44th Street between 1st and 2nd Avenue) by one of our staff members at 08:30 h on the first morning of the meeting. They will be given temporary United Nations grounds passes and will be escorted to the meeting room. A grounds pass is required at all times to enter all United Nations buildings.

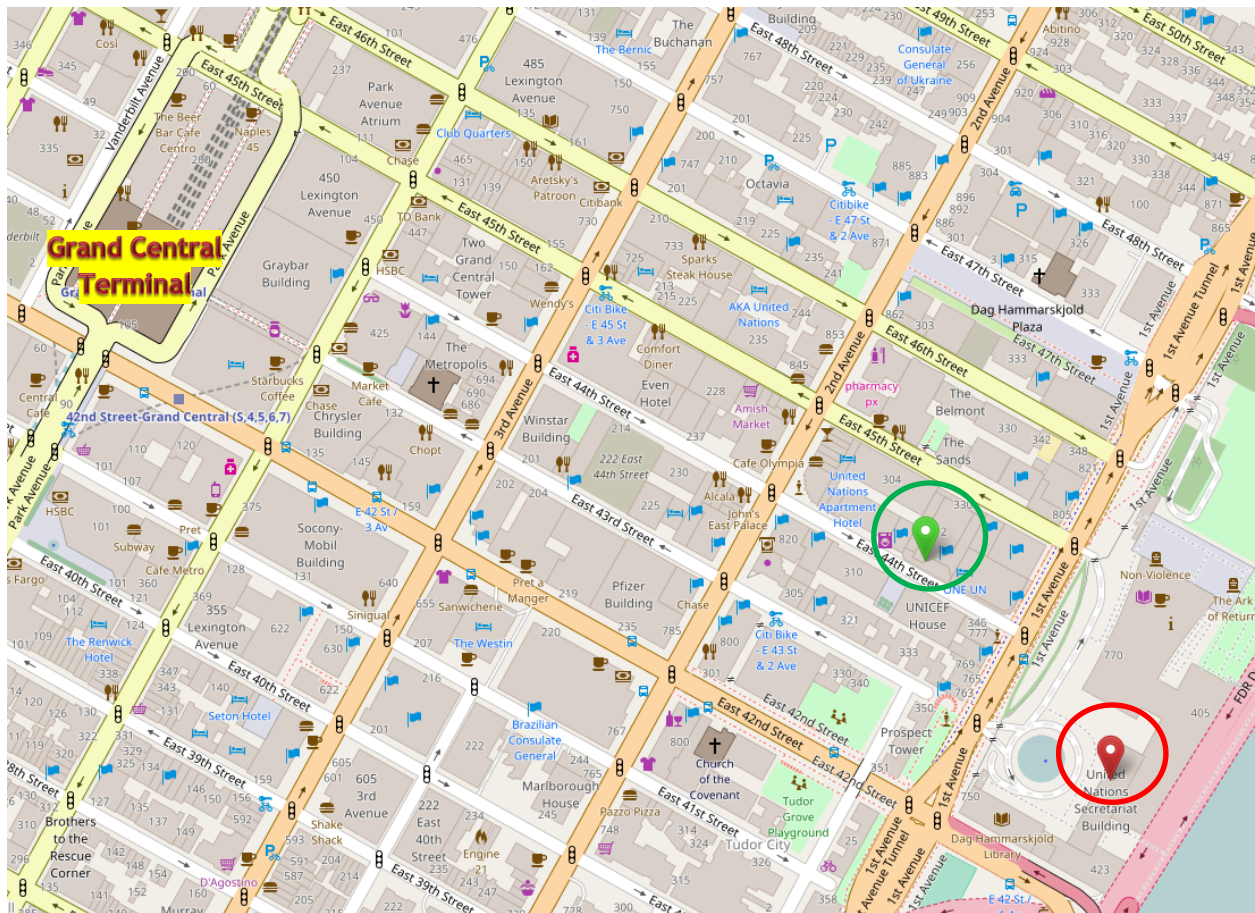
If you are arriving later than 09:00 h please notify Ms. Robin Carrington at UNSD at +1 (212) 963-6234 to make arrangements to pick up your grounds pass. You can call him from the lobby of DC 2, dialing 3-6234 from the telephone there.

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Map of the United Nations Buildings and public transportation



Green marker: DC 2 building, meet there at 09:00 h on the first day.

Red marker: UN Secretariat building. For the second day please use the 46th Street entrance (visitors' entrance) to the compound. Please tell the guard that you are going to a meeting (and not a tour).

Top left corner (Highlighted in yellow): Grand Central Terminal (and subway station), entrances to Grand Central are on the corner of 42nd Street and Park Avenue and on the corner of 43rd Street and Lexington Avenue (the avenue between Park Avenue and 3rd Avenue).

2. New York Information

Hotels and Other Accommodations

Arrangements for hotels need to be made by individual participants at hotels of their own choice. A list of hotels in the vicinity of the UN is provided below.

Please note that a credit card is normally required to make a reservation, participants should plan accordingly.

Below are two popular websites for booking hotels:

<https://www.booking.com>

<https://www.expedia.com>

Hotels in the vicinity of the United Nations

Below is the list of hotels located in the vicinity of the United Nations (walking distance to the UN).

Please note that the information on the list may not be 100% accurate and no special UN rates are maintained, but may exist. We advise you to inquire with the hotels on special offers.

Hotels frequently used by the past meeting participants:

Hotel	Address	Telephone	Website
Millennium Hotel	1 UN Plaza (E. 44th St at 1st Ave)	+1 (212) 758.1234	www.millenniumhotels.com
The Westin New York Grand Central Hotel	212 E 42nd St.	+1 (212) 490.8900	http://www.westinnewyorkgrandcentral.com
Hilton New York Grand Central	304 E. 42nd St.	+1 (212) 986.8800	http://www3.hilton.com
Pod 39 Hotel	145 E 39th St.	+1 (212) 865.5700	http://thepodhotel.com
Pod 51 Hotel	230 E. 51th St.	+1 (212) 355.0300	http://thepodhotel.com
Beekman Tower	3 Mitchell Place (E. 48th and 1st Ave.)	+1 (212) 355.7300	https://www.bridgestreet.com/properties/New-York/Beekman-Tower

Other options:

Hotel	Address	Telephone	Website
Algonquin	59 W. 44th St.	+1 (212) 840-6800	www.algonquinhotel.com
Bedford	118 E. 40th St.	+1 (212) 697-8100	www.bedfordhotel.com
Benjamin	125 E. 50th St.	+1 (212) 753-2700	www.thebenjamin.com
Diplomat Residence	210 E. 47 th St.	+1 (212) 371-6029	Email: Diplomat210@aol.com
Eastgate Tower	222 E. 39th St.	+1 (212) 687-8000	www.affinia.com
Dylan	52 E. 41st St.	+1 (212) 338-0500	www.dylanhotel.com
Envoy Club	377 E. 33rd St.	+1 (212) 481-4600	http://www.envoyclub.com
Fitzpatrick	141 E. 44th St.	+1 (212) 351-6872	www.fitzpatrickhotels.com
Helmsley Park Lane	36 Central Park South	+1 (212) 521-6239	www.helmsleyhotels.com
Marcel	201 E. 24th St.	+1 (212) 696-3800	www.themarcelatgramercy.com
Melrose Hotel	140 E. 63rd St.	+1 (212) 838-5700	www.melrosehotelnewyork.com
Metropolitan	569 Lexington Ave.	+1 (212) 752-7000	www.metropolitanhotelnyc.com
Middletown Helmsley	148 E. 48th St.	+1 (212) 755-3000	www.helmsleyhotels.com
Bentley	500 E. 62nd St.	+1 (212) 644-6000	www.bentleyhotelnyc.com
Radisson	511 Lexington Ave.	+1 (212) 755-4400	www.radisson.com
Roger Smith*	501 Lexington Ave.	+1 (212) 755-1400	www.rogersmith.com
San Carlos	150 E. 50 th St.	+1 (212) 755-1800	www.sancarlosotel.com
Warwick	65 W. 54 th St.	+1 (212) 247-2700	www.warwickhotelny.com

Hotels which are a long walk or a non-walking distance from the UN

The hotels listed below are located further from the United Nations Complex (long walk or non-walking distance to the UN).

Hotel	Address	Telephone	Website
Affinia Dumont	150 East 34th Street (Lexington and Third Avenues)	+1 (212) 481-7600	www.affinia.com
Belleclaire Hotel	250 W. 77 th Street	+1 (212) 362-7700	www.hotelbelleclaire.com e-mail: reservations@hotelbelleclaire.com
Carlton Arms Hotel	160. E. 25 th Street	+1 (212) 679-0680	www.carltonarms.com e-mail: artbreakhotel@aol.com
Chelsea Hotel	222 West 23rd Street (7th and 8th Avenues)	+1 (212) 243-3700	www.hotelchelsea.com
Doubletree Metropolitan	569 Lexington Avenue (51st Street)	+1 (212) 752-7000	www.metropolitanhotelnyc.com
Excelsior Hotel	45 West 81st Street (Central Park West and Columbus Avenue)	+1 (212) 362-9200	www.excelsiorhotelny.com
Gershwin Hotel	7 East 27th Street (Madison & 5th Avenues)	+1 (212) 545-8000	www.gershwinhotel.com e-mail: reservations@gershwinhotel.com
Hotel QT	125 West 45th Street (Avenue of the Americas and 7th Avenue)	+1 (212) 354-2323	www.hotelqt.com
Hotel Riverview	113 Jane Street (between W. 12 & 14 th Streets)	+1 (212) 929-0060	www.hotelriverview.com e-mail: Hriverview@aol.com
Hotel Stanford	43 West 32nd Street (Broadway and 5th Avenue)	+1 (800)-365-1114	www.hotelstanford.com

Hotel	Address	Telephone	Website
Hudson Hotel	356 West 58th Street (8th and 9th Avenues)	+1 (212) 554-6000	www.hudsonhotel.com
The Macaw Guesthouses	106 E. 101 st Street	+1 (212) 348-4643	www.themacawguesthouse.com
Off SoHo Suites Hotel	11 Rivington Street (Bowery and Chrystie Streets)	+1 (800)-633-7646	www.offsoho.com
The Time	224 West 49th Street (Broadway and 8th Avenue)	+1 (877)-846-3692	www.thetimeny.com

Hostels

Hotel	Address	Telephone	Website
Central Park Hostel	19 West 103 rd Street	+1 (212) 678-0491 Fax: +1 (212) 678-0453	www.centralparkhostel.com e-mail: info@centralparkhostel.com
Hostelling International	891 Amsterdam Avenue	+1 (212) 932-2300 Fax: +1 (212) 932-2574	www.hinewyork.org e-mail: reserve@hinewyork.org

Apartment/Residences/International Houses/YMCA

Hotel	Address	Telephone	Website
Chelsmore Apartments	205 W. 15 th Street (between 7 th & 8 th Avenues)	+1 (212) 924-7991 Fax: +1 (212) 727-7284	www.chelsmore.com e-mail: reservations@chelsmore.com
DeHirsch Residence Operated by 92 nd Street YMCA	1395 Lexington Ave (at 92 nd St)	+1 (212) 415-5650 +1 (800) 858-4692 Fax: +1 (212) 415-5578	www.92ndsty.org e-mail: dehirsch@92ndsty.org
Harlem YMCA	180 W. 135 th St.	+1 (212) 281-4100	e-mail: harlemguestrooms@ymcanyc.org
Vanderbilt YMCA	224 E. 47 th St (between 2 nd & 3 rd Avenues)	+1 (212) 756-9600	www.ymcanyc.org

Airports

There are 3 major airports serving New York City (IATA code: NYC). They are:

- 1. John F. Kennedy International Airport (IATA code: JFK):**
Located in Queens, New York, about 15 miles from Midtown Manhattan.
Phone: +1-718-244-4444. Website: <https://www.panynj.gov/airports/jfk.html>
- 2. Newark Liberty International Airport (IATA code: EWR):**
Located in Newark, New Jersey, about 16 miles from Midtown Manhattan.
Phone: +1-973-961-6000. Website: <https://www.panynj.gov/airports/newark-liberty.html>
- 3. LaGuardia Airport (IATA code: LGA):**
Located in Queens, New York about 8 miles from Midtown Manhattan. This airport serves mainly domestic flights.
Phone: +1-718-533-3400. Website: <http://laguardiaairport.com>

Information regarding these 3 airports can be accessed online at:

<https://www.panynj.gov/airports/>

Airport Transportation

For complete transportation information for the above 3 airports please consult the ground transportation of each airport's website: <https://www.panynj.gov/airports/>

Please find below the options of transportation from the airports to Midtown Manhattan:

From JFK International Airport

Service	Fare	Travel time	Frequency	Notes
<p><u>AirTrain JFK - subway</u> https://www.panynj.gov/airports/jfk-airtrain.html</p> <p>The AirTrain connects to the E, J, and Z subway at Jamaica station and to the A subway at Howard Beach: http://www.mta.info/nyct</p> <p>Connection at Jamaica Station with Long Island Railroad (LIRR) direct to Penn Station http://www.mta.info/lirr</p>	<p>AirTrain + Subway: \$5 Enter/Exit Fare + Subway Fare (\$2.75) = \$7.75 total</p> <p>AirTrain + Train: \$7.75 Enter/Exit Fare + Train Fare (Peak hrs: \$12.25 if purchased before boarding) = \$20 total</p>	<p>Via subway: 50 minutes</p> <p>Via train: 35 minutes</p>	<p>Air Train: Service available 24 hrs every 4-10 minutes</p> <p>Subway: every 4-12 minutes.</p> <p>LIRR: every 2-22 minutes depending on the time of the day.</p>	<p>Use of pay-per-ride MetroCard is required to ride Air Train and subway. Purchase the MetroCard upon exiting the AirTrain at Jamaica / Howard Beach station (no purchase within JFK!).</p> <p>To Grand Central: take the E (blue) subway train from Jamaica station to Manhattan and change to the downtown 6 train (green) at Lexington Avenue / 53rd Street.</p> <p>see subway map: http://web.mta.info/nyct/maps/subwaymap.pdf</p>
<p><u>New York City Airporter Bus</u> https://www.nycairporter.com</p>	<p>\$18 one way \$27 round trip</p>	<p>45 - 65 minutes (longer at peak hours)</p>	<p>Every 20-30 minutes 05:00 to 23:30 h</p>	<p>The bus stops near Grand Central Terminal, Bryant Park, Penn Station and at the Port Authority Bus Terminal. For exact locations for drop-off and pick-up please consult their website.</p>

Service	Fare	Travel time	Frequency	Notes
<p><u>SuperShuttle Manhattan</u> Shared door to door minibus 1-800-258-3826 https://www.supershuttle.com</p>	\$22	45 - 75 minutes (depending on traffic)	Available 24 hours.	No reservation is required for trip from Airport to Manhattan. Rather slow and expensive but drops you off at your hotel. Follow the signs to Ground Transportation Desk near the Baggage Claim area. Ask an agent to arrange for service or call Super Shuttle directly from the courtesy phone. 24-48 hours reservations required for return service.
<p><u>Taxi</u> http://www.nyc.gov/html/tlc/html/passenger/taxicab_rate.shtml</p>	Flat rate from Manhattan \$52.80 + \$4.50 rush hour surcharge (16:00 to 20:00 h weekdays, excluding legal holidays) + toll (\$5.54 each) on some routes + customary tip: 10 to 15% on the flat rate + surcharge (so give between \$5.50 to \$9.00)	40 - 60 minutes (longer at peak hours).	Available 24 hours a day.	Follow the signs to Taxi Stands in front of terminals. TAKE ONLY TAXIS AT THE OFFICIAL TAXI STAND! An agent will give you a ticket identifying the taxi. DO NOT HAIL AND TAKE TAXIS AT OTHER PLACES AROUND THE AIRPORT! They might overcharge you.
<p><u>Uber</u></p>	\$55 - \$65	50 - 60 minutes (longer at peak hours).	Available 24 hours a day.	You can also use Uber Pool (Shared rides) from and to JFK for \$35 flat rate.

From Newark Liberty International Airport				
Service	Fare	Travel Time	Frequency	Notes
<p>Air Train: https://www.panynj.gov/airports/ewr-airtrain.html</p> <p>Connection with NJTransit trains http://www.njtransit.com or Path subway http://www.panynj.gov/path/</p>	<p>Total fare to NY Penn Station (\$12.50)</p> <p>For connection to Path change at Newark Penn Station</p>	40 minutes	<p>Air Train: every 8-12 minutes. Available 24 hours.</p> <p>NJ Transit: every 7-30 minutes depending on the time of the day between 04:46 and 01:55 h</p>	<p>Take Air Train to 'Newark Int'l Airport Station' and transfer to the NJ Transit Trains to New York Penn Station.</p> <p>Important note: Do not confuse with Newark Penn Station.</p>
<p><u>Newark Airport Express</u> https://newarkairportexpress.com</p>	\$29 round-trip or \$17 one-way	30 - 60 minutes (longer at peak hours)	Every 15-30 minutes 04:00 to 01:00 h	Drop off service to Grand Central Terminal (East 41st Street between Park and Lexington Ave.), Bryant Park (42nd Street & 5th Avenue), Port Authority (West 41st Street between 8th and 9th Avenues)
<p><u>SuperShuttle Manhattan</u> Shared door to door minibus 1-800-258-3826 https://www.supershuttle.com</p>	\$21	30 - 60 minutes (longer at peak hours)	Available on demand 24 hours.	<p>No reservation is required for trip from Airport to Manhattan. Follow the signs to Ground Transportation Desk near the Baggage Claim area. Ask an agent to arrange for service or call Super Shuttle directly from the courtesy phone.</p> <p>24-48 hours reservations required for return service.</p>
<p><u>Taxi</u></p>	From EWR to Manhattan: Flat rate ranging from \$55 to \$75 + tips (10-15%) on base fare + tolls (\$21 round trip toll) + \$5.50 for credit cards	40 minutes (longer at peak hours).	Available during flight hours.	<p>Very expensive. No flat rate like at JFK.</p> <p>Follow the signs to Taxi Stands outside arrival areas.</p>

	For taxi fares FROM Manhattan to EWR check: http://www.nyc.gov/html/tlc/html/passenger/taxicab_rate.shtml			
Uber	\$55 - \$60	40 - 50 minutes (longer at peak hours).	Available 24 hours a day.	You can also use Uber Pool (Shared rides) from and to the airport for \$30 flat rate.

From LaGuardia Airport:

Service	Fare	Travel Time	Frequency	Notes
<u>New York City Airporter Bus</u> https://www.nycairporter.com	\$24 round trip \$15 one way	30 - 45 minutes, (longer at peak hours)	Every 30 minutes 05:00 to 23:30	The bus stops near Grand Central Terminal, Bryant Park, Penn Station and at the Port Authority Bus Terminal. For exact locations for drop-off and pick-up please consult their website.
<u>SuperShuttle Manhattan</u> Shared door to door minibus 1-800-258-3826 http://www.supershuttle.com	\$19	45 - 75 minutes (depending on traffic)	Available on demand 07:00 to 23:30	No reservation is required for trip from Airport to Manhattan. Follow the signs to Ground Transportation Desk near the Baggage Claim area. Ask an agent to arrange for service or call Super Shuttle directly from the courtesy phone. 24-48 hours reservations required for return service.

<p>Taxi</p> <p>http://www.nyc.gov/html/tlc/html/passenger/taxicab_rate.shtml</p>	<p>Metered Fare!</p> <p>Approximately \$21 - \$30 plus tolls (\$4.00) and tips (10-15% is customary) plus night surcharge (\$0.50 from 20:00 to 06:00 h) or weekday surcharge (\$1 Mon to Fri from 16:00 to 20:00) if applicable.</p>	<p>20 - 30 minutes (longer at peak hours).</p>	<p>Available during flight hours.</p>	<p>Follow the signs to Taxi Stands in front of terminals.</p>
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Confirmation of Return Flights

If necessary, please contact the airline directly to reconfirm your flight.

Local Transportation

Subway and buses

<http://www.mta.info>

Subway and buses are a convenient way to get around Manhattan. **MetroCard** valid for subway and bus can be purchased at subway stations. Riding the subway is generally safe even at night, especially within Manhattan.

Subway map: <http://web.mta.info/nyct/maps/subwaymap.pdf>

Use google maps for finding the best and quickest way to your destination.

Fare info: <http://web.mta.info/nyct/fare/FaresatAGlance.htm>

Single (Sold at subway vending machines only): single ride ticket is \$3.00 (no transfer to bus).

Pay-per-ride: \$3.00 (\$2.75 if you add at least \$5.50 to your MetroCard. MetroCard is \$1)

7-Day Metro Card costs \$32.00 (unlimited ride for one week for one person)

Yellow Cab Taxis

Yellow taxis are readily available around Manhattan. While taxis are relatively expensive for a single person, they are affordable with 3 or more riders. Taxis are also a safe alternative for late night travel when train and buses can be few and far between. All taxis usually accept credit cards. Pay only what is on the meter, plus a 10% to 15% gratuity (tip for safety and good service).

Caution: Do not to take taxis without meters (illegal taxi) or with the meter turned off and do not use black cabs that you have not ordered beforehand using a smartphone app like Uber, Gett, Lyft, etc., as they could charge you exorbitant fares. At the airports only get onto a taxi at the official taxi stand where usually an agent should be present.

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.

The rates for taxis are as follows:

Initial fare	\$2.50
Each 1/5 mile (4 blocks)	\$0.50
Each 1 minute idle	\$0.50
Night surcharge	\$0.50 (after 20:00 until 06:00 h)
Peak hour weekday surcharge	\$1.00 (Mon-Fri, 16:00 until 20:00)
New York State Tax Surcharge	\$0.50
Additional riders	FREE

For more fare information, including airport rides:

http://www.nyc.gov/html/tlc/html/passenger/taxicab_rate.shtml

Black Cabs (Uber, Uber Pool, Gett, Via, Lyft, etc.)

There are many black cabs operating in New York. Most of them are now hailed using an app like Uber, Uber Pool, Gett, Via, Lyft, etc.. Uber accounts from abroad were reported to work also in New York. So this might be a good alternative for trips within the city and to the airports. Especially when using their shared service Uber pool, where several passengers share the costs of the ride.

Ferries

New York has different networks of ferries. Please consult the following websites:

On the Hudson River: <http://www.nywaterway.com>

On the East River: <http://www.eastriverferry.com/>

Staten Island Ferry (free): <http://www.siferry.com>

Money

The majority of ATMs (Automated Teller Machines) networks in New York City are linked to a network that most likely includes your bank at home. Hence, you would be able to make a cash withdrawal if you have a cash card (ATM Card) that offers **Cirrus** (www.mastercard.com/atmlocator/index.jsp) or **Plus** (www.visa.com/atm), the 2 most popular networks. There are fees and daily limits associated with withdrawing money using the above networks. Please check with your bank at home for this information and also check for any additional fees charged by the ATM operator displayed on the ATM's screen.

Traveler's cheques are another good and safe alternative. But they are less and less used in New York. 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 travelers cheques 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 and locals use them to pay even for very small amounts.

For gratuity, it is suggested that you give 18% of your total bill. It usually adds up to multiplying tax of the total bill by two. ex) Tax = \$2.50, then tip would be $\$2.50 \times 2 = \5.00 .

Postal Services

United Nations Post Office

UN General Assembly Building

First basement (shop area)

New York, NY 10017

1st Avenue (between East 45th and East 46th Street entry via Visitors' Entrance)

US Postal Offices

Search for postal offices on this website: <https://tools.usps.com/go/POLocatorAction.action>

Closest office to the UN: near Grand Central on 450 Lexington Avenue Fl 2 (btw. 44th and 45th Street)

Internet Services

The meeting venue will provide free Wi-Fi for all the participants who will be attending the meeting. Connection details will be provided to participants at the start of the meeting or upon arrival at the venue.

Electric Plug and Socket

The electric power in the US is 120 V at 60 Hz and plug types used are type A and B. Participants are strongly encouraged to carry their own adapters for use with laptops and other electrical appliances. In case of need, adapters can be purchased from Duane Reade near the venue or other electronics shops.

Time

For the time difference between New York and your country, please refer to

http://www.worldtimeserver.com/convert_time_in_US-NY.aspx

Weather

To check for current weather condition in New York, please refer to

<http://www.accuweather.com/en/us/new-york-ny/10007/weather-forecast/349727>