



**First Meeting of the International Advisory Committee (IAC) of the
United Nations Global Geospatial Knowledge and Innovation Centre (UN-GGKIC)
Deqing, Zhejiang Province, China
20-22 April 2023**

LOGISTICAL AND INFORMATION NOTE

Introduction

The Statistics Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations, as the Secretariat of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM) in collaboration with the Government of China through the Ministry of Natural Resources, will jointly organise the **First Meeting of the International Advisory Committee of the United Nations Global Geospatial Knowledge and Innovation Centre (UN-GGKIC: IAC)** from 20 – 22 April 2023 in Deqing, Zhejiang, China.

Language

The First Meeting of UN-GGKIC: IAC will be conducted in English.

Registration

Prior registration is required for all participants. All participants are required to complete and return the Participation Form to Mr. XU Yao from Deqing County Foreign Affairs Office (via email: xuyao2023dq@qq.com, with a copy to Ms. Vilma Frani at frani@un.org).

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. To assist in your visa application, please complete the Visa Application Form and return the form to Mr. XU Yao from Deqing County Foreign Affairs Office (via email: xuyao2023dq@qq.com).

Venue

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

Deqing International Convention Center
1000 Quyuan South Road, Deqing County, Zhejiang



Accommodation

The host has made accommodation reservations at the Novotel Deqing Moganshan Hotel, which is walking distance to the venue of the meeting.

Novotel Deqing Moganshan Hotel
707 Quyuan South Road, Deqing County, Zhejiang

Transportation

Participants will be picked up on arrival at either the **Hangzhou Xiaoshan International Airport** or **Shanghai Hongqiao International Airport** and transferred to Novotel Deqing Moganshan Hotel. Similarly, the host will also provide return transfers to Hangzhou for the World Data Forum 2023.

About Deqing

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

Deqing is "50% mountains, 10% rivers and 40% farmland", and has the distinction as the "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 Hangzhou

Hangzhou is a city located in Zhejiang Province, eastern China. As a part of the famous Shanghai, Hangzhou, Suzhou scenic triangle south of the Yangtze River, the city is a top China tourist city renowned for its beautiful gardens, canals and other streams. Hangzhou is a city intertwining past and present in an intelligent way. Indeed, the city is listed as one of China's Seven Ancient Capitals and flourishes with lots of historical and cultural relics mingling with lush sceneries, a scenic spot barely seen anywhere else in the country.

Hangzhou is a modern and prosperous city of China situated just a few kilometers away from Shanghai and is also a jewel of cultural heritages and natural beauty. Bathing in a monsoon subtropical climate, the city borders the Yangtze River to the south and is bounded by hills to its west. Being a crucial southern stop of the Grand Canal that goes to Beijing, the city of Hangzhou is just a marvel and must-see scenic spot while touring the Province and Shanghai!

About Zhejiang

Zhejiang Province is located in the southern part of Yangtze River Delta of the south-eastern coast of China neighboring Shanghai. Zhejiang, which literally means a zigzagging river, is named because of Qiantang River, the major river in the province. Hangzhou is the provincial capital. The south-north and east-west distance of the province is approximately 450 kilometers. The land area is 101,800 km², occupying 1.06% of the entire 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 Province is picturesque and fascinating. Eastern Zhejiang is home to a flourishing Buddhist culture, whereas extraordinary mountainous landscapes can be found in western Zhejiang. Southern Zhejiang has magnificent sceneries, and numerous silk towns are scattered in northern Zhejiang

Time Zone

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

Weather

Deqing has four distinct seasons. Late April coincides with spring and the average temperature range from 15°C to 24°C (59°F-75°F). Casual clothing with a coat or sweater is recommended for outdoor activities.

Currency

The Chinese currency is RMB. The current exchange rate is approximately 1 USD: 6.90 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.”





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