
Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
Committee on Statistics

Third session
Bangkok, 12-14 December 2012

Information for participants

I. General

1. The third session of the Committee on Statistics is scheduled to be held at the United Nations Conference Centre (UNCC) in Bangkok from 12 to 14 December 2012.
2. The opening of the session will take place at 0900 hours on Wednesday, 12 December 2012, in Conference Room 3, UNCC. All subsequent meetings will be held from 0900 hours to 1200 hours and 1400 hours to 1700 hours.

II. Registration and identification badges

3. Participants are requested to register and obtain meeting badges at the registration counter, located on the ground floor of UNCC from 0815 to 0915 hours on the opening day of the event. Participants who are not able to register during the time indicated above are requested to do so upon their arrival at UNCC before going to the conference room. Only the names of duly registered participants will be included in the list of participants.
4. For identification and security reasons, all participants are requested to wear their meeting badges at all times while in the United Nations complex. The loss of a meeting badge should be reported to the Conference Management Unit, which is located on the ground floor of UNCC behind the registration counter, so that a new one can be issued immediately.

III. Meeting documents

5. Participants are requested to bring with them copies of the meeting documents distributed by the ESCAP secretariat to their governments/agencies/organizations prior to the session. Only a limited number of copies of such documents will be available during the session.
6. Documents for circulation or distribution at the session should be handed to ESCAP secretariat staff. In accordance with the United Nations regulations for the control and limitation of documentation, the secretariat

cannot undertake to process or reproduce documents or statements submitted by individual delegations unless the Commission specifically takes a decision to that effect and accepts the financial implications thereof.

IV. Visa requirements

A. Visa exemption for a maximum of 14 days, 30 days or 90 days

7. According to the Immigration Bureau of Thailand, nationals of the following countries/areas holding ordinary passports may enter and stay in Thailand for a period not exceeding 14 days, 30 days or 90 days, as per the list below, without a visa.

Visa exemption for a maximum of 14 days

Cambodia

Visa exemption for a maximum of 30 days

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| 1. Australia | 26. Malaysia |
| 2. Austria | 27. Monaco |
| 3. Bahrain | 28. Mongolia |
| 4. Belgium | 29. Netherlands |
| 5. Brunei Darussalam | 30. New Zealand |
| 6. Canada | 31. Norway |
| 7. Czech Republic | 32. Oman |
| 8. Denmark | 33. Philippines |
| 9. Finland | 34. Poland |
| 10. France | 35. Portugal |
| 11. Germany | 36. Qatar |
| 12. Greece | 37. Russian Federation |
| 13. Hong Kong, China | 38. Singapore |
| 14. Hungary | 39. Slovakia |
| 15. Iceland | 40. Slovenia |
| 16. Indonesia | 41. South Africa |
| 17. Ireland | 42. Spain |
| 18. Israel | 43. Sweden |
| 19. Italy | 44. Switzerland |
| 20. Japan | 45. Turkey |
| 21. Kuwait | 46. United Arab Emirates |
| 22. Lao People's Democratic Republic | 47. United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland |
| 23. Liechtenstein | 48. United States of America |
| 24. Luxembourg | 49. Viet Nam |
| 25. Macao, China | |

Visa exemption for a maximum of 90 days

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| 1. Argentina | 4. Peru |
| 2. Brazil | 5. Republic of Korea |
| 3. Chile | |

B. Visa exemption for a maximum of 30 days or 90 days for diplomatic/official passport holders

8. Nationals of the following countries/areas holding a valid diplomatic or official passport may enter and stay in Thailand for a period of 30 days or 90 days, as per the list below, without a visa:

Visa exemption for a maximum of 30 days

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| 1. Cambodia | 6. Mexico |
| 2. China | 7. Mongolia |
| 3. Hong Kong, China | 8. Myanmar |
| 4. Lao People's Democratic Republic | 9. Oman |
| 5. Macao, China | 10. Viet Nam |

Visa exemption for a maximum of 90 days

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| 1. Argentina | 20. Nepal |
| 2. Austria | 21. Netherlands |
| 3. Belgium | 22. Oman |
| 4. Bhutan | 23. Panama |
| 5. Brazil | 24. Peru |
| 6. Chile | 25. Philippines |
| 7. Costa Rica | 26. Poland |
| 8. Croatia | 27. Republic of Korea |
| 9. Czech Republic | 28. Romania |
| 10. Germany | 29. Russian Federation |
| 11. Hungary | 30. Singapore |
| 12. India | 31. Slovakia |
| 13. Israel | 32. South Africa |
| 14. Italy | 33. Switzerland |
| 15. Japan | 34. Tunisia |
| 16. Liechtenstein | 35. Turkey |
| 17. Luxembourg | 36. Ukraine |
| 18. Malaysia | 37. Uruguay |
| 19. Mexico | |

C. Visa on arrival for a maximum of 15 days

9. Nationals of the following countries holding a valid ordinary passport may be granted, upon arrival at Suvarnabhumi Airport, a visa for a stay not exceeding 15 days, conditional on meeting the requirements mentioned below:

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| 1. Andorra | 11. Lithuania |
| 2. Bhutan | 12. Maldives |
| 3. Bulgaria | 13. Malta |
| 4. China | 14. Mauritius |
| 5. Cyprus | 15. Romania |
| 6. Estonia | 16. San Marino |
| 7. Ethiopia | 17. Saudi Arabia |
| 8. India | 18. Ukraine |
| 9. Kazakhstan | 19. Uzbekistan |
| 10. Latvia | |

10. The requirements for a visa on arrival are as follows:

(a) The applicant must be in possession of a passport, valid for at least six-months, and a valid return air ticket which is usable within 15 days from the date of entry;

(b) The applicant must submit a filled out application form (TM.88) which is available at the Visa-on-Arrival counter at Suvarnabhumi International Airport together with one recent passport-size photograph. There is an application fee of 1,000 Thai baht.

11. Participants from countries other than those listed above are requested to obtain an appropriate entry visa from the Thai diplomatic or consular mission at the point of origin or en route prior to entering Thailand.

12. Furthermore, in line with security procedure for United Nations staff, travel notification through the Travel Request Information Process (TRIP) (replacing the Integrated Security Emergency Tracking System (ISECT) as of 1 January 2011) is required prior to any official travel to a non-phase area. Upon notification of travel on TRIP, United Nations staff members will automatically receive an updated security advice for United Nations visitors to Thailand. Please log on to <https://dss.un.org> to apply for this travel notification. United Nations staff and those receiving a daily subsistence allowance (DSA) from the United Nations are to complete the "BASIC SECURITY IN THE FIELD" training before travelling.

The information provided above is accurate as at 24 January 2012. All participants are advised to consult with the diplomatic mission/embassy of Thailand in their respective countries regarding the latest applicable immigration requirements prior to their departure.

V. Health and vaccination

13. The United Nations buildings are smoke-free areas. Smoking is permitted only in designated areas. Yellow fever vaccination is required for participants from countries where the disease is endemic. It is recommended that participants be vaccinated against tetanus and food-borne diseases, such as hepatitis A and typhoid.

VI. Travel

A. Airport transfers

14. Participants should make their own transportation arrangements from Suvarnabhumi Airport to their respective hotels. Limousine, metered-taxi and bus services are readily available at the airport. Detailed information about Suvarnabhumi Airport can be found at www.airportsuvarnabhumi.com. Please note that Don Muang Airport, the former Bangkok International Airport, currently handles domestic flights only.

15. To use the limousine and public metered-taxi services indicated above, **it is strongly recommended that participants approach only the official counters located in the airport arrival zone.** Staff at those counters will issue a ticket for the assignment of either a limousine or a public metered taxi to

transport passengers to the desired destination. Participants may access public taxi counters by exiting through gates 3 or 9 of the arrival zone at the airport. In addition to toll fees, a surcharge of 50 Thai baht is added to the meter charge from the airport to the city.

B. Transport to attend sessions

16. Some of the hotels recommended below provide complimentary transport, according to fixed schedules, to and from UNCC. If the service is not available, participants will have to make their own transport arrangements.

VII. Hotel accommodation

17. The hotels listed below have been designated as recommended hotels. They are located in relative proximity to ESCAP and the room rates indicated are inclusive of service charge and value added tax.

18. The secretariat has block-booked rooms at these hotels. All block-booked rooms will be available to participants on a first-come, first-served basis and in accordance with the information provided in the attendance/hotel reservation form. The ESCAP secretariat should be notified at least two working days (not counting Saturday or Sunday) in advance of any cancellations, postponements or other changes. Rooms not occupied in accordance with the latest advice will be held for 24 hours at the participant's expense and then released.

19. Participants may also arrange their own accommodations at hotels OTHER than those listed below. In that case, participants are requested to contact the hotel directly at least 10 working days in advance and to provide the participant's full name, date and time of check-in and check-out, flight numbers and contact details.

Name and address	Driving distance to UNCC (min.)	Room type	Daily room rates (Baht)	
			Single	Double
Shangri-La Hotel***** 89 Soi Wat Suan Plu, New Road Bangkok Tel: (662) 236-7777 Fax: (662) 236-8579 E-mail: slbk@shangri-la.com <i>Contact person:</i> Ms. Jirapa Cho (jirapa.cho@shangri-la.com)	30-40	Deluxe Room	5,202 ^{a/c}	5,202 ^{a/c}
		Executive River View Room	6,474 ^{a/c}	6,474 ^{a/c}
Siam City Hotel***** 477 Si Ayuthaya Road, Phayathai Bangkok Tel: (662) 247-0123 Fax: (662) 247-0165 E-mail: reservations@siamhotels.com <i>Contact person:</i> Ms. Ratchanikrit Khankath	15-25	Deluxe	2,700 ^a	2,900 ^a

Name and address	Driving distance to UNCC (min.)	Room type	Daily room rates (Baht)	
			Single	Double
Amari Watergate Hotel & Spa***** 847 Petchburi Road Bangkok Tel: (662) 653-9000 Fax: (662) 653-9045 E-mail: cc2@watergate.amari.com <i>Contact person:</i> Mr. Khajohnsak Ngiempaisal	20-30	Deluxe	2,800 ^a	3,000 ^a
Royal Princess Hotel**** 269 Larn Luang Road Bangkok Tel: (662) 281-3088 Fax: (662) 280-1314 E-mail: rsvn@royalprincesslarnluang.com <i>Contact persons:</i> Ms. Benjarat Rusakul	5-10	Superior	2,500 ^{a/b/c}	2,700 ^{a/b/c}
		Deluxe	2,800 ^{a/b/c}	3,000 ^{a/b/c}
		Suite 1 bed room	7,000 ^{a/b/c}	7,500 ^{a/b/c}
Grand China Princess**** 215 Yaowarat Road Bangkok Tel: (662) 224-9977, 224-7997 Fax: (662) 224-7999 E-mail: sale@grandchina.com <i>Contact person:</i> Ms. Phet-Anong Naksuthi	15-20	Deluxe	2,500 ^{a/b}	2,700 ^{a/b}
Prince Palace Hotel**** 488/800 Bo Bae Tower Damrongrak Road, Klong Mahanak Bangkok Tel: (662) 628-1111 Fax: (662) 628-1000 E-mail: reservation@princepalace.co.th <i>Contact person:</i> Ms. Siriporn Pinitsub	10-15	Superior	1,700 ^{a/b}	1,900 ^{a/b}
Pullman Hotel and Resort***** 8 Rangnam Road Thanon Phayathai Ratchathewi Bangkok Tel: (662) 680-9999 Fax: (662) 680-9998 E-mail: ssm@pullmanbangkokkingpower.com <i>Contact person:</i> Mr. Wang Rattanatrakulchai	20-25	Superior	2,996 ^{a/c}	3,210 ^{a/c}
		Deluxe	4,066 ^{a/c}	4,280 ^{a/c}
		Executive	5,136 ^{a/c}	5,350 ^{a/c}
		Executive suite	6,206 ^{a/c}	6,420 ^{a/c}

Name and address	Driving distance to UNCC (min.)	Room type	Daily room rates (Baht)	
			Single	Double
Siam@Siam Design Hotel & Spa**** 865 Rama 1 Road, Wang Mai Patumwan, Bangkok Tel: (662) 217-3000 Fax: (662) 217-3030 E-mail: dos@siamatsiam.com <i>Contact person:</i> Ms. Prapaphan Chanapokakul	15-20	Superior	2,800 ^{a/c}	3,000 ^{a/c}
Trang Hotel*** 99/1 Wisutkasat Road Bangkok Tel: (662) 282-2141-4 Fax: (662) 280-3610 E-mail: reservations@tranghotelbangkok.com <i>Contact person:</i> Ms. Savitree Sotawong	5-10	Superior	1,300 ^{a/b}	1,300 ^{a/b}
		Superior Premium	1,500 ^{a/b}	1,500 ^{a/b}
		Deluxe	1,700 ^{a/b}	1,700 ^{a/b}
Hotel Dé Moc (former Thai Hotel)*** 78 Prajatipatai Road Bangkok Tel: (662) 282-2833 Fax: (662) 280-1299 E-mail: booking@hoteldemoc.com <i>Contact person:</i> Ms. Napapat Choknithithanakul Ms. Jariyaporn Chonverayut	5-10	Standard	1,200 ^{a/b}	1,200 ^{a/b}
		Superior	1,400 ^{a/b}	1,400 ^{a/b}
Best Western Swana Bangkok Hotel*** 332 Visuttikasat Road Pranakorn, Bangkok Tel: (662) 282-8899 Fax: (662) 281-7816 E-mail: Info@swanabangkok.com <i>Contact person:</i> Ms. Ruenrudee Promlikitchai	10-15	Standard	-	990 ^a
		Superior	-	990 ^a
		Deluxe	-	1,190 ^a

^a Inclusive of daily American breakfast, service charge and government tax.

^b Complimentary transport services provided according to fixed schedules, from the hotels to UNCC in the morning and back to the hotels in the evening.
 Hotel Dé Moc: Minimum 5 persons.

^c Free Internet access.

Note: The above rates include 10 per cent service charge and 7 per cent value added tax (VAT). Rates are subject to change without prior notice.

VIII. Payment of hotel accounts

20. Before departing from Bangkok, participants are expected to settle directly with the respective hotels all accounts, including room charges and other expenses, such as those for local and long-distance telephone calls, Internet use, business centre use, laundry, and hotel transportation services, as well as mini-bar items and restaurant and bar services. Participants are also responsible for any charges incurred with respect to rooms remaining vacant owing to late arrival or rescheduled departure for which inadequate prior notice is given.

IX. United Nations complex information

A. Internet services

21. Eight computers with a high-speed Internet connection are provided free of charge in the UNCC Internet Café on level 1 of UNCC for use by participants. In addition, free wireless Internet access is available in all conference and meeting rooms and public areas of UNCC.

B. Catering services

22. Catering services are available in the cafeteria on level 1 of UNCC from 1100 to 1400 hours. Rajapruek Lounge, on the ground floor of UNCC, is open from 0700 to 1700 hours Monday through Thursday, and from 0700 to 1900 hours on Friday. The canteen, on the ground floor of the Service Building, is open from 0700 to 1300 hours. In addition, the Coffee Corner, which serves sandwiches, pastries, coffee, tea and soft drinks, is located on level 1 of UNCC and is open from 0700 to 1700 hours.

C. Library facilities

23. ESCAP Library facilities are available on the first floor of the Service Building from 0730 to 1600 hours, Monday through Friday. Further information about the ESCAP Library can be found at www.unescap.org/unis/library.

D. Medical services

24. First aid and limited emergency medical services are available at the Medical Centre, which is located on the fourth floor of the Service Building, on weekdays. The ESCAP Medical Officer is available from 0730 to 1545 hours, with a lunch break from 1200 to 1245 hours. Appointments can be made by calling extensions 1352 and 1353.

E. Banking facilities

25. Banking services are available at the Siam Commercial Bank, United Nations Branch, located on the first floor of the Service Building, from 0830 to 1530 hours during weekdays.

F. Travel agent

26. American Express Travel has an office on the first floor of the Service Building, next to the Siam Commercial Bank. It is open from 0800 to 1630

hours on weekdays. The office can be contacted at extensions 2820, 2821, 2822, 2823 and 2824.

G Postal services

27. The United Nations Branch of Thailand Post is located on the ground floor of UNCC. It is open from 0800 to 1600 hours, Monday to Friday.

H. Souvenir shop

28. The souvenir shop is located on the first floor of UNCC.

X. Tourist information

A. Weather

29. The weather in Bangkok is usually warm and humid. The conference rooms where the meetings are to be held are air-conditioned, and the temperature is maintained in the range of 23-24 degrees Celsius (73-75 degrees Fahrenheit).

B. Foreign exchange

30. The local currency is the Thai baht. Currency exchange facilities are available at the airport and hotels and at the above-mentioned Siam Commercial Bank, United Nations Branch.

31. Any person who brings into or takes out of Thailand an aggregate amount of foreign currency exceeding US\$ 20,000 or its equivalent is required to declare the amount of foreign currency to a customs officer.
