

Kunming Forum
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Global Geospatial Information Management

Cities of the Future: Smart, Resilient and Sustainable

Yunnan Zhenzhuang Guest House, Kunming, China

10-12 May 2017

Information Note

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United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management
(UN-GGIM)

The National Administration of Surveying, Mapping and Geoinformation of China (NASG)

Introduction

The United Nations Statistics Division of DESA, as the Secretariat of the UN Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM) in collaboration with the Government of China through the National Administration of Surveying, Mapping and Geoinformation of China (NASG), will jointly organise the Kunming Forum on United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management with the overarching theme “Cities of the Future: Smart, Resilient and Sustainable” from 10 – 12 May 2017 in Kunming, Yunnan, China.

NASG will also host the Third Meeting of the Inter-agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators (IAEG-SDGs) Working Group on Geospatial Information (WGGI). This physical working meeting will be convened from 8 – 10 May 2017 at the same venue, back to back with the Kunming Forum.

Draft Schedule

Monday 8 May	Third Meeting of IAEG-SDGs: Working Group on Geospatial Information <i>(by invitation only)</i>	
Tuesday 9 May	Third Meeting of IAEG-SDGs: Working Group on Geospatial Information <i>(by invitation only)</i>	
Wednesday 10 May	Kunming Forum on UN Global Geospatial Information Management (Joint official opening session)	Third Meeting of IAEG-SDGs: Working Group on Geospatial Information <i>(by invitation only)</i>
Thursday 11 May	Kunming Forum on UN Global Geospatial Information Management	
Friday 12 May	Kunming Forum on UN Global Geospatial Information Management	

Language

The Kunming Forum on United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management will be conducted entirely in English.

Registration

The Kunming forum on UN Global Geospatial Information Management is open to all interested participants but requires prior registration. Interested participants are requested to register online at <http://en.nasg.gov.cn/kunmingforum/>. Priority will be given to official and expert representatives of United Nations Member States.

The Third Meeting of IAEG-SDGs: Working Group on Geospatial Information is a closed meeting, by invitation only, where all 23 members comprising representatives of Member States, United Nations System and other international multilateral organisations are expected to attend. Members of the Working Group attending this meeting are invited to stay on and participate in the Kunming Forum.

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 nearest Chinese Embassy or Consulate in your country. When you register online, do indicate whether you need the official visa documentation. Upon satisfactory receipt of the registration information, the host will prepare and provide the official visa documentation to those who need it.

Venue

The Forum will be held at Yunnan Zhenzhuang Guest House in Kunming. The Guest house is located in a quiet part in central Kunming. The compound has a traditional Chinese-style garden. It is about 25 kilometres from Kunming Changshui International Airport and 2.7 kilometres from Kunming Railway Station. Two metro stations, Jiaosan Bridge and Dongfeng Square, are only a few minutes' walk from the venue.

Yunnan Zhenzhuang Guest House

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Accommodation

NASG has made block reservations at preferential rates for participants at the Yunnan Zhenzhuang Guest House. Rooms will be booked according to participants' own choices as indicated during online registration. Those who wish to stay at other hotels are responsible for their own room reservations and transportation to and from the venue.

Transportation

All participants are responsible for their own transportation from Kunming Changshui International Airport to the hotel. More information about the airport and related services can be found at <http://english.ynairport.com>.

Participants can either take a taxi or take the airport shuttle bus to get to the Yunnan Zhenzhuang Guest House.

By Taxi

Participants can refer to the signs inside the terminal building of the Kunming Changshui International Airport for the taxi queue to take a taxi to the hotel. It takes about 50 minutes and costs approximately RMB 120 from Kunming Changshui International Airport to the Yunnan Zhenzhuang Guest House.

You may wish to print and show to the taxi driver the following instruction in the Chinese language.



By Airport Shuttle Bus Route No.6

Participants can refer to the signs inside the terminal building of the Kunming Changshui International Airport to take the Airport Shuttle Bus Route No. 6. The airport shuttle bus is available from 7.00 a.m. to 10 p.m. and departs every 30 minutes. You will need to disembark from the airport shuttle bus (Airport Shuttle Bus Route No. 6) at the Kunming Hotel stop, and then take a taxi to the Yunnan Zhenzhuang Guest House (approximately 10 minutes and costing approximately RMB 10).

About Yunnan

Yunnan Province is located in the far southwest of China, bordering Vietnam, Laos, and Myanmar. It spans approximately 394,000 square kilometres and has a population of 45.7 million. The Capital of the Province is Kunming.

Yunnan Province is situated in a mountainous area, with high elevations in the northwest and low elevations in the southeast. Most of the population lives in the eastern part of the Province. In the west, the altitude can vary from the mountain peaks to river valleys by as much as 3,000 metres. Yunnan is rich in natural resources and has the largest diversity of plants in China.

Yunnan is also noted for a very high level of ethnic diversity. It has the highest number of ethnic groups among the provinces and autonomous regions in China. Among the country's 56 recognised ethnic groups, twenty-five are in Yunnan. Some 38% of the province's population are of ethnic minorities.

About Kunming

Kunming is the capital and largest city of Yunnan Province, China. Located in the middle of the Yunnan-Guizhou Plateau, Kunming is at an altitude of approximately 1,900 metres above sea level and at a latitude just north of the Tropic of Cancer. Kunming is also called the Spring City due to its mild climate. It is characterised by short, cool dry winters with mild days and crisp nights, and long, warm and humid summers, but much cooler than the lowlands.

Positioned near the border with south-east Asian countries, Kunming serves as a transportation hub in Southwest China. It has a population of about 6.7 million with an urban population of about 4.6 million. The city is located at the northern edge of the large Dianchi Lake at the foot of the Western Hills. During winter, around 35,000 black-headed gulls flock from cold areas in the north to the warm Dianchi Lake. They migrate here to live through the winter annually, creating a unique experience for tourists.

Weather

Kunming, also known as the “Spring City”, has a mild climate and flowers bloom almost all year round. Average temperatures in May range from 14°C to 25°C (57°F-77°F). Casual clothing like t-shirt is recommended for outdoor activities.

Currency

The Chinese currency is RMB. The current exchange rate is approximately 1 USD: 6.9 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 accommodating both “straight two-pin plugs,” and “triangular 3-pins plugs.”



Time Zone

The standard time used in all parts of China is 8 hours ahead of GMT or UTC+8hrs.

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