NEW YORK RESOURCE GUIDE

FOURTEENTH SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON GLOBAL GEOSPATIAL INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

UN HEADQUARTERS, NEW YORK

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These information notes have been compiled to assist you in the preparation for your trip to New York to participate in the Fourteenth Session of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management.

We would appreciate any comments or suggestions that you have on how to improve this document.

### Administrative arrangements for the meeting

The Fourteenth Session of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management will be held from 7 to 9 August 2024 at the United Nations Headquarters in Conference Room 4 of the General Assembly Building. The opening session will start at **10:30 a.m. on 7 August 2024** and on subsequent days the meeting will start at **10:00 a.m.**

Please enter the UN premises through the Visitor’s Entrance located on First Avenue (between East 45th and East 46th Streets).

### Languages

The Fourteenth Session of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management will be conducted in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish and all official documentation will be in these six UN official languages.

All the other meetings will be conducted in English only. Technical reports and any background documents before the Fourteenth Session are in English only.

### Website

Relevant information, including provisional agenda, organization of work, side events and meetings calendar, summaries, technical reports, and background documents will be loaded as soon as they become available at the Committee’s website at [https://ggim.un.org/meetings/GGIM-committee/14th-Session/](https://ggim.un.org/meetings/GGIM-committee/14th-Session/).

The Fourteenth Session will be webcast live and archived at [UN Web TV](https://www.unwebtv.org/).

### Identification badges and grounds passes

**Country delegates**

Your Mission will then request grounds passes to the United Nations premises for you. The contact information for Permanent Missions is available on the following website: https://www.un.org/en/about-us/member-states.

Observers

If you are planning to attend the Fourteenth Session, the entity you are representing has to be invited to participate in the work of the Session. Please submit your expression of interest to participate using the online form at: https://forms.gle/fSP7gCtixkwX9Y6d9 on or before Friday 12 July 2024. Only representatives from entities invited to participate in the session as observers will be issued with events pass.

Entrance to the UN Headquarters will be at the “Visitors Entrance” located on 1st Avenue between East 45th Street and East 46th Street. Please bring a valid government issued ID. Events pass are necessary to enter and leave the UN buildings.

Visa and entry requirements

Most visitors will need a visa for entry into the United States. Participants may contact the nearest United States Embassy or Consulate in the country of departure (http://www.usembassy.gov/) as soon as possible to determine whether a visa is required or visit the US State Department website at: https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas.html for further information.

The official announcement letter is generally sufficient to be used as supporting documentation for visa (entry permit) application, along with the visa application form, any accompanying documentation and a passport valid for six months after departure from the United States. Kindly also check whether you would need a transit visa for countries in which you may need to transfer or stop over during your trip to and from New York. Please note that all visa and entry requirements including to the United States are the sole responsibility of participants.

All confirmed participants and their respective sending States or organizations must ensure adequate health insurance coverage before entering the United States of America.

Meals

The following options are available in the United Nations Secretariat building:

- Riverview Cafeteria, Conference Building, 4th Flr. South (M-F 11:00 am - 3:00 pm)
- North Delegates Lounge, Conference Building, 2nd Flr. North (M-F 9:30 am - 7:00 pm)
- Lobby Café, Secretariat Lobby, 1st Flr. North (M-F 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.)
- Visitors Café, General Assembly - 1st Basement North (M-F 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)
- Vienna Café, General Assembly, 1st Basement South (M-F 9:00 am - 5:00 p.m.)
- Café de la Paix, Secretariat - 1st Basement South (M-F 11:00 am - 3:00 pm)

UN dining services map
Various restaurants are also available within a short walking distance of the United Nations Headquarters.

**Hotel accommodation**

Participants must make their own hotel reservations. When making reservations, participants may wish to inquire about special rates for attending a United Nations conference and for hotel shuttle buses to and from airports. Please note that hotel reservations will only be guaranteed with a credit card.

Participants can contact hotels directly and make reservations. If you need assistance, you should contact American Express, United Nations New York, (Tel. 1-844-487-4289, Outside the US: 1-312-340-2638, and Email us.un.travel@amexgbt.com).

Participants can also contact your country’s Mission to the United Nations which may be able to assist you (contact details for missions can be found at [https://www.un.org/en/about-us/member-states](https://www.un.org/en/about-us/member-states)). Participants should make the necessary reservations as early as possible but at least one week prior to the event.

**UNITED NATIONS HOTEL LIST**

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Search engines to find hotels in New York.

- [www.agoda.com/](http://www.agoda.com/)
- [www.kayak.com/hotels](http://www.kayak.com/hotels)
- [www.expedia.com/](http://www.expedia.com/)
- [www.booking.com/](http://www.booking.com/)
Reviews of hotels in New York

➢  www.yelp.com/
➢  www.tripadvisor.com/NewYorkCity

**Transportation in New York to UNHQ**

By subway:
Number 4, 5, 6 or 7 trains to Grand Central Station, then walk east three blocks on East 42nd Street to 1st Avenue.

By bus:
Buses M15 and M15 Select stop in front of the United Nations on 1st Avenue.

New York City:
Taxis are available from any destination.

**Other logistical information**

**Post Office**

The United Nations has postal services in the basement of the UN General Assembly building. The office is located near the UN Gift Shop. Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

**Banks**

The closest bank to the United Nations Secretariat is the Chase Manhattan Bank, located at the corner of East 43rd Street and 2nd Avenue (open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.). There are ATMs and foreign currency exchange at the bank, as well as ATMs on UN premises (e.g., UN Visitor Centre in the basement of the General Assembly building).

**Money**

The majority of ATMs (Automated Teller Machines) networks in New York City are linked to a network that most likely includes your bank at home. Hence, you would be able to make a cash withdrawal if you have a cash card (ATM Card) that offers Cirrus (http://www.mastercard.com/atmlocator/index.jsp) or Plus (https://www.visa.com/locator/atm), the 2 most popular networks. There are fees and daily limits associated with withdrawing money using the above networks. Please check with your bank at home for this information.

Traveller’s cheques are another good and safe alternative. Be sure to keep a record of their serial numbers, so you are ensured a refund in case they are lost or stolen. The three most popular traveller’s cheque providers are American Express (American Express branches, www.americanexpress.com), Visa (Citibank branches), MasterCard (Thomas Cook Currency Services).

Credit Cards are a convenient way to pay for transactions. American Express, Visa and Master Card (among others) are accepted virtually everywhere in New York.
Time

For the time difference between New York and your country, please refer to http://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/

Weather


Medical services

Participants are responsible for making their own inoculations and medical/health insurance arrangements, including life, health, medical evacuations and treatments, and other forms deemed appropriate. The United Nations does not take responsibility for the ill health of any participants during their stay. Medical attention is available during regular working hours from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the UN Secretariat (5th floor).

PowerPoint presentations

Kindly inform Ms. Vilma Frani (contact details below) if you have a PowerPoint presentation so that arrangements can be made. Please send an electronic version of your presentation at least five working days in advance of your presentation, so that it can be uploaded in a timely manner.

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