



NEW YORK RESOURCE GUIDE

FIRST SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GROUP OF EXPERTS ON GEOGRAPHICAL NAMES

29 APRIL – 3 MAY 2019

**UNITED NATIONS, HEADQUARTERS, NEW
YORK**

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These information notes have been compiled to assist you in the preparation for your trip to New York to participate in the **1st Session of United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names** and the side events.

We would appreciate any comments or suggestions that you have on how to improve these.

A. ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE MEETINGS

- **1st session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names**

Date: 29 April - 3 May 2019

Venue: Conference Room 2, Conference Building (enter through the Visitor's Entrance at First Avenue, between E. 45 & E. 46 Streets).

Times: The opening session will start at **10:30 a.m. on 29 April 2019** and on subsequent days the meeting will start at 10:00 a.m.

1. Credentials

In accordance with Note Verbale of 17 December 2018, the Secretary General would be grateful to receive as soon as possible and not later than 18 March 2019 the names, position titles and e-mail address of delegates designated by the Governments of the Permanent Representatives to attend the session. The credentials of all delegates should be submitted to the Office of the Secretary of the Session (reyes1@un.org; wilkinsonv@un.org and a copy to frani@un.org) .

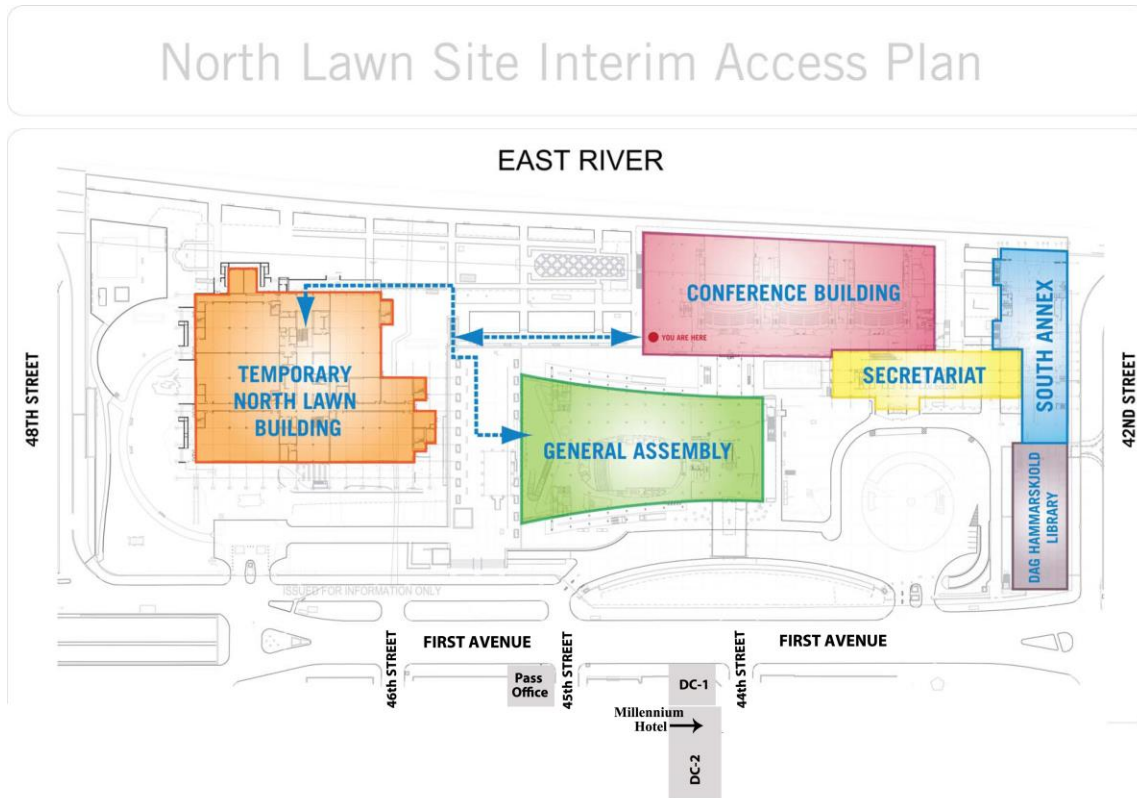
2. Identification Badges and Grounds Passes

Your Permanent Mission will request grounds pass for members of the delegation through the online system eAccreditation. The contact information for your Permanent Mission is available at this website: <http://www.un.org/en/members/>.

For representatives from United Nations agencies, official nominations can be sent directly to the Statistics Division attention Vilma Frani (see contact details below). You may use your United Nations Laissez-Passer to gain entrance to the United Nations premises or request your representative office in New York to make arrangements for your grounds pass.

For representatives from non-UN organizations, such as non-government organizations, the Statistics Division will make arrangements for your grounds pass upon receipt of your official nominations from your organization.

3. Map of United Nations Facility



4. Address and Contact Numbers

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5. Working Language(s) of the meetings

The 1st Session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names will be conducted in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish.

All the other meetings (side events) will be conducted in English only.

B. GENERAL INFORMATION

6. Immigration Requirements

Participants should contact relevant United States of America embassies or consulates on visa requirements, and obtain the appropriate entry permit where necessary as early as possible.

The official invitation letter (note verbale) is generally sufficient to be used as supporting documentation for visa (entry permit) request. Kindly also check whether you would need a transit visa for countries in which you may need to transfer or stop over during your trip to and from New York. Meeting all visa and entry requirements including to the United States is the sole responsibility of participants.

7. 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** (<http://www.mastercard.com/atmlocator/index.jsp>) or **Plus** (www.visa.com/atm), the two 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.

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.

8. Hotels

Arrangements for hotels need to be made by individual participants (or their Mission) at hotels of their own choice. A list of hotels in the vicinity of the United Nations is provided below.

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

Participants can contact hotels directly and make reservations. If you need assistance you should contact American Express, United Nations New York, (Tel. 1-877-418-9652, Outside the US: 1-336-291-1394, Fax. 1-917 967 9693 and Email unsec@aexp.com).

Participants can also contact your country's Mission to the United Nations which may be able to assist you (contact details for missions can be found at <http://www.un.org/en/members/>). Participants should make the necessary reservations at least one week prior to the event.

Below is the list of hotels located in the vicinity of the United Nations.

The following are some popular web sites for hotels:

- www.expedia.com
- www.hotels.com
- www.orbitz.com
- www.booking.com/hotels

9. United Nations Hotel List

UNITED NATIONS HOTEL LIST *

<u>Hotel Name</u>	<u>Hotel Address</u>	<u>Telephone#</u>
70 Park Avenue – Kimpton Hill	70 Park Avenue, New York, NY	212-973-2400
Club Quarters Grand Central	128 East 45 th St. New York, NY	212-986-6400
Courtyard Central Park Marriott	1717 Broadway, New York, NY	212-324-3774
Dylan Hotel	52 East 44 th St. New York, NY	212-338-0500
Hilton Garden Inn Midtown East	206 East, 52 nd St. New York, NY	212-794-6000
Hilton Manhattan East	304 East, 42 nd St., New York, NY	212-986-8800
One UN New York Hotel	1 United Nations Plaza, New York, NY	212-758-1234
Residence Inn Central Park	1717 Broadway, New York, NY	212-324-3774
Residence Inn Marriott/Midtown East	148 East, 48 th St., New York, NY	212-980-1003
Roger Smith	501 Lexington Ave., New York, NY	212-755-1400
The Kimberly hotel	145 East 50 th St., 3 rd Ave, New York, NY	212-702-1600
The Kitano Hotel	66 Park Ave., New York, NY	212-885-7000
The New York Edition	5 Madison Ave., New York, NY	212-413-4200
The Westin at Grand Central	212 East, 42 nd St., New York, NY	212-490-8900
Warwick	65 West, 54 th St., New York, NY	212-247-2700

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

10. A Guide to Food in the United Nations Complex and Neighbourhood

Snacks / Cafés / Delicatessens	Restaurants
The Palm 2nd Avenue between 44th and 45th St. (212).687-2953	Dean's Family Style Restaurant and Pizzeria 801 2nd Avenue between 42nd and 43rd St. (212) 878-9600
Grand Central Oyster Bar 98 E at 42nd St. at Grand Central Terminal Enter at Vanderbilt Avenue between 42nd and 43rd St (212) 490-6650	The Amish Market 45th St. between 2nd and 3rd Avenue
John's Coffee Shop 823 2nd Avenue at 44th St.	Patsy's Pizzeria 801 2nd Avenue between 42nd and 43rd St. (212) 878-9600
UNICEF Café Three UN Plaza, 1st Floor 44th St. between 1st and 2nd Avenue Hours: M-F: 8:30am-4:30pm	Keats (Irish Pub) 2nd Avenue between 44th and 45th St. (212) 682-5490
United Nations Riverview Café Conference Building - 4th Floor South Hours: Monday through Friday 8 AM to 3 PM	Sushi Yasuda (Japanese) 204 E 43rd St between 2nd and 3rd Avenue (212) 972-1001
United Nations delegates dinner room Conference Building – 4th Floor North Hours: M-F from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.	Aburiya Kinnosuke (Japanese) 213 E 45th St. between 2nd and 3rd Avenue (212) 867-5454
Sparks Steak House 210 E 46th St. between 2nd and 3rd Avenue (212) 687-4855	Ali Baba's Terrace (Turkish) 862 2nd Avenue at 46th St. (212) 888-8622

11. Airports

There are 3 major airports serving New York City. They are:

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

Airport Transportation

Complete transportation information for the above 3 airports can be obtained by calling **Air-Ride** ph: 1-800-AIR RIDE (toll free number within the U.S.). Please find below the options of transportation from the airports to Midtown Manhattan:

12. Transportation from Airports to Manhattan

(Fares are subject to change)

FROM JFK AIRPORT:

Service	Fare	Estimated Time of Arrival	Frequency	Notes
<p>AirTrain JFK (www.panynj.gov/airtrain)</p> <p>Connection with NYC subway (www.mta.info/nyct/subway)</p> <p>Connection with Long Island Railroad (LIRR) direct to Penn Station (www.mta.info/lirr)</p>	<p>\$5 Enter/Exit Fare + Subway Fare (\$2.75)</p> <p>\$5 Enter/Exit Fare + Train Fare (Peak hrs:\$8.75, off-peak hrs \$6.25)</p>	<p>55 minutes</p> <p>40 minutes</p>	<p>Service available 24 hrs. Air Train:4-10 minutes Subway:4-12 minutes. LIRR: 2-22 minutes depending on the time of the day.</p>	<p>Connect to “E” subway train/LIRR at ‘Jamaica Station’. Use pay-per-ride Metrocard is required to ride Air Train.</p> <p>A \$1 fee will apply to new MetroCard purchases from the ticket vending machines.</p>
<p>NYC Airporter (1-718) 777-5111 (https://www.nycairporter.com/)</p>	<p>\$18 one way \$34 round trip</p>	<p>90 minutes (longer at peak hours)</p>	<p>Every 30 minutes 6:00 a.m. - 11:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Grand Central Terminal (buses drop off at 42nd street & Vanderbilt Ave.)</p> <p>Book online to avoid lines at the bus stop or airport. There are no times when you book online, you can take any bus from 6:00am-11:30pm with the online confirmation.</p>
<p>SuperShuttle Manhattan Shared door to door minibus 1-800-258-3826 (www.supershuttle.com)</p>	<p>Approx.. \$ 23</p>	<p>45 – 75 minutes (depending on traffic)</p>	<p>Available 24 hours.</p>	<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. 24-48 hours reservations required for return service.</p>
<p>Taxi</p>	<p>Flat rate \$52 and \$4.50 rush hour charge plus tolls and tips (10-15% is customary).</p>	<p>40 - 60 minutes (longer at peak hours).</p>	<p>Available 24 hours a day.</p>	<p>Follow the signs to Taxi Stands in front of terminals.</p>

FROM NEWARK INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT:

Service	Fare	Estimated Time of Arrival	Frequency	Notes
<p>AirTrain Newark (https://www.panynj.gov/airports/ewr-airtrain.html) 1-800-AIR RIDE</p> <p>Connection with NJTransit (www.njtransit.com) 1-800-772-2222 or (973) 762-5100</p>	<p>\$5.50 + NJ Transit Fare (\$7)</p>	<p>30 minutes</p>	<p>Air Train: 8-12 minutes. Available 24 hours. NJ Transit: 7-30 minutes depending on the time of the day between 4:46 a.m. and 1:55 a.m. For exact times check www.njtransit.com or call 1-800-626-RIDE</p>	<p>Take Air Train to 'Newark Int'l Airport Station' and transfer the NJ Transit Trains to New York Penn Station.</p>
<p>Olympia Airport Express 1-877- 8-NEWARK 1-877 863-9275 (http://www.coachusa.com/olympia/ss.newarkairport.asp)</p>	<p>\$28 round-trip or \$16 one-way. \$16 one-way transfers to hotels via Grand Central Station.</p>	<p>30 - 60 minutes (longer at peak hours)</p>	<p>Every 20-30 minutes 4:00 a.m. – 7:00am and 11:00 p.m.-2:00am</p>	<p>- Drop off service to Grand Central Terminal (120 E. 41st St, between Park and Lexington Ave.), Port Authority (E. 42nd St and 8th Ave) or Penn Station (W. 34th st and 8th Ave)</p>
<p>SuperShuttle Manhattan Shared door to door minibus 1-800-258-3826 (www.supershuttle.com)</p>	<p>\$23</p>	<p>30 – 60 minutes (longer at peak hours)</p>	<p>Available on demand 24 hours.</p>	<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. 24-48 hours reservations required for return service.</p>
<p>Taxi</p>	<p>Flat rate ranging from \$50 to \$70 and additional \$5 for cash / \$5.50 for credit card transactions plus tolls and tips (10-15% is customary).</p>	<p>40 minutes (longer at peak hours).</p>	<p>Available during flight hours.</p>	<p>Follow the signs to Taxi Stands outside arrival areas.</p>

FROM LA GUARDIA AIRPORT:

Service	Fare	Estimated Time of Arrival	Frequency	Notes
<p>NYC Airporter (1-718) 777-5111 (https://www.nycairporter.com/)</p>	<p>\$15 one way \$28 round trip</p>	<p>90 minutes (longer at peak hours)</p>	<p>Every 30 minutes 6:00 a.m. - 11:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Grand Central Terminal (Vanderbilt Ave. and E. 42nd Streets) Transfer available to hotels between E. 31st and E. 59th Streets.</p>
<p>SuperShuttle Manhattan Shared door to door minibus 1-800-258-3826 (www.supershuttle.com)</p>	<p>\$15 - \$20</p>	<p>45 – 75 minutes (depending on traffic)</p>	<p>Available on demand 7:00 a.m. - 11:30 p.m.</p>	<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. 24-48 hours reservations required for return service.</p>
<p>Taxi</p>	<p>\$21 - \$30 plus tolls and tips (10-15% is customary) plus night surcharge (\$0.50 from 8:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.) or weekday surcharge (\$1 Mon to Fri from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.) 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>

13. Local Transportation

Subway and buses (<http://www.mta.info/>) are a convenient way to get around Manhattan. **Metro Card** valid for subway and bus can be purchased at subway stations.

- Single: trip fare is \$3.00.
- 7-Day Metro Card costs \$32.00 (unlimited ride for one week for one person)

Yellow Cab Taxis are readily available around Manhattan. 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. Taxi fees can be paid in cash or credit card, however, if paying in cash, it is a good idea to have small bills because taxi drivers usually cannot change anything higher than \$20. While taxis are relatively expensive for a single person, they are more affordable with 3 or more riders. The rates for taxis are as follows:

Initial fare	\$2.50
Each 1/5 mile (4 blocks)	\$0.50
Each 1 minute idle	\$0.40
Night surcharge	\$0.50 (after 8:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m.)
Additional riders	FREE

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.

Uber and Lyft are convenient, inexpensive and safe taxi service.

<https://www.uber.com/>

<https://www.lyft.com/>

14. Postal Services

United Nations Post Office

UN Secretariat Building

(Basement)

1st Avenue (between E. 45th & E. 46th Street, entry via Visitor's Entrance)

Grand Central Station

450 Lexington Ave.

New York, NY 10017

(1-800) 275-8777

15. Confirmation of Return Flights

Please contact the airline directly to reconfirm your flight.

16. Time

For the time difference between New York and your country, please refer to <http://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/>

17. Weather

To check for current weather condition in New York, please refer to <http://www.weather.com/weather/local/10017?lswe=10017&lwsa=WeatherLocalUndeclared&from=whatwhere>

18. Medical Services

Participants are responsible for making their own insurance arrangements, including life, health and other forms deemed appropriate. The United Nations does not take responsibility for the ill health of any participants during their stay. Medical attention is available during regular working hours from 9:00am to 5:30pm at the UN Secretariat (5th floor).