Some general directions for the Global Forum on Gender Statistics Helsinki, Finland, 24-26 October 2016

Meeting venue
House of the Estates
2nd floor, hall 15

Visiting address:
Snellmaninkatu 9-11, coordinates 60.171186, 24.953627
Helsinki, Finland

The House of the Estates is located in the vicinity of the Senate Square and stands opposite the Bank of Finland.
The easiest way to come to the House of the Estates is by walking. It is approximately 850 m from the Helsinki Central Railway Station via Yliopistokatu.

Visas
For visa requirement and travel document accepted by Finland, please consult your Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Finnish Embassy or Consulate in your Country. You can also check the link of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland.

Please be informed that there will not be printing facilities at the venue.

Evening reception
The evening reception is hosted by the City of Helsinki. Cocktails are served on Monday from 6.30 to 7.30 pm. The address is Pohjoisesplanadi 11-13 and it is about 1 km from the Helsinki central station by walking via Yliopistokatu or Pohjoisesplanadi. How to go from the Global Forum on Gender Statistics venue to the Reception venue.
Accommodation

You will find accommodation alternatives on the [Helsinki tourist information website](http://www.hel.fi) where you can find the link to the [hotel reservation services](http://www.hel.fi). For example, these hotels are located in the city centre:

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<td>by tram 7B or 1 km by walking via Yliopistonkatu</td>
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<td>Hotel Scandic Simonkentä</td>
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<td>Hotel Arthur</td>
<td>650 m by walking via Fabianinkatu and Kirkkokatu</td>
<td>E-mail: <a href="mailto:sales@hotelarthur.fi">sales@hotelarthur.fi</a> Tel. +358 9 173 44200 Fax. +358 9 626 880 <a href="http://www.hotelarthur.fi/">http://www.hotelarthur.fi/</a></td>
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<td>by tram 1 and 1A or 700 m by walking via Pohjoisesplanadi and Snellmaninkatu</td>
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Arriving at Helsinki Airport

From airport to city centre

The Ring Rail Line provides public transport from the airport to the centre of Helsinki. The train runs at 10-minute intervals during peak periods. “I” trains mainly leave from tracks 1-3 and “P” trains from tracks 16-18 at the Helsinki Central Railway Station. A regional ticket costs €5.50. More information and train schedules are available on the HSL website. The entrance to the train station is in the corridor between the terminals Helsinki-Vantaa airport which is located about 20 kilometres north of Helsinki.

A frequent bus service called Finnair City Bus operates between Helsinki-Vantaa airport and the central railway station in the city centre. The fare (payable to driver) is €6.30 and the drive takes around 35 minutes.

Taxis are also available. A regular private taxi ride to the city costs €40–50. Taxi drivers accept major credit cards and do not expect tips. Bus and taxi stands are located directly outside the Arrivals Hall at the airport.

Public transport in Helsinki

The public transport system in the Helsinki region includes transportation by trams, buses, metro, Suomenlinna ferry and local trains.

Tickets

A single ticket costs €3.20 bought on a bus or tram and €2.70 from a ticket machine. A tram ticket bought from a ticket machine costs €2.40. A single ticket is valid for one hour.

A day ticket is a good choice if you need to make many journeys during several days. You can choose a ticket valid for 1 to 7 days. 1 day costs €8, 2 days €12, 3 days €16 and so on. You can buy a day ticket at the corner shop R-kioski, for example, at the central railway station.

Contact details

For further information please contact shibata@un.org from UNSD or marjut.pietilainen@stat.fi or leila.kaunisharju@stat.fi from Statistics Finland.

Good to know

Currency and Exchange

Banks are normally open from Monday to Friday between 10 am and 4.30 pm. “OTTO” cash withdrawal automats accept all major bank and credit cards. Nearest Forex Bank is at Aleksanterinkatu 52B

Tipping

Tipping is not customary in Finland. Service charges are included in prices.
More information

Finland
http://finland.fi/

Helsinki
http://www.visithelsinki.fi/en

Weather in Finland
http://en.ilmatieteenlaitos.fi/weather/helsinki

Statistics Finland
http://www.stat.fi/index_en.html

Helsinki Region Transport
http://www.hsl.fi/EN