

## Information for Participants



# 44th Session of the IPCC

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## ***I. INTRODUCTION***

The 44th session of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) will take place at the United Nations Conference Centre (UNCC) in Bangkok, Thailand, from 17 to 20 October 2016. The registration of participants to the session will open on site as of Sunday 16 October, from 14:00 to 18:00, and as of 8:00 from Monday 17 to Thursday 20 October 2016.

More information about the session can be found at <http://www.ipcc.ch/>

## ***II. VISITORS TO THAILAND***

### ***1. General Information***

Thailand is a country on Southeast Asia's Indochina peninsula known for tropical beaches, opulent royal palaces, ancient ruins and ornate temples displaying figures of Buddha, a revered symbol.

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**NOTE** – This guide will provide participants with useful information on visiting the Kingdom of Thailand and attending the above mentioned meeting. Participants are advised to read it carefully and contact us in case of questions.

## **2. Suvarnabhumi International Airport (BKK) in Bangkok**

The airport is located on what had formerly been known as Nong Nguhao (Cobra Swamp) in Racha Thewa in Bang Phli, Samut Prakan, about 25 kilometres east of downtown Bangkok and 40 kilometers from United Nations Office in Bangkok.

## **3. Time Zone**

Bangkok time zone is UTC + 07:00 hours.

## **4. Visa requirements**

Participants are REQUIRED to obtain an appropriate entry visa from the Royal Thai Embassy or the Royal Thai Consulate-General before entering to Thailand, EXCEPT for those nationals listed below.

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

<b>For Ordinary passport</b>		
<b>A. Visa exemption for a maximum of 14 days</b>		
<b>Cambodia</b>		Myanmar (International Airports only)
<b>B. Visa exemption for a maximum of 30 days</b>		
<b>Australia</b>	Finland	Israel
<b>Austria</b>	France	Italy
<b>Bahrain</b>	Germany	Japan
<b>Belgium</b>	Greece	Kuwait
<b>Brunei Darussalam</b>	Hong Kong, China	Laos
<b>Canada</b>	Hungary	Liechtenstein
<b>Czech Republic</b>	Iceland	Luxembourg
<b>Denmark</b>	Indonesia	Macao, China
<b>Estonia</b>	Ireland	Malaysia
<b>Monaco</b>	Portugal	Sweden
<b>Mongolia</b>	Qatar	Switzerland

<b>Netherlands</b>	Russian Federation	Turkey
<b>New Zealand</b>	Singapore	United Arab Emirates
<b>Norway</b>	Slovak Republic	United Kingdom
<b>Oman</b>	Slovenia	United States of America
<b>Philippines</b>	South Africa	Vietnam
<b>Poland</b>	Spain	
<b>C. Visa exemption for a maximum of 90 days</b>		
<b>Argentina</b>	Chile	Peru
<b>Brazil</b>	Republic of Korea	

For Diplomatic / Official Passport		
A. Visa exemption for a maximum of 30 days		
Cambodia	Indonesia	Oman
Brunei Darussalam	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	Belarus	Brazil
Argentina	Belgium	Chile
Austria	Bhutan	Colombia
Costa Rica	Liechtenstein	Romania
Croatia	Luxembourg	Russian Federation
Czech Republic	Malaysia	Slovak Republic
<b>Estonia</b>	Mexico	South Africa
(Diplomatic Passport only)		

<b>France</b> (Diplomatic Passport only)	Montenegro	Spain (Diplomatic Passport only)
Germany	Morocco (as of 18 Feb 2016)	Sri Lanka
Hungary	Netherlands	Switzerland
India	Nepal	Tajikistan
Israel	Panama	Tunisia
Italy	Peru	Turkey
Japan	Philippines	Ukraine
Republic of Korea	Poland	Uruguay

Visa on arrival (for a maximum of 15 days)		
<b>Andorra</b>	Kazakhstan	San Marino
Bulgaria	Latvia	Saudi Arabia
Bhutan	Lithuania	Taiwan
China	Maldives	Ukraine
Cyprus	Malta	Uzbekistan
Ethiopia	Mauritius	
India	Romania	

**Updated as of 10 February 2016 by the Department of Consular Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand.**

Participants holding UN Laissez-Passer (UNLP) travelling on official business to Thailand are REQUIRED to obtain appropriate visa before entering.

To apply for an appropriate entry visa to Thailand, participants are required to contact the respective Royal Thai Embassy/Consulate-General for accurate information regarding to their visa application procedures and required documents. The list of Royal Thai Embassy/Consulate-General can be found at [www.thaiembassy.org](http://www.thaiembassy.org)

Participants who may wish to apply for visa application outside of their country of residence or reside in a country where there is no Royal Thai Embassy/Royal Thai Consulate should check the location where it is possible for them to apply for Thai visa. Please note that certain nationality, for security reasons, is not allowed to apply for visa where else except at the Royal Thai Embassy/Consulate-General which is holding the jurisdiction over the territory.

Participants who may need further assistance from UNESCAP on their visa application should contact the meeting organizer in order to coordinate with UNESCAP for necessary actions.

Participants who wish to apply for visa on arrival at Suvarnabhumi International Airport (valid exclusively for 19 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 1,000.

*NOTE: The information provided above is accurate as of 10 February 2016. 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.*

### **III. Weather**

The weather in Bangkok is usually warm and humid. Light tropical clothing would be appropriate. 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).

### **IV. Health and vaccination**

1. Upon arrival at the port of entry in Thailand, participants who are the nationals of or have traveled from/through countries listed below which have been declared Yellow Fever infected areas must provide an International Health Certificate proving that they have received a valid Yellow Fever vaccination at the Health Control Office upon arrival before proceeding to immigration. A valid vaccination certificate means that the vaccine was

administered at least 10 days prior to travel to the affected country. The International Health Certificate must also be submitted together with the visa application form.

2. The countries/areas listed below have been declared yellow fever infected areas:

<b>1. Angola</b>	<b>24. Guyana</b>
<b>2. Argentina</b>	<b>25. Kenya</b>
<b>3. Bolivia</b>	<b>26. Liberia</b>
<b>4. Brazil</b>	<b>27. Mali</b>
<b>5. Benin</b>	<b>28. Mauritania</b>
<b>6. Burkina Faso</b>	<b>29. Niger</b>
<b>7. Burundi</b>	<b>30. Nigeria</b>
<b>8. Cameroon</b>	<b>31. Panama</b>
<b>9. Central African Republic</b>	<b>32. Paraguay</b>
<b>10. Chad</b>	<b>33. Peru</b>
<b>11. Colombia</b>	<b>34. Rwanda</b>
<b>12. Republic of Congo</b>	<b>35. Sao Tome &amp; Principe</b>
<b>13. Cote d'Ivoire</b>	<b>36. Senegal</b>
<b>14. Democratic Republic of Congo</b>	<b>37. Sierra Leone</b>
<b>15. Ecuador</b>	<b>38. Somalia</b>
<b>16. Equatorial Guinea</b>	<b>39. Sudan</b>
<b>17. Ethiopia</b>	<b>40. Suriname</b>
<b>18. French Guiana</b>	<b>41. Tanzania</b>
<b>19. Gabon</b>	<b>42. Togo</b>
<b>20. Gambia</b>	<b>43. Trinidad &amp; Tobago</b>
<b>21. Ghana</b>	<b>44. Uganda</b>
<b>22. Guinea</b>	<b>45. Venezuela</b>
<b>23. Guinea-Bissau</b>	

3. Thailand is currently experiencing ongoing sporadic transmission of the mosquito-borne Zika virus. All travelers are advised to protect themselves from mosquito bites while in Thailand. Given possible transmission of the disease to unborn babies, pregnant women should consider postponing travel to Thailand or talk to their doctor about the implications of traveling to Thailand during this time.

4. First-aid and emergency medical service is available at the Medical Centre, which is located on the ground floor of the UNCC, during weekdays. The ESCAP Medical Officer and Nurse are available from 0730 to 1545 hours, with the exception of lunch time from 1200 to 1245 hours. Appointments may be made through extensions 1352 or 1761.

5. The United Nations buildings are smoke-free areas. Smoking is permitted only in the designated areas outside of the buildings.

**V. Foreign currency declaration**

1. Any person who brings or takes an aggregate amount of foreign currency exceeding US\$ 20,000 or its equivalent into or out of the Kingdom of Thailand shall declare such amount of foreign currency to a Customs Official. Failure to make such a declaration or making any false declaration to a Customs official is a criminal offence.

2. 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 08:30 to 15:30 hours, with no lunch break, from Monday to Friday.

**VI. Airline reservations**

Many international airlines operate regular services to and from Bangkok. Participants are advised to secure their return bookings prior to their departure for Bangkok. If this is not possible, they should make firm return bookings immediately upon arrival in Bangkok. Travel services are available through the American Express office located on the ground floor of the Secretariat Building.

**VII. Hotel accommodation**

1. The following hotels, located relatively close to ESCAP, have been designated as recommended hotels for which the room rates indicated below are inclusive of service charge and value added tax.

Name and address	Driving distance to UNCC (min.)	Room type	Daily room rates (Baht)	
			Single	Double
<p>Shangri-La Hotel *****            89 Soi Wat Suan Plu, New Road            Bangkok            Tel: +66.2.2367777            Fax: +66.2.2368579            E-mail: <a href="mailto:thiptera.tanthasri@shangri-la.com">thiptera.tanthasri@shangri-la.com</a>            Website: <a href="http://www.shangri-la.com">http://www.shangri-la.com</a>            Contact person:            Ms. Thiptera Tanthasri</p>	30-40	Deluxe Room	3,600 <sup>a/c</sup>	4,100 <sup>a/c</sup>
<p>The Sukosol *****            477 Si Ayuthaya Road, Phayathai            Bangkok            Tel: +66.2.2470123            Fax: +66.2.2470165            E-mail: <a href="mailto:ratchanikrit@sukosolhotels.com">ratchanikrit@sukosolhotels.com</a>            Website: <a href="http://www.sukosolhotels.com">http://www.sukosolhotels.com</a>            Contact person:            Ms. Ratchaneekrit Khankath</p>	15-25	Deluxe	2,700 <sup>a/c</sup>	2,900 <sup>a/c</sup>
<p>Amari Watergate Hotel &amp; Spa *****            847 Petchaburi Road            Bangkok            Tel: +66.2.6539000 Ext. 5122            Fax: +66.2.6539045            E-mail: <a href="mailto:sutrapat.k@amari.com">sutrapat.k@amari.com</a>            Website: <a href="http://www.amari.com/watergate">http://www.amari.com/watergate</a>            Contact person:            Ms. Sutrapat Kumwan</p>	20-30	Deluxe	3,000 <sup>a/c</sup>	3,200 <sup>a/c</sup>



<p>Pullman Bangkok Kingpower *****  8 Rangnam Road, Kweag Thanon-  Phayathai, Rachathewi  Bangkok  Tel: +66.2.6809999 Ext. 2529  Fax: +66.2.6809998  E-mail: <a href="mailto:sm@pullmanbangkokkingpower.com">sm@pullmanbangkokkingpower.com</a>  Website: <a href="http://www.pullmanbangkokkingpower.com">http://www.pullmanbangkokkingpower.com</a>  <i>Contact person:</i>  Ms. Orawan Jirathanasin</p>	20-25	Superior	3,055 <sup>a/c</sup>	3,269 <sup>a/c</sup>
		Deluxe	3,376 <sup>a/c</sup>	3,590 <sup>a/c</sup>
		Executive	4,018 <sup>a/c</sup>	4,232 <sup>a/c</sup>
		Executive suite	5,088 <sup>a/c</sup>	5,302 <sup>a/c</sup>
<p>Anantara Siam Bangkok Hotel *****  155 Rajadamri Road  Bangkok  Tel: +66.2.1268866  Fax: +66.2.2539195  E-mail: <a href="mailto:sarochinee_na@anantara.com">sarochinee_na@anantara.com</a>  Website: <a href="http://siam-bangkok.anantara.com/">http://siam-bangkok.anantara.com/</a>  <i>Contact person:</i>  Ms. Sarochinee Napapong</p>	30	Deluxe	3,900 <sup>a/c</sup>	4,600 <sup>a/c</sup>
<p>Crowne Plaza Bangkok *****  Lumpini Park Hotel  952 Rama 4 Road  Bangkok  Tel: +66.2.6329000  Fax: +66.2.6329001  E-mail: <a href="mailto:chalita.chokvanit@ihg.com">chalita.chokvanit@ihg.com</a>  Website: <a href="http://www.crowneplaza.com">http://www.crowneplaza.com</a>  <i>Contact person:</i>  Ms. Chalita Chokvanit</p>	30	Superior	3,700 <sup>a/c</sup>	3,700 <sup>a/c</sup>

<p>Novotel Bangkok on Siam Square ****  392/44 Siam Square Soi 6  Rama 1 Road Pathumwan  Bangkok  Tel: +66.2.2098888  Fax: +66.2.2551824  E-mail: <a href="mailto:h1031-sl1@accor.com">h1031-sl1@accor.com</a>  Website:  <a href="http://www.novotelbkk.com/unitednations">http://www.novotelbkk.com/unitednations</a>  / <i>Contact person:</i>  <b>Ms. Jarunun Sripromma</b></p>	30	Standard	3,414 <sup>a/c</sup>	3,767 <sup>a/c</sup>
		Superior	4,002 <sup>a/c</sup>	4,355 <sup>a/c</sup>
		Executive Premier Floor	5,179 <sup>a/c</sup>	5,179 <sup>a/c</sup>
<p>Royal Princess Larn Luang Hotel ****  269 Larnluang Road  Bangkok  Tel: +66.2.2813088  Fax: +66.2.2801314  E-mail:  <a href="mailto:benjarat@royalprincesslarnluang.com">benjarat@royalprincesslarnluang.com</a>  Website:  <a href="http://www.royalprincesslarnluang.com">http://www.royalprincesslarnluang.com</a>  <i>Contact person:</i>  Ms. Benjarat Rusakul</p>	5-10	Superior	2,800 <sup>a/b/c</sup>	3,000 <sup>a/b/c</sup>
		Deluxe	3,400 <sup>a/b/c</sup>	3,600 <sup>a/b/c</sup>
<p>Grand China Hotel ****  215 Yaowarat Road  Bangkok  Tel: +66.2.2249977, +66.2.2247997  Fax: +66.2.2247999  E-mail: <a href="mailto:phetanong@grandchina.com">phetanong@grandchina.com</a>  Website: <a href="http://www.grandchina.com">http://www.grandchina.com</a>  <i>Contact person:</i>  Ms. Phet-Anong Naksuthi</p>	15-20	Deluxe	2,500 <sup>a/b/c</sup>	2,700 <sup>a/b/c</sup>

<p>Prince Palace Hotel ****  488/800 Bo Bea Tower  Damrongrak Road, Klong Mahanak  Bangkok  Tel: +66.2.6281111  Fax: +66.2.6281000  E-mail: <a href="mailto:wannajit@princepalace.co.th">wannajit@princepalace.co.th</a>  Website: <a href="http://www.princepalace.co.th">http://www.princepalace.co.th</a>  Contact person:  Ms. Wannajit Chulamakorn</p>	10-15	Superior	1,700 <sup>a/b</sup>	1,900 <sup>a/b</sup>
<p>Siam @ Siam Design Hotel ****  865 Rama 1 Road,  Wangmai, Patumwan  Bangkok  Tel: +66.2.2173000 Ext. 1103  Fax: +66.2.2173030  E-mail: <a href="mailto:assist.dos2@siamatsiam.com">assist.dos2@siamatsiam.com</a>  Website: <a href="http://www.siamatsiam.com">http://www.siamatsiam.com</a>  Contact person:  Ms. Natkhanit Chirawacharanant</p>	15-20	Superior	3,200 <sup>a/c</sup>	3,500 <sup>a/c</sup>
<p>Nouvo City Hotel ****  2 Samsen 2, Samsen Road,  Banglumphu, Pranakorn  Bangkok  Tel: +66.2.2827500 Ext. 0110  Fax: +66.2.2821243  E-mail: <a href="mailto:adam@nouvocityhotel.com">adam@nouvocityhotel.com</a>  Website: <a href="http://www.nouvocityhotel.com">http://www.nouvocityhotel.com</a>  Contact person:  Mr. Adam Phadungsilp</p>	5-10	Superior  Deluxe  Grand Deluxe	1,600 <sup>a/b/c</sup>  1,900 <sup>a/b/c</sup>  2,200 <sup>a/b/c</sup>	1,800 <sup>a/b/c</sup>  2,100 <sup>a/b/c</sup>  2,400 <sup>a/b/c</sup>

<p>Riva Surya – Bangkok ****            23 Phra Arthit Road            Bangkok            Tel: +66.2.6335000            Fax: +66.2.6335050            E-mail: <a href="mailto:info@rivasuryabangkok.com">info@rivasuryabangkok.com</a>            Website: <a href="http://www.rivasuryabangkok.com">http://www.rivasuryabangkok.com</a>            Contact person:            Ms. Thannaree Ketkaew</p>	10-15	Urban	3,340 <sup>a/c</sup>	3,630 <sup>a/c</sup>
		Riva	3,902 <sup>a/c</sup>	4,222 <sup>a/c</sup>
		Deluxe	4,347 <sup>a/c</sup>	4,667 <sup>a/c</sup>
		Premium	4,647 <sup>a/c</sup>	5,027 <sup>a/c</sup>
<p>Trang Hotel ***            99/1 Wisutkasat Road            Bangkok            Tel: +66.2.2822141-4            Fax: +66.2.2803610            E-mail: <a href="mailto:reservations@tranghotelbangkok.com">reservations@tranghotelbangkok.com</a>            Website: <a href="http://www.tranghotelbangkok.com">http://www.tranghotelbangkok.com</a>            Contact person:            Ms. Thongtem Lerknawapairoj</p>	5-10	Superior	1,400 <sup>a/b</sup>	1,400 <sup>a/b</sup>
		Superior Premium	1,600 <sup>a/b</sup>	1,600 <sup>a/b</sup>
		Deluxe	1,800 <sup>a/b</sup>	1,800 <sup>a/b</sup>
<p>Hotel Dé Moc (former Thai Hotel) ***            78 Prajatipatai Road            Bangkok            Tel: +66.2. 6292100-5            Fax: +66.2.2801299            E-mail: <a href="mailto:sales@buddygroupthailand.com">sales@buddygroupthailand.com</a>            Website: <a href="http://www.hoteldemoc.com">http://www.hoteldemoc.com</a>            Contact person:            Ms. Chalita Sombutboon</p>	5-10	Standard	1,300 <sup>a/b*</sup>	1,500 <sup>a/b*</sup>
		Superior	1,500 <sup>a/b*</sup>	1,700 <sup>a/b*</sup>

- a. *Inclusive of daily American breakfast, service charge and government tax.*
- b. *Complimentary transport services provided according to fixed schedules, from the hotel to UNCC in the morning and back to the hotel in the evening.*
- \*Hotel Dé Moc has one way transfer from hotel to UNCC.*
- c. *Free Internet Access.*

2. Participants are requested to contact the hotel directly at least 10 working days in advance and provide the participant's full name, date and time of check-in and check-out, flight numbers and contact details.
3. Rooms are available to participants on a first-come, first-served basis. Any cancellations, postponements or other changes should be notified to the hotel at least 48 hours in advance. Rooms not occupied in accordance with the latest advice will be held for 24 hours at the participant's expense and then released.
4. The rates provided in the table are as of December 2015 and subject to change without notice. Please confirm the room rates with the hotel directly.

### ***VIII. Transport from and to Airport***

1. 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: <http://www.suvarnabhumiairport.com>.
2. To avail themselves of the limousines and public metered-taxis services as indicated above, **it is strongly recommended that participants contact only the authorized officials at the counters located in the airport arrival zone.** The officials, upon contact, will issue a ticket for the assignment of either a limousine or a public metered-taxi for transporting passengers to the desired destination. Participants may access public taxi counters by exiting gates 3 or 9 of the arrival zone in Survarnabhumi Airport. In addition to toll fees, there is a 50 Baht surcharge to be added to the meter charge from airport to the city.

### ***IX. Transport to attend meetings***

Most hotels indicated in paragraph 17 provide complimentary transport, according to fixed schedules, to and from UNCC. Otherwise, participants must make their own transport arrangements in order to attend meetings.

### ***X. Internet services***

Free wireless internet access is available in all conference and meeting rooms and in the public areas of the UNCC. Password is not required.

### ***XI. Catering services***

Catering services are available at the cafeteria, which is located on level 1 of UNCC, from 1100 to 1400 hours for lunch. Rajapruek Lounge, on the ground floor of UNCC, is open from 0700 to 1700 hours on 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, a Coffee Corner, which serves sandwiches, pastries, coffee, tea and soft drinks, is located on level 1, UNCC and is open from 0700 to 1700 hours.

## **XII. Banking facilities**

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. (telephone extension 2168).

## **XIII. Postal services**

Postal services are available at the Post Office, United Nations Branch, located on the ground floor of UNCC. It is open from 0800 to 1600 hours, Monday through Friday. The Post Office can be contacted at extensions 1260 and 2911.

## **XIV. Souvenir shop**

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

## **XV. Travel agent**

American Express Travel office is located on the ground floor, Secretariat Building, which is open from 0800 to 1700 hours weekdays. AMEX office can be contacted at extensions 2820, 2821, 2822 and 2823.

## **XVI. Electricity, Electric plugs and sockets**

The electric power in Thailand is 220V running at 50Hz and the plug types used are either type A, type B, or type C\*. A hybrid socket is almost universally found which accepts a combination of the above plug types. Delegates are strongly encouraged to carry their own adapters for use with laptops and other electrical appliances as the Secretariat will not be able to provide these. In case of need, adapters can be purchased from shops in the city dealing in electronic and electrical items.



Type A



Type B



Type C



Hybrid Socket