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 Chinese Government through the Ministry of Natural Resources, will jointly organise the 2024 Meeting of the International Advisory Committee of the United Nations Global Geospatial Knowledge and Innovation Centre from 17-18 April 2024 in Deqing, China.

Language
The 2024 Meeting of the International Advisory Committee of the United Nations Global Geospatial Knowledge and Innovation Centre 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 Ms. Ming Ma (E-mail: mam@un.org) with a copy to Mr. Guillaume Le Sourd (E-mail: lesourd@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 Foreign Affairs Office of Deqing County (via email: xuyao2023dq@qq.com).

Venue
The meeting will be held at the premise of United Nations Global Geospatial Knowledge and Innovation Centre (UN-GGKIC), located at the Zhejiang Geospatial Information Industrial Park in Deqing, Huzhou, Zhejiang Province, China.

UN-GGKIC
A9, No.901 Tashan St, Deqing County, Huzhou, Zhejiang Province

Accommodation
The host has made accommodation reservations at the Novotel Deqing Hotel, which is walking distance to the venue of the meeting.
**Novotel Deqing Hotel**
707 Quyuan South Road, Deqing County, Huzhou, Zhejiang Province

**Transportation**
Adjacent to Hangzhou, Deqing County can be reached by taxi or airport shuttle bus.

*By Taxi*
70 minutes from Hangzhou Xiaoshan International Airport to Deqing.
Cost: Around RMB 200 yuan

Note to your contact or taxi driver:

Please send me to Novotel Hotel in Deqing.
Address: 707 Quyuan South Road, Deqing County, Zhejiang Province
Tel: +86-572-8838888

*By Airport Shuttle Bus*
Hangzhou Xiaoshan International Airport provides shuttle bus service from the airport to Deqing.

Location of Coach Station (Ticket Office&Waiting Hall): Terminal 4, northwest of 1F Ground Transportation Center

Tickets purchase:
◆ Purchase on-site using the ticket counter or self-service machine in the Bus Station hall

Shuttle buses schedule from Xiaoshan Airport to Deqing: 10:00, 11:40, 15:10, 17:10
Ticket price: Around RMB 75 yuan
Time: About 160 minutes

*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; Xiazhu Lake, one of the most beautiful wetlands in China; and Xinshi ancient town, which has a thousand-year-old history.

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: 7.20 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**

220-volt power supply is supported in China for standard domestic and business purposes. Hotels generally provide wall sockets accommodating both “straight two-pin plugs,” and “triangular 3-pins plugs.”

![Electricity Plugs and Socket](image)

**Map**

![Map of Deqing County](image)

**Points of Contact**

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