



The Geospatial Way to a Better World

United Nations World Geospatial Information Congress

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INFORMATION NOTE

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Congress Website

http://ggim.un.org/meetings/2018-1st_Congress_Deqing
<http://www.unwgic2018.org>



INTRODUCTION

The convening of the United Nations World Geospatial Information Congress (UNWGIC) arises out of the mandate from the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) to the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM) – a subsidiary body of ECOSOC – to convene global forums to promote comprehensive dialogue on global geospatial information management with all relevant governments, non-governmental organizations and the private sector. The objective of the UNWGIC is to provide a convening, participatory and inclusive environment to enhance the communication, understanding, knowledge and application of geospatial information management to address local, regional and global challenges.

With an overarching theme “The Geospatial Way to a Better World”, the UNWGIC will be a truly global event bringing together all stakeholders at the highest level to address and ensure that geospatial information has its widest and fullest utility in service of social, economic and environmental development. The Congress will focus on enhancing international cooperation among participants from Member States, reflect the importance of geospatial information to support technological development, address the development and strengthening of geospatial information management systems and capacities, and demonstrate the importance of international coordination and cooperation for building a human data and geography community, against the three pillars of sustainable development, for a shared future and a better world, in which all are able to be counted within an inclusive global society.

OUTLINE PROGRAM

While the actual UNWGIC plenary program covers three days (19 - 21 November), the overall event will be a week long (18 - 23 November), and will include exhibitions, technology showcases, global and regional meetings, workshops and learning events, technical side events and meetings, including the Seventh Plenary Meeting of national representatives from Member States to the Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Asia and the Pacific (UN-GGIM-AP), as well as the annual UN-GGIM Expanded Bureau meeting.

	Sun Nov 18	Mon Nov 19	Tue Nov 20	Wed Nov 21	Thu Nov 22	Fri Nov 23	
9:00	Pre-meetings	Official Opening Session	Plenary Session 3	Exhibition	Plenary Session 4	Exhibition	
12:30		Break				UN-GGIM-AP Plenary	Side Events & Technical Tour
		Plenary Session 1	Exhibition	Parallel Sessions	Exhibition	Parallel Sessions	Exhibition
Lunch							
14:00	Orienteering - Experience the Local Geography	Plenary Session 2	Exhibition	Parallel Sessions	Exhibition	Parallel Sessions	Exhibition
17:30		Break				UN-GGIM-AP Plenary	Side Events & Technical Tour
		Parallel Sessions	Exhibition	Parallel Sessions	Exhibition	Official Closing Session	
						UN-GGIM Expanded Bureau Meeting	Side Events



LANGUAGE

UNWGIC will be conducted in English.

VENUE

UNWGIC will be held at the Deqing International Convention Center, located at the Zhejiang Geospatial Information Industrial Park in Deqing, Zhejiang Province, China.

TIME ZONE

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

REGISTRATION

UNWGIC is open to a diverse group of geospatial leaders, actors and users from all stakeholder groups, including: national and international geospatial agencies and systems; academia; private sector and industry; and civil society. All participants are to submit their requests for registration online at <http://www.unwgic2018.org>.

Upon receipt of your request for registration with all the required information, the Congress organizers will consider your request before confirming by email whether you will be invited to the Congress. The invited participants may then proceed to submit full registration information, request for an official visa letter, and make hotel bookings.

Interested participants should submit their requests for registration as early as it is practicable to avoid delays. The online registration site is open.

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 register online, please indicate whether you need the official visa letter and provide the necessary information required in case of need to apply for a visa. Upon receipt of the complete registration information, the host will prepare and send the official visa letter to those who required it.

HOTELS

While the Convention Center does not provide lodgings, there are several hotels in the vicinity detailed as below. The host has made block reservations at these hotels with preferential prices. Participants can make hotel room bookings at the Congress website: <http://www.unwgic2018.org>.



1. Novotel Deqing Moganshan (****, 0.4 km from the venue)
德清莫干山诺富特酒店, 浙江省湖州市德清县武康镇曲园南路 707 号 1 号楼
Add.: No. 1 Building, 707 Quyuan South Road, Wukang Town, Deqing
Tel: +86 572 8838888

Room Types	Room Rates incl. Breakfast
Standard Twin Room	RMB460 (≈USD75)
Standard Double Room	RMB460 (≈USD75)
Deluxe Twin Room	RMB550 (≈USD90)
Suite	RMB870 (≈USD140)
Deluxe Suite	RMB980 (≈USD160)

2. Treasure Island International Hotel (*****, 3.9 km from the venue, shuttle bus provided)
金银岛国际大酒店, 浙江省湖州市德清县武康镇北湖东街 818 号
Add.: 818 Beihu East Street, Wukang Town, Deqing
Tel: +86 572 8819999

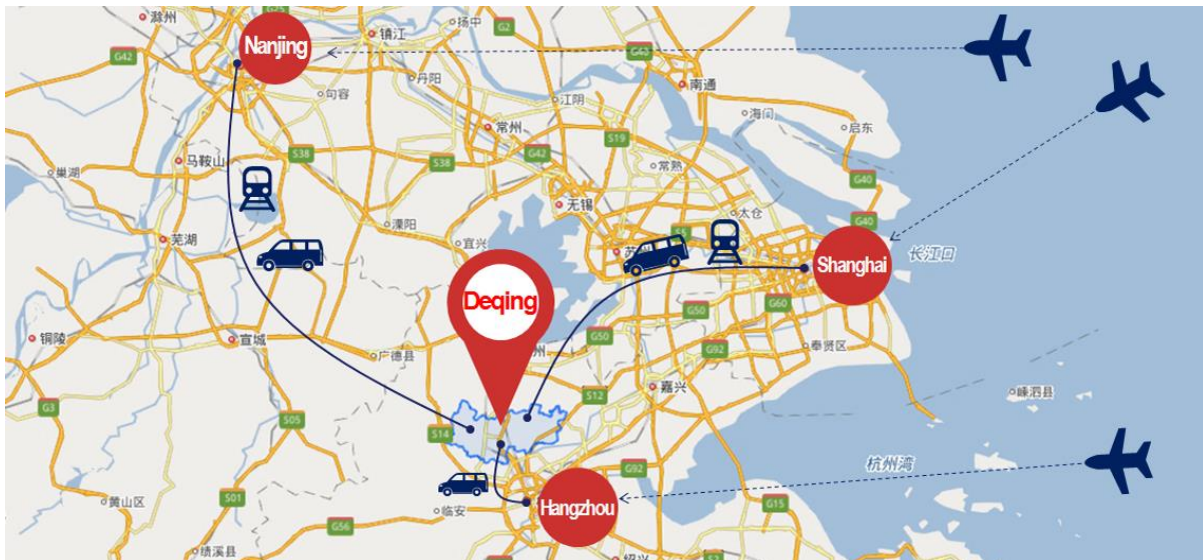
Room Types	Room Rates incl. Breakfast
Standard Twin Room	RMB600 (≈USD95)
Standard Double Room	RMB650 (≈USD105)
Deluxe Double Room	RMB900 (≈USD145)
Suite	RMB1000 (≈USD160)
Deluxe Suite	RMB1200 (≈USD190)

3. SSAW Boutique Hotel (****, 3.9 km from the venue, shuttle bus provided)
德清德蓝君亭酒店, 浙江省湖州市德清县武康镇北湖东街 957 号
Add.: 957 Beihu East Street, Wukang Town, Deqing
Tel: +86 572 8282666

Room Types	Room Rates incl. Breakfast
Standard Twin Room	RMB400 (≈USD65)
Standard Double Room	RMB400 (≈USD65)
Deluxe Twin Room	RMB460 (≈USD75)
Deluxe Double Room	RMB460 (≈USD75)
Suite	RMB550 (≈USD90)

TRANSPORTATION

Deqing is located in the north of Zhejiang province, with convenient transportation. There are expressways from Hangzhou, Shanghai and Nanjing to Deqing with distances of 70km, 180km, and 200km respectively. Participants can either take international or domestic flights to Hangzhou Xiaoshan International Airport, Shanghai Pudong International Airport, Shanghai Hongqiao International Airport, or Nanjing Lukou International Airport.



1. Transportation from airport/train station to the venue and hotels

The host will provide shuttle bus transportation to the venue and the recommended hotels in Deqing on 17-18 November 2018 from Hangzhou Xiaoshan International Airport, Shanghai Pudong International Airport and Deqing Railway Station. Transportation from the hotels to the above airports and train station will also be provided on 22-24 November 2018. Details about the shuttle bus schedule will be available at the Congress website in due course.

2. Instructions for those who miss the shuttle bus transportation service or choose to go to Deqing on their own

a) Travel to Deqing Bus Terminal or Railway Station

From Hangzhou Xiaoshan International Airport

Take an airport bus at the Hangzhou Xiaoshan International Airport directly to Deqing Bus Terminal (about 1 hour).

From Shanghai Pudong International Airport or Hongqiao International Airport

Take a taxi at the Airport to Shanghai Hongqiao Railway Station, and then take the high-speed train G7391 (departure at 18:18) or G7395 (departure at 07:27) to Deqing Railway Station (about 2 hours).



From Nanjing Lukou International Airport

Take the subway S1 at the Airport to Nanjing South Railway Station (about 1 hour), and then take the high-speed train to Deqing Railway Station (about 1.5 hour). There are approximately thirty (30) high-speed train services between Nanjing South Railway Station and Deqing Railway Station. They are scheduled at intervals from about ten minutes to one hour with the earliest departure at 06:50 (G7625) and the latest at 20:22 (D2221).

b) Transfer by taxi from Deqing Bus Terminal or Railway Station to your hotel

3. Transfer from the hotels to the venue

Shuttle buses service between the Convention Center and the recommended hotels will be provided during the Congress. The shuttle bus schedule will be available at the Congress website.

ABOUT DEQING

Deqing County is situated in the northern part of Zhejiang Province, at the hinterland of the Yangtze River Delta, facing Shanghai to the east, and Hangzhou to the south. Deqing's location in the subtropical monsoon zone ensures a mild climate and four seasons, with the average temperature throughout the year standing at 13-16°C. It has a land area of 936km² and population of 430,000.

Deqing is featured by "50% mountains, 10% rivers and 40% farmland", and has the honour of "land of fish and rice, home of silk, place with famous mountains, land of bamboo and tea, and county of culture". Deqing has the Mogan Mountain, a national scenic area and one of China's four major summer resorts; the Xiazhu Lake, one of the most beautiful wetlands in China; and the ancient town of Xinshi, known for the thousand-year-old ancient canal and as a hundred-year-old small Shanghai.

ABOUT ZHEJIANG

Zhejiang Province is located in the southern part of Yangtze River Delta of the southeast coast of China neighbouring Shanghai. Zhejiang, which literally means a zigzagging river, is named because of Qiantang River, the largest river in the province. Hangzhou is the provincial capital. The south-north and east-west distance of the province is both about 450km. The land area is 101,800km², occupying 1.06% of the whole country and making itself one of China's smallest provinces. The population of the province is 55.9 million.

Zhejiang has fertile lands with typical south China water town characteristics, and one of the cradles of Chinese ancient civilization. Each part of Zhejiang is attractive and charming. Eastern Zhejiang is home to a flourishing Buddhist culture. Extraordinary mountainous landscapes can be found in western Zhejiang. Southern Zhejiang is resplendent with magnificent sceneries. And numerous silk towns are scattered in northern Zhejiang.

WEATHER

Deqing has four distinct seasons. During the Congress, it is late autumn time. The average temperatures range from 5°C to 15°C (41°F-59°F). Casual clothing like a coat and sweater are recommended for outdoor activities.

CURRENCY

The Chinese currency is RMB. The current exchange rate is about 1 USD: 6.3 RMB. Major foreign currencies can be exchanged at banks, hotels, and airports. The recommended hotels accept major international credit cards including Visa and MasterCard, while restaurants and shops in Deqing accept cash in RMB.

ELECTRICITY

220-volt power supply is used in China for standard domestic and business purposes. Hotels generally provide wall sockets accommodating both straight two-pin plugs, and triangular three-pin plugs.



TECHNICAL TOURS

Some optional technical tours will be arranged, as outline below, for the Congress participants and the registered accompanying persons. If you are interested in joining the tours, please make reservations in the Congress registration system.

For Congress Participants:

1. Orienteering - experience the local geography (afternoon of 18 November 2018)

The orienteering game is to provide the participants with an opportunity to experience the local geography by using a map, a compass, navigational skills and running ability. It is about 5km in distance and expected to take one hour or so. Interested participants are requested to register online at <http://www.unwgic2018.org> in advance. The orienteering game will not take place if the number of the registered participants is less than 100 on 1 September 2018. The notification will be made at the Congress website in due time.

2. Local practices for sustainable development (08:30 - 14:45, 22 November 2018)

The technical tour participants will visit characteristic villages in Deqing such as Yucun Village and Wusi Village, and the renowned Mogan Mountain, to gain general appreciation of the local practices for sustainable societal, economic, and environmental development. At the Yucun Village, by strolling at the old photographic studios, shoe shops, small cafes and specialty



restaurants along early 20th century style street, you can see how innovative cultural and ecological tourism boosts the local economy. Wusi Village, as China's model village for green development will present you with the beautiful countryside landscape and leisure local lifestyle. The Mogan Mountain is one of the four renowned summer resorts in China with both natural beauty and historical culture.

For Accompany Persons:

1. Mogan Valley and Erdu Town (09:00 - 12:00, 20 November 2018)

Participants will visit the Mogan Valley and the Erdu Town to learn about the folk and farming culture in the Yangtze River Delta region of China and enjoy the beautiful countryside scenery of the typical water town. Special cultural performances such as pottery and tea making, folk arts and crafts such as shadow play, straw weaving, barrel making, and Chinese herbal medicine sachet making will be presented.

2. Yucun Village, Junanli Resort & Osman Pearl Museum (09:00 - 12:00, 21 November 2018)

Participants will visit the Yucun Village, the Junanli Resort, and the Osman Pearl Museum, to experience the creative cultural street in early 20th century fashion of China, explore Deqing's ecological homestays and boutique resort hotels, and learn the history and culture of pearl cultivation as well as take the opportunity to purchase some pearl jewelry and pearl cosmetics.

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