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Global Geospatial Information Management**

**INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON LEGAL AND
POLICY FRAMEWORKS FOR GEOSPATIAL
INFORMATION MANAGEMENT**

Licensing of Geospatial Information

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Information Note

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Introduction

The United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD), as the Secretariat of the UN Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM), and the National Administration of Surveying, Mapping and Geoinformation (NASG) of China, are jointly organizing an International Workshop on Legal and Policy Frameworks for Geospatial Information Management - Licensing of Geospatial Information from November 7-9, 2017 in Tianjin, China, which is also supported by the Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Asia and the Pacific (UN-GGIM-AP).

UN-GGIM, at its seventh session, called for development of mechanisms for Member States to build capacity to address the legal and policy matters that have an impact on the collection, dissemination and application of geospatial information. This is the first in a series of regional training events on Legal and Policy Frameworks for Geospatial Information Management planned by UNSD, the Secretariat of UN-GGIM. It aims to raise awareness, and introduce and educate participants on the concepts and practical approaches which the participants should find helpful in their normal work.

This three-day UN-GGIM training event is expected to make both providers and consumers of geospatial information at the national and local levels better aware and informed on how a country's legal and policy framework impacts geospatial information management, improve Member States' capacity in addressing legal and policy considerations in geospatial information management to improve data sharing and dissemination, and increase the availability, accessibility and application of geospatial information.

Participants

This International Workshop is a closed event. Participation is solely by invitation. Participants are expected to be Director-Generals or senior level officials from national geospatial information or national survey and mapping agencies that are working on improving the availability, accessibility and application of geospatial information nationally, to address legal and policy considerations, including in data sharing and dissemination, and issues related to the licensing of geospatial information.

Language

The Workshop will be conducted in English.

Registration

All participants are kindly required to fill out and return the registration form to the host, NASG of China (Email: huhm@sbsm.gov.cn; copy: huimin.shl@foxmail.com; Tel: +86-10-63882336; Fax: +86-10-63882222), together with a copy of your passport. The information you provide will be used for visa documentation, hotel reservation, and NASG's preparation for the workshop.

Visa

Foreigners from most countries are required to obtain a visa to enter China. For detailed visa policies, please consult your Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Chinese Embassy or Consulate in your country. When you fill out the registration form, please indicate whether you need the official visa documentation. Upon receipt of the registration form, the host will prepare and send the official visa documentation to those who need it.

Venue

The Workshop will be held at Tianjin Zhengxie (Club) Hotel. It is located in the downtown area of Tianjin Municipality by the beautiful Haihe River. The hotel is 18km from Tianjin Binhai International Airport and 3km from Tianjin Railway Station.

Tianjin Zhengxie (Club) Hotel

No. 273, Jiefang South Road, Hexi District, Tianjin 300042, China

(天津政协俱乐部, 天津市河西区解放南路 273 号)

Tel: +86-22-23398666 Fax: +86-22-23398222

Accommodation

Block room reservations have been made at preferential rates at the Tianjin Zhengxie (Club) Hotel. The host will book your room according to your choice indicated on the registration form. Participants who wish to stay at other hotels are responsible for their own hotel room reservations and daily transportation to the venue.

Transportation from Tianjin Binhai International Airport

The participants are responsible for their own transportation from Tianjin Binhai International Airport to the venue hotel. It takes about 40 minutes and costs about RMB 50 Yuan by taxi. You may wish to print and show to the taxi driver the following instruction in the Chinese language.



You may also take NO.2 subway at the Tianjin Binhai International Airport and transfer at Xinanjiao Station to the NO.1 subway, and get off at the Xiaobailou Station. Walking path from D exit of Xiaobailou Station to the venue hotel is as indicated by the green line below. It takes about 6 min on foot.



Transportation from Beijing Capital International Airport

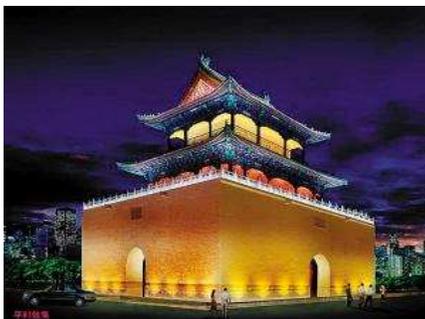
Some participants may choose to arrive into **Beijing Capital International Airport (BCIA)**. There are three possible options to transfer to the Venue Hotel:

- 1) Take a taxi from BCIA to the venue hotel. It costs about RMB 1500 and take approximately 2.5 hours.
- 2) Take an inter-provincial shuttle running between BCIA and Tianjin (Beijing to/from Tianjin: RMB 82/per person), which takes about 2.5 hours. Then take a local taxi to the venue hotel (about 40 min, about RMB 20).
- 3) Transfer from BCIA by bus or subway to Beijing South Railway Station, and take an inter-city train to Tianjin Railway Station. Then take a local taxi to the venue hotel (about 20 min, about RMB 13).

For information on BCIA airport shuttle, please refer to the link provided by BCIA traffic as follows: <http://en.bcia.com.cn/traffic/airbus/index.shtml>.

About Tianjin

Tianjin is the metropolis in northern coastal China, with a total population of about 15 million. It is governed as one of the four municipalities directly under the national government. Tianjin borders Hebei Province and Beijing Municipality, and is bounded to the east by the Bohai Sea. Being a famous city of historic and cultural significance in China and the birth place of culture and arts in the north of China, Tianjin enjoys a reputation of “cradle of operas” and “motherland of folk art”. Tianjin became a center of urban modernization and internationalism in the early years of the 20th century. Tianjin Port has trade with over 180 countries and regions in the world.



Old Drum Street



The Yongle Bridge and Tianjin Eye



Huangyaguan Great Wall



Five Old Streets & Ancient Cultural Street

Weather

Tianjin has sub-humid continental monsoon climate. Winter there is cold and long, starting from November and ending in February. Average temperatures in early November range from 3°C to 12°C (37.4°F-53.6°F). Warm clothing like suit or wind coat and sweater is recommended for outdoor activities.

Currency

The Chinese currency is RMB. The current exchange rate is about 1 USD: 6.6 RMB. Major foreign currencies can be exchanged at banks, hotels, and airports. Most hotels, restaurants, and shops accept major international credit cards including Visa and MasterCard.

Electricity

China uses 220 volt power supply for standard domestic and business purposes. Hotels generally provide wall sockets in every bathroom for razors and hair dryers, accommodating both “straight two-pin plugs,” and “triangular 3-pin plugs.”



Time

The standard time used in all parts of China is 8 hours ahead of GMT.