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**Expert consultation and meeting on Enhancing Geospatial Information
Management Arrangements and Accelerating the Implementation of the
Sustainable Development Goals together with the
Sub-regional Workshop on United Nations Integrated Geospatial Information
Framework (UN-IGIF)
for Central Asia, South Asia and neighboring countries
'Implementing geospatial strategies: challenges and opportunities'**

**Ministry of Digital Development, Innovations and Aerospace Industry of the
Republic of Kazakhstan (53/1 Mangilik El ave.)
Astana, Kazakhstan, 15-19 September 2025**

Logistical and Information Note

Preamble

This Logistical and Information Note provides essential details on the arrangements for the Expert Consultation and Meeting on Enhancing Geospatial Information Management Arrangements and Accelerating Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals, along with the Sub-regional Workshop on the United Nations Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (UN-IGIF) for Central Asia, South Asia, and neighboring countries. Included are specifics regarding the venue, visa requirements, accommodation options, and general information about Astana, Kazakhstan.

Logistical arrangements for the event

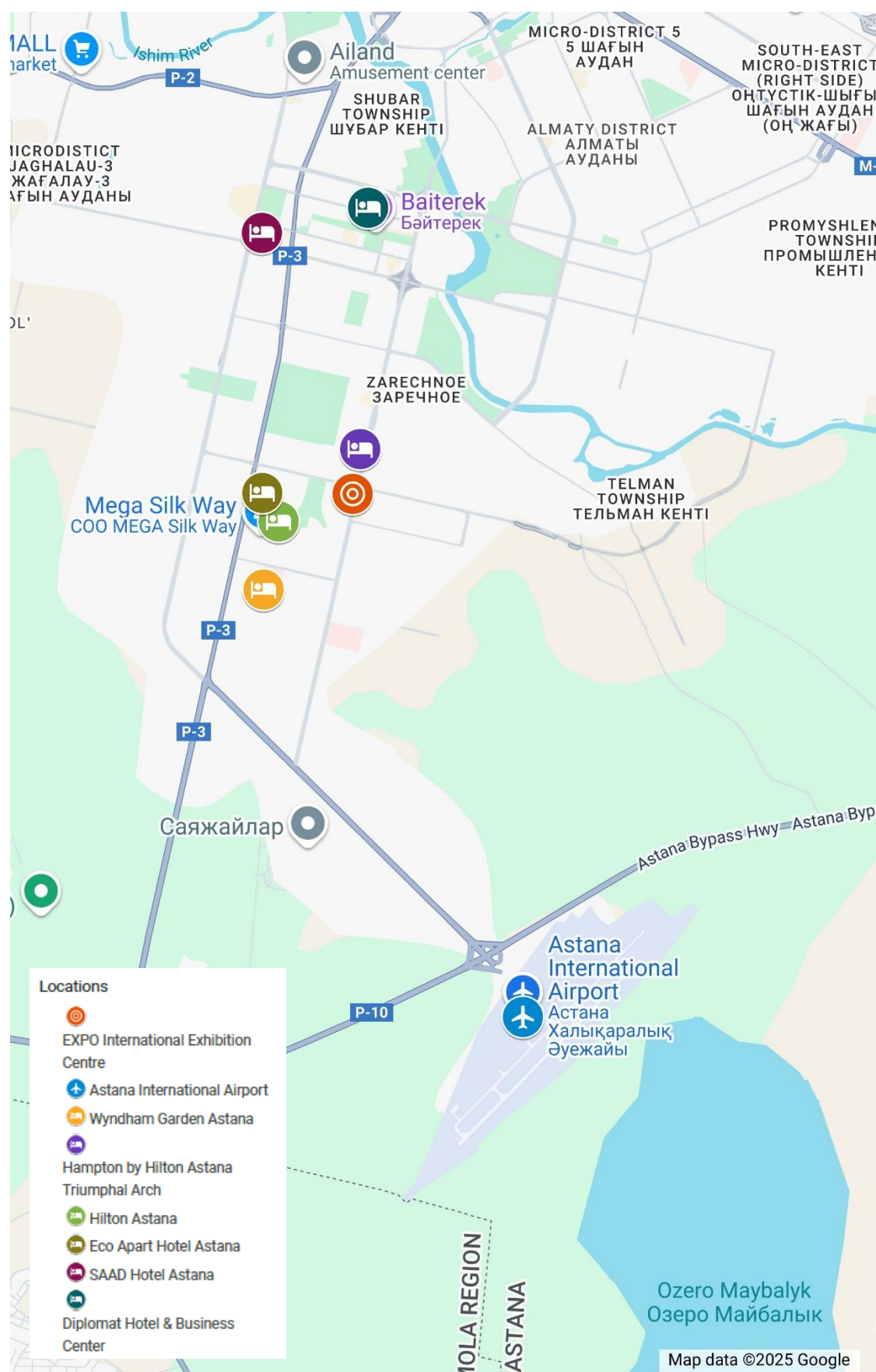
The in-person Expert Consultation and Meeting, along with the Sub-regional Workshop, is jointly organized by the Department of Geodesy and Cartography of the Ministry of Digital Development, Innovations and Aerospace Industry of the Republic of Kazakhstan, the United Nations Global Geospatial Knowledge and Innovation Centre (UN-GGKIC), the SDG Data Alliance, and the Secretariat of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM), Statistics Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs. The sessions will typically run from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day.

Venue

The event will take place at the EXPO International Exhibition Centre located at *Prospekt Mangilik Yel. 53/1*, Astana, Kazakhstan.



For detailed information about the venue location, please refer to the map below:



Language

This expert consultation and meeting and sub-regional workshop will be conducted in English, with Russian interpretation provided.

Participants

This event is an in-person closed event, and participation is by invitation only. Participants are expected to be designated geospatial information management representatives, leads or focal persons, and subject matter experts from Central Asia, South Asia and neighboring countries.

Accommodation

Participants are responsible for arranging their own accommodation and may do so through any major hotel booking platform. Please note that the United Nations is unable to assist with hotel reservations or cover any related costs or expenses. Recommended hotels in close proximity to the venue include:

Name	e-mail	Web-site	Telephone	Location
Wyndham Garden	info@wyndhamgardenastana.com reservation@wyndhamgardenastana.com	https://wyndhamgardenastana.com/	+7 7172 79 00 00	25 Hussein Bin Talal Street, Astana
Hilton Garden	tseakfo@hilton.com	https://www.hilton.com/ru/hotels/tseakgi-hilton-garden-inn-astana/	+7 7172 75 67 56	Kabanbai Batyr Avenue, 15, Astana
Saad	reservations@saad-hotel.com	https://saad-hotel.com/	+7 7172 62 07 70	2 Dostyq street, Astana
Diplomat	sales@diplomathotel.kz reservation@diplomathotel.kz	https://diplomathotel.kz/	+7 7172 55 00 01, +7 7172 45 50 01	Dinmukhamed Konaev Street, 29/1, Astana
Eco Apart Hotel Astana	ecoapart@mail.ru	https://eco-apart-hotel-astana.hotelsastana.kz/ru/	+7 708 311 63 78	Qabanbay Batyr Avenue H. 58B Pod.3 Ap.50, Astana

Travel information

Participants are responsible for their travel to and from Kazakhstan and for acquiring entry visas into Kazakhstan and any necessary transit visas, including necessary travel and health insurance as applicable. The United Nations will not be able to assist in bearing any related costs or in obtaining the required visa.

Visa

Citizens of Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Azerbaijan, Russia, India, China, Mongolia, Armenia, and Georgia do not require a visa to enter Kazakhstan. For the latest updates or special cases, please consult the Embassy of Kazakhstan in your country.

Participants holding passports from Afghanistan, Pakistan, Bhutan, Nepal and Turkmenistan must obtain a Kazakh visa before travel. Please contact the nearest Embassy or Consulate of Kazakhstan to apply for a short-term visa.

If you need an official invitation letter for visa purpose. Please contact us.

Transportation

Ride-hailing apps such as **Yandex Go** and **Uber** are widely available and offer a convenient way to get around the city.

Public buses are also accessible. For example, **Bus Route №10** connects key areas across Astana. Route information can be found at: [Bus 10 Route Information](#)

Health and Safety

Kazakhstan is generally safe for travelers. However, we recommend the following precautions:

- Tap water is not recommended for drinking. Use bottled or filtered water.
- In case of medical needs, private clinics and pharmacies are available throughout the city.
- Emergency number:103 (ambulance), 112 (general emergencies).
- Basic travel health insurance is recommended for all international participants.
- COVID-19 restrictions have been lifted, but general hygiene practices (handwashing, sanitizers) are still encouraged.

Weather

For up-to-date weather information in Astana, please visit: <https://www.gismeteo.kz/weather-astana-5164/>

Currency and banking

The official currency of Kazakhstan is the Kazakhstani tenge (KZT).

- Credit and debit cards (Visa, Master Card) are widely accepted in hotels, restaurants and shops.
- Apple Pay and Google Pay are supported in many places.
- ATMs are available throughout the city.
- It's recommended to carry some cash for small purchases or places that may not accept cards.
- Currency exchange is available at banks, exchange offices and some hotels.

Telephone communications, mobile telephones and Internet

- The international dialing code for Kazakhstan is +7.
- Local SIM cards (e.g. Beeline, Kcell, Tele2) are available at airports, malls and mobile shops.
- You will need a passport to purchase a SIM card.

- Most SIM providers offer affordable data packages for internet access.
- Free Wi-Fi is available in hotels, cafes and many public areas.
- Popular messaging apps like WhatsApp, Telegram and Zoom work without restrictions.

Electricity

In Kazakhstan the power plug sockets are of type C and F (the same as in most European countries). The standard voltage is 230V and the frequency is 50 Hz.



Laptops and Printing

Participants are encouraged to bring their own laptops for note-taking and presentations.

If you require printing of documents during the event, please contact the organizing team in advance.

Time Zone

Astana operates in the GMT+6-time zone (Kazakhstan Standard Time).

Please adjust your devices accordingly to ensure you are on schedule for all sessions and activities.

Attire

Participants are encouraged to wear formal attire to this meeting.

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