



ACCELERATING IMPLEMENTATION;  
**ACHIEVING RESILIENCE**  
8-10 OCTOBER 2024



## Seventh High-level Forum on United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management

Sheraton Maria Isabel Hotel, Mexico City, Mexico  
*October 8-10, 2024*

### **LOGISTICS AND INFORMATION NOTE**

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Hosted by:  
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"Accelerating Implementation: Achieving Resilience"  
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### **Introduction**

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This seventh High-level Forum is being organized by the United Nations, represented by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Statistics Division and the Government of Mexico, represented by its National Institute of Statistics and Geography (INEGI). The Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM) at its thirteenth session in August 2023, with [decision 13/101](#), welcomed the offer of the Government of Mexico, through INEGI, to host the seventh High-level Forum in Mexico City in October 2024. The Committee of Experts also confirmed its support in the development and implementation of the program of the seventh High-level Forum, with the substantive support from each of the five regional committees (UN-GGIM: Africa, UN-GGIM: Americas, UN-GGIM: Arab States, UN-GGIM-AP, and UN-GGIM: Europe), as well as the functional groups and thematic networks of the Committee of Experts.

With an overarching theme ‘**Accelerating Implementation: Achieving Resilience**’, the seventh High-Level Forum seeks to discuss, and address the use of geospatial information to understand, communicate and manage climate-related issues and challenges, accelerate the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through the implementation of the United Nations Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (UN-IGIF), explore strategies on developing geospatial capacity, leveraging innovative tools and technologies, and fostering partnerships towards delivering positive national social, economic and environmental outcomes.

In this note, you will find relevant information on the logistics and arrangements for the seventh High-level Forum, including information on the venue, visa, accommodation, and general information about Mexico City, Mexico.

### **Logistical arrangements for the Forum**

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The seventh High-level Forum will be held **from 8 to 10 October 2024**, at the **Sheraton Maria Isabel Hotel**, situated at Av. Paseo de la Reforma 325, Cuauhtemoc, 06500 Mexico City, CDMX, México. You can find the Google Maps address [HERE](#). The plenary sessions will be held in the Independencia Room on the third floor of the hotel.

The Forum is an in-person only event. The meetings will generally be from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. each day.



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## The programme at a glance

		<b>8-10</b> OCTOBER 2024		<b>PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE</b>	
Time	<b>TUESDAY 8TH OCTOBER</b> "Accelerating implementation for the 2030 Agenda and Beyond"	<b>WEDNESDAY 9TH OCTOBER</b> "Achieving a resilient planet with geospatial information"	<b>THURSDAY 10TH OCTOBER</b> "Building a sustainable future: Innovation, Technology and AI"		
<b>07:30-08:00</b>	Registration	Understanding and communicating climate risk using geospatial data	The future geospatial ecosystem		
<b>08:00-08:30</b>					
<b>08:30-09:30</b>	Opening Ceremony				
<b>09:30-10:00</b>	COFFEE BREAK				
<b>10:00-11:00</b>	Keynote Session Day #1	Keynote Session Day #2	Keynote Session Day #3		
<b>11:00-12:00</b>	LUNCH				
<b>12:00-13:30</b>	Accelerating implementation with the UN Integrated Geospatial Information Framework	Geospatial information for climate planning and decision-making Incorporating: • Protecting our coasts and oceans using geospatial information • Using geospatial information to deliver nature-based solutions	The rise of AI, Big Data and data analytics: The digital infrastructure of the future		
<b>13:30-14:00</b>	COFFEE BREAK				
<b>14:00-15:30</b>	Barriers to implementation - preparing for the future	Geospatial capacity development, tools and partnerships to improve climate resilience	Closing Session		
<b>18:00-20:00</b>	Networking event at the Sheraton Maria Isabel				

- The **Opening Ceremony** will be held on Tuesday, 8 October 2024, from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
- All attendees are invited to a **networking event** on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2024, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Bugambilias Room on the third floor, at the venue. Refreshments will be available.



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## Venue

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The Forum will be held at the Sheraton María Isabel Hotel, Mexico City, Mexico, and is located on the renowned Paseo de la Reforma Avenue, just 30 minutes away from Mexico City International Airport. The Hotel was opened in March 1962 and has, since then, become the mirror of the “Ángel de la Independencia” and one of the first international-style buildings in Mexico City.

*Paseo de la Reforma 325  
Col Cuauhtémoc,  
Mexico City 06500  
Phone: +52(55)52425555*



## Registration

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High-level and senior policy makers, government officials, scientists, engineers, innovators, entrepreneurs, and representatives of geospatial, science and technology communities, the UN system and international organizations are welcomed, on verification of their credentials.

Interested participants are to submit their request to participate online via the link of the seventh High-level Forum on the [UN-GGIM website](#).

There is a two-step registration process. Interested participants are to, firstly, request to participate in seventh High-level Forum. Each request will be reviewed and upon favorable consideration, will receive an email with a link to proceed and register for the seventh High-level Forum. The participant may then proceed to submit full registration information.

After full registration is completed, a registration confirmation letter containing a unique registration number and QR code will be sent to you by email. Registered participants may request for and be issued a “personalized” invitation letter for Visa Application purposes only if required.

Only the names of confirmed participants will be included in the list of participants.

### **Badge Collection**

Badges may be collected on Tuesday, 8 October 2024, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. at the registration desks outside the Independence Room.

Attendees can access Wi-Fi using the “HLF UN-GGIM” network with the password “7HLF2024”.

## Language

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The working language of the seventh High-level Forum is English. Simultaneous interpretation services will be provided in Spanish.



## Passports

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The government of Mexico requires a passport valid for at least six months upon the date of entry. Transit countries and airlines may have additional requirements.

## Visa

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It is the responsibility of all participants to make the necessary visa arrangements. Depending on your nationality, you might need a visa to travel to Mexico. Please refer to the following links (only in Spanish):

- Countries who do not need visa to Mexico  
(<https://www.inm.gob.mx/gobmx/word/index.php/paises-no-requieren-visa-para-mexico/>)
- Countries who need visa to Mexico  
(<https://www.inm.gob.mx/gobmx/word/index.php/paises-requieren-visa-para-mexico/>)

### Visa requirements and exemptions.

A visa is not necessary if you can prove permanent residency status<sup>1</sup> in any member country of the European Schengen Area<sup>2</sup>, as well in member countries of the Pacific Alliance (Chile and Colombia).

Additionally, as part of Mexico's visa exemption program, current Mexican immigration regulations allow foreign nationals to travel to Mexico as Non-Immigrants-Visitors<sup>3</sup> without the need to apply for a Mexican visa if they are holders of a valid visa from USA, Canada, Japan, Great Britain, or any of the Schengen area countries<sup>4</sup>. Full information is available at [Visa exemption program](#) (only in Spanish).

Visitors requesting entry to Mexico need a Multiple Migratory Form (FMM). The FMM can be obtained from the airline or at the port of entry, but to expedite your registration at the border, you can fill out and print it in advance at [www.inm.gob.mx/fmme/publico/en/solicitud.html](http://www.inm.gob.mx/fmme/publico/en/solicitud.html). Please be aware that immigration officers at the port of entry may request certain documents to prove the purpose of your visit.

Should you have any questions about traveling to Mexico, please consult the list of Mexican embassies and consulates around the world: [www.gob.mx/sre/documentos/list-of-mexico-s-embassies-and-consulates-around-the-world](http://www.gob.mx/sre/documentos/list-of-mexico-s-embassies-and-consulates-around-the-world)

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<sup>1</sup> You will need to prove this status directly to the immigration authority at the point of entry. The Embassy of Mexico cannot offer guarantees for your admittance. It is the traveler's own responsibility to offer proper documentation. Keep in mind that admittance to Mexico (as to any other country) is subject to the final approval of immigration officials at the point of entry, whom have the authority to evaluate your case, verify the authenticity of all the documents and the truthfulness of the information you provide. They will also confirm that no outright restrictions exist for your admittances.

<sup>2</sup> A Dutch Residency Card valid for 5 years is not considered as permanent

<sup>3</sup> Visitor without permission to conduct gainful activities, which include tourism, transit, short study programs, business meetings, medical treatment, technical assistance, professional counseling, among others

<sup>4</sup> Please be aware that the Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA) is not a visa and therefore you cannot use this for the purpose of traveling to Mexico under the Mexican visa exemption benefits



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## Accommodation and Rates

There are special rates offered at Sheraton Maria Isabel Hotel:

TYPE OF ROOM	GROUP RATE
<b>ROH double occupancy</b>	<b>\$175 USD</b>
<b>ROH single occupancy</b>	<b>\$175 USD</b>

- The rate is subject to 16% VAT and 3.5% Lodging Tax (ISH) or the rates in effect at the time of the guest's arrival.
- The rate includes internet access.
- The rate is net and non-commissionable.
- The rate includes access to the Sheraton Fitness Center (massages, facials, etc., are not included).
- **The rate will be valid until September 17, 2024, and will be subject to availability.**
- The rate applies from October 4 to October 13, 2024 (inclusive).

### Room Reservation:

- Reservations can be requested via email at [Maria.CruzSanchez@sheraton.com](mailto:Maria.CruzSanchez@sheraton.com) or by phone at (52-55) 5242-5639, mentioning the INEGI's event High Level Forum on October 7-10, 2024 to obtain the negotiated rate. No adjustments or rate changes will be made after the reservation.

### No-Shows:

- The no-show charge policy will be equivalent to 1 night of the guest's stay.

### Payment Method:

- Each participant must guarantee the reservation with a valid credit card, which may be charged for no-shows. At check-in, guests must provide a payment method for the stay, which can be cash, credit card, or prior deposit.

### Cancellations:

- Cancellations will be accepted without charge if made no later than 48 hours before the arrival date.

### Check-In and Check-Out times:

- Check-in is at 3:00 PM, and check-out is at 12:00 PM. Early arrivals or late departures will incur a half-day rent charge based on the agreed rate. Rooms cannot be assigned before the designated check-in time; however, depending on availability, we will try to assign rooms earlier if requested.

If you wish to stay at a different hotel other than the main venue, these are the hotels recommended by the host:

<b>Sofitel Mexico City Reforma</b> <a href="#">Rates - Sofitel Mexico City Reforma ALL - Accor Live Limitless</a>	<b>Mexico City Marriott Reforma Hotel</b> <a href="https://marriott-reforma.hotels-mexico-city.com/en/">https://marriott-reforma.hotels-mexico-city.com/en/</a>
<b>Hotel City Express "Plus" by Marriott Reforma El Ángel</b> <a href="#">Find Dates &amp; Rates that Work for You (marriott.com)</a>	<b>Four Seasons Hotel Mexico City</b> <a href="https://www.fourseasons.com/mexico/">https://www.fourseasons.com/mexico/</a>

<b>Marquis Reforma HOTEL</b> <a href="https://www.marquisreforma.com/en">https://www.marquisreforma.com/en</a>	<b>Fiesta Americana HOTEL</b> <a href="https://www.fiestamericana.com/en/hotels-resorts/fiesta-americana-reforma-mexico-city">https://www.fiestamericana.com/en/hotels-resorts/fiesta-americana-reforma-mexico-city</a>
<b>Emporio Hotel</b> <a href="https://www.hotelesemporio.com/hoteles/emporio-ciudad-de-mexico">https://www.hotelesemporio.com/hoteles/emporio-ciudad-de-mexico</a>	<b>Galería Plaza Reforma HOTEL</b> <a href="http://www.galeriaplazareformahotel-mexico.com/?l=ggI-tld-ex">http://www.galeriaplazareformahotel-mexico.com/?l=ggI-tld-ex</a>
<b>Holiday Inn Express Mexico Reforma</b> <a href="https://www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/us/en/reservation">https://www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/us/en/reservation</a>	<b>Sevilla Palace Hotel</b> <a href="http://www.sevillapalacehotelmexicocity.com/?l=ggI-tld-ex">http://www.sevillapalacehotelmexicocity.com/?l=ggI-tld-ex</a>

Every participant should contact the hotel directly to make the necessary accommodation arrangement and reservation. Please ensure that your reservation is confirmed for the duration of your stay in Mexico City.

## Transportation

As part of the ground services, the Mexico City International Airport (AICM) provides boarding spaces or areas for the use of authorized taxis ([https:// www.aicm.com.mx/taxis-autorizados-aicm-por-tu-seguridad-recuerda-utilizar-solo-taxis-autorizados-ubicados-en-salidas-internacionales-y-nacionales-de-ambas-terminales-aicm/30-03-2021](https://www.aicm.com.mx/taxis-autorizados-aicm-por-tu-seguridad-recuerda-utilizar-solo-taxis-autorizados-ubicados-en-salidas-internacionales-y-nacionales-de-ambas-terminales-aicm/30-03-2021)), the only ones accredited by the Ministry of Communications and Transportation (SCT) and regulated by the Airport for the provision of the service. These taxis comply with safety, comfort, and quality standards.

This service is available in Terminal 1, with boarding areas at gate number 1 for domestic flights and gate numbers 9 and 10 for international flights. In Terminal 2, the boarding areas are located at gate number 3 for international flights and gate number 4 for domestic flights. Sales points are in the baggage claim area, outpatient area, and in front of the gates in the boarding areas for authorized taxis in both terminals. While many taxi drivers may not speak English fluently, having your destination written down or using a map on your phone can help for communication.

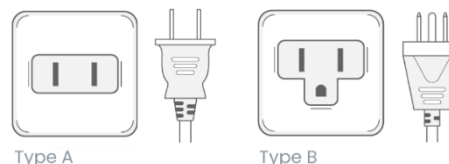
Other transportation options include Uber, Cabify, or Didi. However, it's important to note that these services are not allowed within the airport premises, but they are an option for transportation from the hotel to the venue. Another reliable option to arrive at the venue is to request a taxi from the hotel.

## Electricity

In Mexico, the standard voltage is 127V and the frequency is 60Hz. The power plug sockets come in two types –

**Type A:** This socket is mainly used in North and Central America, China, and Japan. It has two flat parallel pins and works only with plug type A.

**Type B:** Similar to type A, but with an extra prong for grounding. It also works with plug type A.





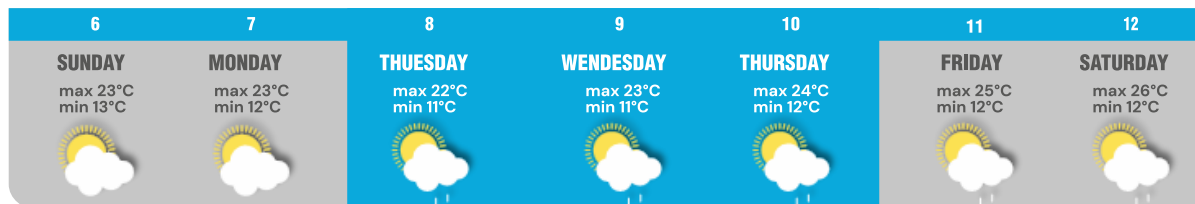
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## Weather

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Throughout the day, temperatures typically settle at around 23-24C. But by evening, they can drop to around 11C. Remember, these are typical temperatures, and certain days could be even warmer.



## Currency

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The monetary unit is the Mexican peso (\$).

## Banks and ATMs

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Banks operate between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. ATMs operate 24 hours a day.

## Taxes:

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In Mexico, all purchases are subject to a 16% Value Added Tax (IVA), except for medicines, unprocessed foods, and books.

## Tips:

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Tips are not included in restaurant menu prices. It is customary to leave between 10% and 15% of the total bill as a tip.

## Time Zone

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The time zone in Mexico City, Mexico is UTC-6 hours.

## Location

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Mexico City is the capital of Mexico, the United Mexican States. It's also the most populous city in North America. Located entirely within the Valley of Mexico, its altitude is 2,240 meters (7,350 ft), although many parts of the city are somewhat higher. The city is composed of 16 boroughs, since 2016, known as City Halls.

Mexico City's 2020 population is about 9.2 million people, with a land area of 1,485 square kilometers (573 sq mi). The population of Greater Mexico City is about 21.3 million, which makes it the largest metropolitan area of the Western Hemisphere, and the largest Spanish-speaking city in the world.

Mexico City is also both the oldest capital city in the Americas and one of only two founded by Indigenous peoples (Quito, Ecuador is the other). Originally built on an island in Lake Texcoco by the Aztecs in 1325 as Tenochtitlan, it was almost destroyed in the 1521 siege of Tenochtitlan. It was then redesigned and rebuilt to meet the Spanish urban standards of the time. In 1524, the municipality of Mexico City was established, known then as Mexico Tenochtitlan. As of 1585, it was officially known as Ciudad de Mexico (Mexico City). It has been the political, administrative, and financial center of a





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major part of the Spanish-speaking world since then. After independence from Spain, it became known as the Federal District in 1824 and remained so until 2016.

The Mexico City is unparalleled in the Americas as a cultural destination. It boasts more museums than any other city on the planet, with the sole exception of London. The city's population thrives on excellent cuisine and an exquisite culture that is not only a blend of previous cultures but also of numerous influences from abroad. You can find the tourist guide to explore activities in Mexico City at <https://mexicocity.cdmx.gob.mx>

### ***Cultural Activity - Pyramids of Teotihuacan + Basilica (on Friday or Saturday)***

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Enjoy a panoramic tour of the “Plaza de las Tres Culturas” and see how Tenochtitlan was immersed in the capital of the “Nueva España”. Meet one of the world’s most visited sacred site, The Basilica of Guadalupe. We will take you 50 km north within the State of Mexico, for a tour of the imposing Pre-Hispanic City of Teotihuacán (<https://whc.unesco.org/en/list/414/>); the "City of the Gods". Lunch is not included with the tour. Please note that extra time is needed to visit a factory of obsidian where you can enjoy an explanation about the maguey cactus and obsidian volcanic stone.

- Tour length: 7 to 8 h. approx.
- Operates daily 8:00 a.m. (Pick up at 7.45 a.m.) and 9:00 a.m. (Pick up at 8.45 a.m.)
- Cost \$1000 MXN Pesos, Per/person.
- Min. 2 people

For more information or Reservations, please contact the Sheraton Hotel Concierge at **55-52425555 ext.3536**. All tours paid in cash, Credit card payments only at the travel agency with an additional 10% commission. Room charge is not accepted since the service is provided by a third-party company. Prices are only in Mexican pesos.

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