

**Regional consultation on draft guidelines on the effective implementation
of the right to participate in public affairs**

**Economic Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)
Bangkok, Thailand**

2 and 3 October 2017

LOGISTICS NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS

I. DATE, TIME AND VENUE

1. The regional consultation for the Asia and Pacific region will be held on 2 and 3 October 2017. The morning sessions will start at 9.30am and end at 12.30pm. The afternoon session will start at 2pm and end at 5pm. The meeting will take place at [Economic Commission for Asia and the Pacific \(ESCAP\)](#), Bangkok, Thailand, in room H.

II. LANGUAGE OF THE MEETING

2. The meeting will be held in English. No interpretation will be provided.

III. REGISTRATION

3. All participants are requested to fill out the registration form available at www.ohchr.org/participationguidelines and return it to Ms. Federica Morvay (fmorvay@ohchr.org) at the latest by **26 September 2017**. **Only registered participants will be able to attend the consultation.**
4. In order to receive a visitor badge and access ESCAP premises, participants will have to present their valid ID card or passport at the **Security registration counter, located on the ground floor, UNCC**. All participants are requested to wear their badges at all times during the meeting and while on ESCAP premises, for identification and security reasons. **We recommend participants to arrive at the Security counter at least 30 minutes in advance of the start of the meeting.**

IV. TRAVEL ADVISORY

5. On 13 October 2016 the death of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej, who was highly revered by the people of Thailand, was announced. During the official mourning period of one year, Thai citizens are encouraged to wear black and others may also choose to do so. Visitors are advised to be respectful of Thai customs and may choose to wear black or plain, modest clothing out of respect. Thailand has laws against making negative comments about the

institution of the monarchy. These laws are strictly enforced and are applicable to spoken, written and electronic communication, including social media, as well as gestures.

V. VISA

6. A valid passport and visa are required to enter Thailand. Participants are responsible for obtaining their entry visas from the Royal Thai Embassy or the Royal Thai Consulate-General in their respective countries of residence prior to departure, EXCEPT for those nationals listed below. The list of Royal Thai Embassy/Consulate-General can be found at www.thaiembassy.org.

List of countries and territories entitled for visa exemption and visa on arrival

For Ordinary passport

A. Visa exemption for a maximum of 14 days

Cambodia

Myanmar (International Airports only)

B. Visa exemption for a maximum of 30 days

Australia	Hungary	Mongolia
Austria	Iceland	Netherlands
Bahrain	Indonesia	New Zealand
Belgium	Ireland	Norway
Brunei Darussalam	Israel	Oman
Canada	Italy	Philippines
Czech Republic	Japan	Poland
Denmark	Kuwait	Portugal
Estonia	Laos	Qatar
Finland	Liechtenstein	Russian Federation
France	Luxembourg	Singapore
Germany	Macao, China	Slovak Republic
Greece	Malaysia	Slovenia
Hong Kong, China	Monaco	South Africa

Spain	Turkey	United States of America
Sweden	United Arab Emirates	Vietnam
Switzerland	United Kingdom	

C. Visa exemption for a maximum of 90 days

Argentina	Chile	Republic of Korea
Brazil	Peru	

For Diplomatic / Official Passport

A. Visa exemption for a maximum of 30 days

Brunei Darussalam	Indonesia	Oman
Cambodia	Laos	Pakistan (Diplomatic Passport only)
China	Macao, China	Singapore
Ecuador	Mongolia	Vietnam
Hong Kong, China	Myanmar	

B. Visa exemption for a maximum of 90 days

Albania	France (Diplomatic Passport only)	Morocco
Argentina	Germany	Netherlands
Austria	Hungary	Nepal
Belarus	India	Panama
Belgium	Israel	Peru
Bhutan	Italy	Philippines
Brazil	Japan	Poland
Chile	Republic of Korea	Romania
Colombia	Liechtenstein	Russian Federation
Costa Rica	Luxembourg	Slovak Republic
Croatia	Malaysia	South Africa
Czech Republic	Mexico	Spain (Diplomatic Passport only)
Estonia (Diplomatic Passport only)	Montenegro	Sri Lanka

Switzerland

Tunisia

Ukraine

Tajikistan

Turkey

Uruguay

Visa on arrival (for a maximum of 15 days)

Andorra

India

Papua New Guinea

Bulgaria

Kazakhstan

Romania

Bhutan

Latvia

San Marino

China

Lithuania

Saudi Arabia

Cyprus

Maldives

Taiwan

Ethiopia

Malta

Ukraine

Fiji

Mauritius

Uzbekistan

7. Participants who wish to apply for a visa on arrival at Suvarnabhumi International Airport (valid for 21 nationalities listed in the above table) should follow the below requirements:
 - (a) The applicant must possess a passport with the validity of at least six months and must be in possession of a valid return ticket with date of departure within 15 days of the date of entry;
 - (b) The applicant must fill out an application form, which is available at the Visa-on-Arrival counter at Suvarnabhumi International Airport, supply one recent passport-sized photograph and a fee of Baht 2,000.
8. Participants holding UN Laissez-Passer (UNLP) travelling on official business to Thailand are REQUIRED to obtain an appropriate visa before entering.

NOTE: The information provided above is accurate as of June 2017. All participants are advised to consult with the Royal Thai Embassy/Consulate in their respective countries regarding the latest applicable immigration requirements prior to their departure to Thailand.

YELLOW FEVER INFORMATION

Authorities at the airport may require a certificate/proof of vaccination from passengers (except for those on airport transit), as a condition of entry, if they have travelled from or through countries which have been declared [Yellow Fever Infected Areas](#) within the past 10 days.

VI. DOCUMENTATION

9. All relevant background documentation, up-to date information on the consultation process, as well as written contributions received by Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) in response to the call for inputs dated 23 March 2017 is available at the www.ohchr.org/participationguidelines.
10. Documents for circulation or distribution at the meeting should be handed to the secretariat staff. In accordance with United Nations regulations on the control and limitation of documentation, the secretariat cannot undertake to process and/or reproduce documents or a statement submitted by individual delegations.

VII. ACCOMMODATION

11. Please note that all participants, including expert panelists, will need to directly make their own hotel reservations. The UN System recommends the following hotels, located relatively close to ESCAP for which the room rates indicated below are inclusive of service charge and value added tax:

Name and address	Driving distance to UNCC (min.)	Located near BTS or MRT line	Shuttle service to and from ESCAP	Hotel Airport Pick Up Service Available	Room type	Daily room rates (Baht)	
						Single	Double
Amari Watergate ***** 847 Petchburi Road, Ratchathewi, Bangkok 10400 Tel: +66.2.6539000 ext. 5107 Fax: +66.2.6539045 E-mail: nannaphat.j@amari.com Website: http://www.amari.com/watergate/ Contact person: Ms. Nannaphat Jiemrugeekul	20-35	15 min. walk to Ratchathewi BTS Station 12 min. walk to Ratchaprarop Station (Suvarnabhumi Airport Rail Link City Line)	Yes 1,000 Baht (One way) Need advance booking	Yes 2,354 Baht (One way) Need advance booking	Deluxe	3,000 ^{a/b/c}	3,200 ^{a/b/c}
Centara Grand at Central World ***** 999/99 Rama 1 Road, Pathumwan, Bangkok 10330 Tel: +66.2.1001234 Fax: +66.2.1001235 E-mail: cgcwsales@chr.co.th Website: http://www.centarahotelsresorts.com Contact person: Ms. Pathaipischa Isarangkun na Ayuttaya	20-35	5 min. walk to Chit Lom BTS Station & Siam BTS Station	No	Yes 2,400 Baht (One way) Need advance booking	Superior Deluxe	2,900 ^{a/c}	3,300 ^{a/c}
Chatrium Riverside ***** 28 Charoenkrung Road, Watprayakrai, Bangkholame, Bangkok 10120 Tel: +66.2.3078888 Fax: +66.2.3078899 E-mail: info.chrb@chatrium.com Website: http://www.chatrium.com/ Contact person: Ms. Narumol Arunyagool	30-45	20 min. walk to Saphan Taksin BTS Station	Yes 900 Baht (One way) Need advance booking	Yes 1,900 Baht (One way) Need advance booking	Standard Superior	3,000 ^{a/c}	3,100 ^{a/c}
Conrad Bangkok ***** 87 Wireless Road, Phatumwan, Bangkok 10330 Tel: +66.2.6909999 ext. 9945	40-55	10 min. walk to Phloen Chit BTS Station	No	Yes 2,900 Baht (One way)	Standard Superior	3,650 ^{a/c}	4,150 ^{a/c}

Fax: +66.2.6909000 E-mail: Salita.panitchpakdi@conradhotels.com Website: http://conradhotels3.hilton.com/en/hotels/thailand Contact person: Ms. Salita Panitchpakdi				Need advance booking			
Dusit Thani Hotel ***** 946 Rama 4 Road, Silom, Bangrak, Bangkok 10500 Tel: +66.2.2009000 ext. 2909 Fax: +66.2.2009600 E-mail:sachon@dusit.com Website: http://www.dusit.com Contact person: Ms. Sachon Thiraprawat	25-40	6 min. walk to Sala Daeng BTS Station	No	Yes 2,500 Baht (One way) Need advance booking	Superior	3,103 ^{a/c}	3,745 ^{a/c}
Eastin Grand Sathorn ***** 33/1 South Sathorn Road, Yannawa, Sathorn, Bangkok 10120 Tel: +66.2.2108100 Fax: +66.2.2108399 E-mail: ados1@eastingrandsathorn.com Website: http://www.eastinhotelsresidences.com/eastingrandsathornbangkok/default-en.html Contact person: Mr. Kitisak Sawaddichai	30-45	2 min. walk to Surasak BTS Station	Yes 1,850 Baht (One way) Need advance booking	Yes 1,850 Baht (One way) Need advance booking	Standard Superior	2,800 ^{a/c} 3,200 ^{a/c}	2,800 ^{a/c} 3,200 ^{a/c}
Grand Centre Point Rajdamri ***** 153 / 2 Soi Mahalek Luang 1 , Ratchadamri Road, Pathumwan, Bangkok 10330 Tel: +66.2.6705000 ext. 4785 Fax: +66.2.6705069 E-mail: tarin.l@gcphotels.com Website: http://www.grandcentrepointratchadamri.com Contact person: Ms. Tarin Luechaikam	25-40	5 min. walk to Rajdamri BTS Station 10 min. walk to Chit Lom BTS Station	No	Yes 1,090 Baht (One way) Need advance booking	Deluxe	2,889 ^{a/c}	3,317 ^{a/c}
Grand Centre Point Terminal 21 ***** 2 Sukhumvit Soi 19	30-45	2 min. walk to Asok BTS	Yes	Yes	Deluxe Premium	3,500 ^{a/c}	3,500 ^{a/c}

(Wattana), Sukhumvit Road, Klongtoey Nua, Wattana, Bangkok 10110 Tel: +66.2.6819000 Fax: +66.2.6819100-1 E-mail: terminal21@gcphotels.com Website: http://www.grandcentrepoinntterminal21.com Contact person: Ms. Sunisa Tanghom		Station	800 Baht (One way) Need advance booking	1,300 Baht (One way) Need advance booking			
Grand China Hotel ***** 215 Yaowarat Road, Bangkok Tel: +66.2.2249977, +66.2.2247997 Fax: +66.2.2247999 E-mail: phetanong@grandchina.com Website: http://www.grandchina.com Contact person: Ms. Phet-Anong Naksuthi	15-20	No	Yes		Deluxe	2,500 ^{a/b/c}	2,700 ^{a/b/c}
Holiday Inn Ploenchit ***** 971 Phloen Chit Rd, Lumpini, Pathum Wan, Bangkok 10330 Tel: +66.2.6561555 Fax: +66.2.6561666 E-mail: sunisa.wattanapanyapitak@ihg.com Website: http://www.ihg.com Contact person: Ms. Sunisa Wattanapanyapitak	25-40	2 min. walk to Chit Lom BTS Station	No	Yes 1,500 Baht (One way) Need advance booking	Standard Superior	2,650 ^{a/c} 3,150 ^{a/c}	2,950 ^{a/c} 3,450 ^{a/c}
Hotel Dé Moc *** 78 Prajatipatai Road, Bangkok Tel: +66.2. 6292100-4 Fax: +66.2.2801299 E-mail: rsvn@buddyhotelsresorts.com Website: http://www.hoteldemoc.com Contact person: Mr. Sonthi Saiklai	5-10	No	Yes (One way transfer from hotel to UNCC)		Standard Superior	1,400 ^{a/c} 1,600 ^{a/c}	1,600 ^{a/c} 1,800 ^{a/c}
Landmark ***** 138 Sukhumvit Road, Bangkok 10110	30-45	2 min. walk to Nana BTS Station	No	Yes 2,200 Baht	Superior Deluxe	2,996 ^{a/c} 4,066 ^{a/c}	3,317 ^{a/c} 4,387 ^{a/c}

<p>Tel: +66.2.2540404 Fax: +66.2.6532694 Email: wuthiporn.n@landmarkbangkok.com Website: http://www.landmarkbangkok.com Contact person: Mr. Wuthiporn Naruemyarn</p>				(One way) Need advance booking			
<p>Marriott Courtyard **** Mahadlekuang 1, Road, Ratchadamri Rd, Lumpini, Pathum Wan, Bangkok 10330 Tel: +66.2.6901888 Fax: +66.2.6901711 E-mail: Pumin.T@courtyard.com Website: http://www.marriott.com Contact person: Mr. Pumin Tippawan</p>	25-40	7 min. walk to Rachadamri BTS Station	No	Yes 1,600 Baht (One way) Need advance booking	Deluxe	2,600 ^{a/c}	2,814 ^{a/c}
<p>Millennium Hilton ***** 123 Charoennakorn Road, Klongsan, Bangkok 10600 Tel: +66.2.4422000 Fax: +66.2.4422020 E-mail: bangkok.reservations@hilton.com Website: http://www3.hilton.com/ Contact person: Ms. Siriwan Sheewathanakornkul</p>	35-50	20 min. walk to Krung Thon Buri BTS Station	Yes 1,200 Baht (One way) Need advance booking	Yes 1,700 Baht (One way) Need advance booking	Deluxe	3,200 ^{a/c}	3,600 ^{a/c}
<p>Nouvo City Hotel **** 2 Samsen 2, Samsen Road, Banglumphu, Pranakorn, Bangkok 10200 Tel: +66.2.2827500 ext. 0110 Fax: +66.2.2821243 E-mail: adam@nouvocityhotel.com Website: http://www.nouvocityhotel.com Contact person: Mr. Adam Phadungsilp</p>	5-10	No	Yes		Superior Deluxe Grand Deluxe	1,600 ^{a/b/c} 1,900 ^{a/b/c} 2,200 ^{a/b/c}	1,800 ^{a/b/c} 2,100 ^{a/b/c} 2,400 ^{a/b/c}
<p>Novotel Fenix Ploenchit **** 566 Ploenchit Road,</p>	30-45	2 min. walk to Phloen Chit BTS Station	No	Yes 1,600 Baht	Superior	2,900 ^{a/c}	2,900 ^{a/c}

Lumpini, Pathum Wan, Bangkok 10330 Tel: +66.2.3056000 Fax: +66.2.3056020 E-mail: H7176-sl7@accor.com Website: http://www.accorhotels.com Contact person: Ms. Nalinthicha Waraphut				(One way) Need advance booking			
Plaza Athenee ***** 61 Wireless Road, Lumpini, Pathum Wan, Bangkok Tel: +66.2.6508800 ext. 6211 Fax: +66.2.2540071 E-mail: peenita.silapasuwan@leme ridien.com Website: http://www.plazaatheneebangkok.com Contact person: Ms. Peenita Silapasuwan	30-45	6 min. walk to Phloen Chit BTS Station	No	Yes 2,400 Baht (One way) Need advance booking	Deluxe	3,200 ^{a/c}	3,700 ^{a/c}
Pullman Bangkok Kingpower ***** 8 Rangnam Road, Kweag Thanon-Phayathai, Rachathewi, Bangkok Tel: +66.2.6809813 Fax: +66.2.6809998 E-mail: ssm@pullmanbangkokkingpower.com Website: http://www.pullmanbangkokkingpower.com Contact person: Ms. Darunee Khongbhakdee	20-35	5 min. walk to Victory Monument BTS Station	No	Yes 1,850 Baht (One way) Need advance booking	Superior Deluxe	3,055 ^{a/c} 3,376 ^{a/c}	3,269 ^{a/c} 3,590 ^{a/c}
Riva Surya – Bangkok ***** 23 Phra Arthit Road Bangkok Tel: +66.2.6335000 Fax: +66.2.6335050 E-mail: info@rivasuryabangkok.com Website: http://www.rivasuryabangkok.com Contact person: Ms. Thannaree Ketkaew	10-15	No	No		Urban Riva Deluxe Premium	3,277 ^{a/c} 3,829 ^{a/c} 4,072 ^{a/c} 4,537 ^{a/c}	3,597 ^{a/c} 4,149 ^{a/c} 4,392 ^{a/c} 4,857 ^{a/c}
Royal Orchid Sheraton	30-45	10 min. to	No	Yes	Deluxe	3,100	3,600

<p>*****</p> <p>2 Charoen Krung Road Soi 30 (Captain Bush Lane), Siphya, Bang Rak, Bangkok 10500 Tel: +66.2.2660123 Fax: +66.2.6395480 E-mail: naruemon.sanguansap@sheron.com Website: http://www.royalorchidsheron.com Contact person: Ms. Naruemon Sanguansap</p>		Saphan Taksin BTS Station by shuttle boat		2,500 Baht (One way) Need advance booking			
<p>Royal Princess Larn Luang Hotel ***** 269 Lamluang Road, Bangkok Tel: +66.2.2813088 Fax: +66.2.2801314 E-mail: rsvn@royalprincesslarnluang.com Website: http://www.royalprincesslarnluang.com Contact person: Ms. Benjarat Rusakul</p>	5-15	No	Yes	Yes 1,500 Baht (One way) Need advance booking	Superior Deluxe	2,800 ^{a/b/c} 3,400 ^{a/b/c}	3,000 ^{a/b/c} 3,600 ^{a/b/c}
<p>Shangri-La Hotel ***** 89 Soi Wat Suan Plu, New Road, Bangkok Tel: +66.2.2367777 Fax: +66.2.2368579 E-mail: thiptera.tanhasri@shangri-la.com Website: http://www.shangri-la.com Contact person: Ms. Thiptera Tanhasri</p>	30-45	10 min. walk to Saphan Taksin BTS Station	No	Yes 2,900 Baht (One way) Need advance booking	Deluxe	3,600 ^{a/c}	4,100 ^{a/c}
<p>Siam @ Siam Design Hotel ***** 865 Rama 1 Road, Wangmai, Pathum Wan, Bangkok Tel: +66.2.2173000 ext. 1103 Fax: +66.2.2173030 E-mail: assist.dos2@siamatsiam.com Website:</p>	15-20	No	No		Leisure Class	3,355 ^{a/c}	3,825 ^{a/c}

http://www.siamatsiam.com Contact person: Ms. Natkhanit Chirawacharanant							
The Sukosol ***** 477 Si Ayuthaya Road, Phayathai, Bangkok Tel: +66.2.2470123 Fax: +66.2.2470165 E-mail: sales@sukosolhotels.com Website: http://www.sukosolhotels.com Contact person: Ms. Ratchaneekrit Khankath	15-30	5 min. walk to Phaya Thai BTS Station & Airport Rail Link	No	Yes 1,600 Baht (One way) Need advance booking	Deluxe	2,800 ^{a/c}	3,000 ^{a/c}
Trang Hotel *** 99/1 Wisutkasat Road, Bangkok Tel: +66.2.2822141-4 Fax: +66.2.2803610 E-mail: reservations@tranghotelbangkok.com Website: http://www.tranghotelbangkok.com Contact person: Ms. Thongtem Lerknawapairoj	5-10	No	Yes		Superior Superior Premium Deluxe	1,400 ^{a/b} 1,600 ^{a/b} 1,800 ^{a/b}	1,400 ^{a/b} 1,600 ^{a/b} 1,800 ^{a/b}
VIE Hotel Bangkok, MGallery by Sofitel ***** 117/39-40 Phaya Thai Road, Ratchathewi, Bangkok 10400 Tel:+66.2.3093939 Fax: +66.2.3093838 E-mail: waranya.t@viehotelbangkok.com Website: http://www.viehotelbangkok.com Contact person: Ms. Waranya Thamprapasdon	20-35	1 min. walk to Ratchathewi BTS Station	Yes 1,070 Baht (One way) Need advance booking	Yes 1,500 Baht (One way) Need advance booking	Standard	2,996 ^{a/c}	3,370.50 ^{a/c}

12. The rates provided in the table are as of January 2017 and subject to change. Please confirm the room rates with the hotel directly.

VIII. TRANSPORTATION

a. Transportation from and to the Airport

13. Participants traveling to Bangkok are responsible for making their own airport pick-up arrangements for their departure and arrival in Bangkok. Taxi and bus services are readily available at the airport. Detailed information about Suvarnabhumi Airport and Donmuang International Airport airports can be found at <http://www.suvarnabhumiairport.com> and <http://www.donmuangairport.com/> respectively.
14. For public taxi, participants are advised to proceed to the first floor of the Passenger Terminal, between exit doors 4 and 7, outdoor area, where they will find automatic dispensing machines from which they can collect a queuing ticket for a public taxi. In addition to toll fees, there is a 50 Baht surcharge to be added to the meter charge from airport to the city. Please refer to the airport website noted above for details.

b. Transport to attend meetings

15. Participants should make their own transport arrangements to and from the UNCC. Taxis are readily available in the city.
16. Some hotels close to the United Nations building (indicated on paragraph 26) provide complimentary transport, according to fixed schedules, to and from the UNCC.

IX. FOREIGN CURRENCY AND EXCHANGE RATE

17. The local currency is the Thai Bhat (THB). The exchange rate as of September 2017 is: 1USD = 33 THB
18. Currency exchange facilities are available at hotels and all over Bangkok. Such services are also available at the Siam Commercial Bank, United Nations Branch, which is located on the first floor of the Service Building (telephone extension 2168). The Bank opens from 8.30am to 3.30pm, with no lunch break, from Monday to Friday.

X. CATERING FACILITIES

19. Participants should make their own arrangements for lunch. Catering services are available at the following locations:

Cafeteria, which serves Thai and international lunch, located on level 1 of UNCC, is open from 11.00am to 2.00pm for lunch on Monday through Friday.

Canteen, which serves Thai lunch, located on the ground floor of the Service Building, is open from 7.00am to 1.00pm on Monday through Friday.

Coffee Corner, which serves sandwiches, pastries, coffee, tea and soft drinks, located on level 1, UNCC, is open from 7.00am to 5.00pm.

Rajapruek Lounge, which serves light meals and beverages, located on the ground floor of the UNCC, is open from 7.00am to 5.00pm hours on Monday through Thursday, and from 7.00am to 8pm on Friday.

XI. GENERAL INFORMATION

20. **Weather:** The weather in Bangkok is dominated by a tropical monsoon climate which means there are three main seasons: hot season from March to June, rainy season from July to October and cool season between November and February. September to October are characterized by high humidity. The southwest monsoons arrive between May and October bringing unsettled, cloudy conditions.

21. **Language:** The official language of Bangkok is Thai and it is widely spoken throughout Thailand. Most of the people also understand and speak English, but this is more in the main city and the tourist areas.

XII. INQUIRIES

For further information on the regional consultation, please contact:

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UN Medical Centre	+66-2-288-1353
UN Security Advisor	+66-2-288-1199
Thai Emer Medical Service	1669
Police	191
Tourist Police	1155
Fire Brigade	199
Highway Police	193
FOR TAXI (UNESCAP Address)	
องค์การสหประชาชาติ (ยูเอ็น) แยกสะพานมัฆวานรังสรรค์ ถนนราชดำเนินนอก เขตพระนคร กรุงเทพฯ	