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Information Note for Participants

Note by the Secretariat

I. General

- 1. The 3rd Joint Session of the ESCAP/WMO Typhoon Committee and WMO/ESCAP Panel on Tropical Cyclones is scheduled to be held at the United Nations Conference Centre (UNCC), United Nations Building, RajdamnernNok Avenue, Bangkok, from 09-13 February 2015.
- 2. The opening of the session will take place at 9:30 am on 09 February 2015in Conference Room 4, UNCC. All subsequent meetings will also be held from 0830 hours to 1730 hours.
- 3. Participants are required to make their own accommodation arrangements (i.e. hotel reservation) and transportation arrangements (airport-hotel, hotel-venue-hotel) since Local Organizing Committee (LOC) will not be available for this event.

II. Registration and identification badges

- 4. In order to enable more effective access control and speed up the screening by security personnel, ESCAP uses photo badges for meeting participants. These are requested to register and obtain meeting badges with photo at the registration counter, located on the ground floor, UNCC, from (8:00 hours to 8:30 hours) on the opening day of the event. Participants who are not able to register during the time indicated above are requested to do so upon their arrival at UNCC before going to the conference room. Only the names of duly registered participants will be included in the list of participants.
- 5. Participants are requested to submit their Attendance Form to TCS for registration in advance, but no later than 05 January, 2015, to facilitate smooth coordination of the issuance of photo badges, compilation of the list of participants. Participants are encouraged to submit their photo in advance which will speed up the registration process. Furthermore, please kindly note that prior registration is mandatory in line with the standard United Nations security procedures to facilitate security clearance.
- 6. For identification and security reasons, all participants are requested to wear their meeting badges at all times during meetings, social functions and in the United Nations complex. The loss of a meeting badge should be communicated to the Conference Management Unit located on the ground floor of UNCC behind the registration counter, so that a new one can be issued immediately.

III.Visa requirements

A. Visa exemption for a maximum of 14, 30 or 90 days for ordinary

Passport holders









7. According to the Immigration Bureau of Thailand, nationals of the following countries holding ordinary passports may enter and stay in Thailand for a period not exceeding 14 days, 30 days and 90 days, as per the list below, without a visa.

• Visa exemption for a maximum of 14 days

1. Cambodia

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Visa exemption for a maximum of 30 days

1.	Australia	26.	Macao, China
2.	Austria	27.	Malaysia
3.	Bahrain	28.	Monaco
4.	Belgium	29.	Mongolia
5.	Brunei Darussalam	30.	Netherlands
6.	Canada	31.	New Zealand
7.	Czech Republic	32.	Norway
8.	Denmark	33.	Oman
9.	Estonia	34.	Philippines
10.	Finland	35.	Poland
11.	France	36.	Portugal
12.	Germany	37.	Qatar
13.	Greece	38.	Russian Federation
14.	Hong Kong, China	39.	Singapore
15.	Hungary	40.	Slovak Republic
16.	Iceland	41.	Slovenia
17.	Indonesia	42.	South Africa
18.	Ireland	43.	Spain
19.	Israel	44.	Sweden
20.	Italy	45.	Switzerland
21.	Japan	46.	Turkey
22.	Kuwait	47.	United Arab Emirates
23.	Liechtenstein	48.	United Kingdom of Great Britain
			and Northern Ireland
24.	Lao People's Democratic Republic	49.	United States of America
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Visa exemption for a maximum of 90 days

1.	Argentina	4.	Republic of Korea
2.	Brazil	5.	Peru
3.	Chile		

B. Visa exemption for a maximum of 30 days and 90 days for diplomatic/official passport holders

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Vietnam

8. Nationals of the following countries holding a valid diplomatic or official passport may enter and stay in Thailand for a period of 30 days and 90 days, as per the list below, without a visa:

· Visa exemption for a maximum of 30 days

1	Cambodia	7.	Mongolia
2		_	S
۷.	China	8.	Myanmar
3.	Hong Kong, China	9.	Oman
4.	Indonesia	10.	Pakistan (Diplomatic Passports
			only
5.	Lao People's Democratic Republic	11.	Vietnam









6. Macao, China

• Visa exemption for a maximum of 90 days

1.	Albania	23.	Malaysia
2.	Argentina	24.	Mexico
3.	Austria	25.	Nepal
4.	Belgium	26.	Netherlands
5.	Bhutan	27.	Panama
6.	Brazil	28.	Peru
7.	Chile	29.	Philippines
8.	Colombia	30.	Poland
9.	Costa Rica	31.	Romania
10.	Croatia	32.	Russian Federation
11.	Czech Republic	33.	Singapore
12.	Estonia (Diplomatic Passport only)	34.	Slovak Republic
13.	France (Diplomatic Passport only)	35.	South Africa
14.	Germany	36.	Spain (Diplomatic Passport only)
15.	Hungary	37.	Sri Lanka
16.	India	38.	Switzerland
17.	Israel	39.	Tajikistan
18.	Italy	40.	Tunisia
19.	Japan	41.	Turkey
20.	Republic of Korea	42.	Ukraine
21.	Liechtenstein	43.	Uruguay

C. Visa on arrival for a maximum of 15-day stay

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9. Nationals of the following countries holding a valid ordinary passport may apply for visa, not exceeding 15 days on arrival, at Suvarnabhumi International Airport, conditional on meeting the requirements mentioned below:

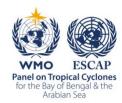
1.	Andorra	10.	Lithuania
2.	Bulgaria	11.	Maldives
3.	Bhutan	12.	Malta
4.	China	13.	Mauritius
5.	Cyprus	14.	Romania
6.	Ethiopia	15.	San Marino
7.	India	16.	Saudi Arabia
8.	Kazakhstan	17.	Ukraine
9.	Latvia	18.	Uzbekistan

- 10. The requirements for a visa on arrival are as follows:
 - (a) The applicant must possess a passport of at least six-month validity and must be in possession of a valid return ticket with date of departure within 15 days of the date of entry:
 - (b) The applicant must fill out an application form, which is available at the Visa-on-Arrival counter at Suvarnabhumi International Airport, and supply one recent passport-sized photograph. A fee of Baht 1,000 applies.
- 11. Participants from countries other than those listed above are requested to obtain an appropriate entry visa from the Thai diplomatic or consular missions at the point of origin or en route prior to entering Thailand.









- 12. UN staff members travelling on official business with the UN Laissez-Passer are REQUIRED to obtain appropriate visa before travelling to Thailand.
- 13. Furthermore, in line with security procedure for United Nations staff, travel notification through the Travel Request Information Process (TRIP) is required prior to any official travel to a non-phase area. Upon notification of travel on TRIP, United Nations staff members will automatically receive an updated security advice for United Nations visitors to Thailand. Please visit https://dss.un.org to apply for this travel notification. United Nations staffs are required to complete the "BASIC SECURITY IN THE FIELD" training before travelling.

NOTE: The information provided above is accurate as of August 2014. All participants are advised to consult with the Royal Thai Embassy/Consulate in their respective countries regarding the latest applicable immigration requirements prior to their departure to Thailand.

IV. Weather

14. The weather in Bangkok is usually warm and humid. Light tropical clothing would be appropriate. The conference rooms where the meetings are to be held are air-conditioned and the temperature is maintained in the range of 23-24 degrees Celsius (73-75 degrees Fahrenheit).

V. Health and vaccination

15. Upon arrival at the port of entry in Thailand, participants who are the nationals of or have traveled from/through countries listed below which have been declared yellow fever infected areas must provide an International Health Certificate proving that they have received a yellow fever vaccination. The International Health Certificate must also be submitted together with the visa application form.

The countries/areas listed below have been declared yellow fever infected areas:

1.	Angola
2.	Argentina
3.	Bolivia
4.	Brazil
5.	Benin
6.	Burkina Faso
7.	Burundi

- 9. Central African Republic
- 10. Chad11. Colombia

8.

12. Republic of Congo

Cameroon

- 13. Cote d'Ivoire
- 14. Democratic Republic of Congo
- 15. Ecuador
- 16. Equatorial Guinea
- 17. Ethiopia
- 18. French Guiana
- 19. Gabon
- 20. Gambia21. Ghana
- 22. Guinea
- 23. Guinea-Bissau

- 24. Guyana
- 25. Kenya
- 26. Liberia
- 27. Mali
- 28. Mauritania
- 29. Niger
- 30. Nigeria
- 31. Panama
- 32. Paraguay
- 33. Peru
- 34. Rwanda
- 35. Sao Tome & Principe
- 36. Senegal
- 37. Sierra Leone
- 38. Somalia
- 39. Sudan
- 40. Suriname
- 41. Tanzania
- 42. Togo
- 43. Trinidad & Tobago
- 44. Uganda
- 45. Venezuela
- 46. Zaire









First-aid and emergency medical service is available at the Medical Centre, which is located on the fourth floor of the Service Building, during weekdays. The ESCAP Medical Officer and Nurse are available from 0730 to 1545 hours, with the exception of lunch time from 1200 to 1245 hours. Appointments may be made through extensions 1352 or 1761.

The United Nations buildings are smoke-free areas. Smoking is permitted only in the designated areas outside of the buildings.

VI. Foreign currency declaration

- 16. Any person who brings or takes an aggregate amount of foreign currency exceeding US\$ 20,000 or its equivalent into or out of the Kingdom of Thailand shall declare such amount of foreign currency to a Customs Official. Failure to make such a declaration or making any false declaration to a Customs official is a criminal offence.
- 17. Currency exchange facilities are available at hotels and all over Bangkok. Such services are also available at the Siam Commercial Bank, United Nations Branch, which is located on the first floor of the Service Building (telephone extension 2168). The Bank opens from 08:30 to 15:30 hours, with no lunch break, from Monday to Friday.

VII. Airline reservations

18. Many international airlines operate regular services to and from Bangkok. Participants are advised to secure their return bookings prior to their departure for Bangkok. If this is not possible, they should make firm return bookings immediately upon arrival in Bangkok. Travel services are available through the American Express office located on the first floor of the Service Building, adjacent to the Siam Commercial Bank.

VIII. Hotel accommodation

19. The following hotels, located relatively close to ESCAP, have been designated as recommended hotels for which the room rates indicated below are inclusive of service charge and value added tax.

Name and address	Driving distanc e	Room type	Daily room rates (Baht)	
	to UNCC (min.)		Single	Double
Shangri-La Hotel *****	30-40	Deluxe	3,800a/c	4,300 ^{a/c}
89 Soi WatSuanPlu, New Road		Room		
Bangkok				
Tel: +66.2.2367777				
Fax: +66.2.2368579				
E-mail: thiptera.tanthasri@shangri-la.com				
Website: http://www.shangri-la.com				
Contact person:				
Ms. ThipteraTanthasri				
The Sukosol*****	15-25	Deluxe	2,700a/c	2,900 ^{a/c}
477 Si Ayuthaya Road, Phayathai				
Bangkok				
Tel: +66.2.2470123				
Fax: +66.2.2470165				
E-mail: ratchanikrit@sukosolhotels.com				
Website: http://www.sukosolhotels.com				
Contact person:				
Ms. RatchaneekritKhankath				









	Driving		Arabian Sea Daily room rates	
	distanc		(Baht)	
Name and address	е	Room type	,	
	to UNCC (min.)		Single	Double
Amari Watergate Hotel & Spa *****	20-30	Deluxe	2,900 ^{a/b/c}	3,100a/b/c
847 Petchaburi Road				
Bangkok				
Tel: +66.2.6539000				
Fax: +66.2.6539045 E-mail: kanokwan.t@amari.com				
Website: http://www.amari.com/watergate				
Contact person:				
Ms. KanokwanTangkiattrakul				
Pullman Hotel and Resort *****	20-25	Superior	2,996a/c	3,210a/c
8 Rangnam Road, KweagThanon-Phayathai,	20 20	Buperior	2,550	3,210
Rachathewi		Deluxe	3,317 ^{a/c}	3,531a/c
Bangkok			,	,
Tel: +66.2.6809999 Ext. 2529		Executive	3,959 ^{a/c}	4,173 ^{a/c}
Fax: +66.2.6809998				
E-mail: sales@pullmanbangkokkingpower.com		Executive	5,029 ^{a/c}	5,243 ^{a/c}
Website:http://www.pullmanbangkokkingpower.com		suite		
Contact person:				
Ms. OrawanSermchaisrikul				
Four Seasons Hotel *****	30	Deluxe	3,900a/c	4,600 ^{a/c}
155 Rajadamri Road				
Bangkok Tel: +66.2.1268866				
Fax: +66.2.2539195				
E-mail: suparat.lertbusayanukul@fourseasons.com				
Website: http://www.fourseasons.com				
Contact person:				
Ms. SuparatLertbusayanukul				
Crowne Plaza Bangkok *****	30	Superior	3,700 ^{a/c}	3,700a/c
Lumpini Park Hotel		-		
952 Rama 4 Road				
Bangkok				
Tel: +66.2.6329000				
Fax: +66.2.6329001				
E-mail: chalita.chokvanit@ihg.com				
Website: http://www.crowneplaza.com				
Contact person: Ms. ChalitaChokvanit				
Novotel Siam Hotel ****	20	Chandan d	2.7002/6	2.7002/6
392/44 Siam Square Soi 6	30	Standard	2,700 ^{a/c}	2,700a/c
Rama 1 Road Pathumwan		Superior	3,000a/c	3,000a/c
Bangkok		Superior	3,000%	3,000-7
Tel: +66.2.2098888		Executive	3,700 ^{a/c}	3,700a/c
Fax: +66.2.2551824		Premier	5,700	5,7 00
E-mail: h1031-sl1@accor.com		Floor		
Website: http://www.novotel.com				
Contact person:				
Ms. JarununSripromma				
Royal Princess LarnLuang Hotel ★★★	5-10	Superior	2,600 ^{a/b/c}	2,800a/b/c
269 Larnluang Road				
Bangkok		Deluxe	3,200 ^{a/b/c}	3,400a/b/c
Tel: +66.2.2813088		6 4 4 3 3	0.000-757	0.000-7-7
Fax: +66.2.2801314		Suite 1 bed	8,000 ^{a/b/c}	8,000a/b/c









	Driving distanc		Daily room rates (Baht)	
Name and address	e to UNCC	Room type	Single	Double
	(min.)		Siligie	Double
E-mail: benjarat@royalprincesslarnluang.com		Room		
Website: http://www.royalprincesslarnluang.com				
Contact person:				
Ms. BenjaratRusakul	45.00	D 1	0.500-/1-/-	0.700-/b/-
Grand China Hotel ****	15-20	Deluxe	2,500 ^{a/b/c}	2,700 ^{a/b/c}
215 Yaowarat Road				
Bangkok				
Tel: +66.2.2249977, +66.2.2247997 Fax: +66.2.2247999				
E-mail: sale@grandchina.com				
Website: http://www.grandchina.com				
Contact person:				
Ms. Phet-AnongNaksuthi Prince Palace Hotel ****	10.15	C :	1 700a/b	1.000a/b
	10-15	Superior	1,700 ^{a/b}	1,900 ^{a/b}
488/800 Bo Bea Tower				
Damrongrak Road, KlongMahanak				
Bangkok				
Tel: +66.2.6281111				
Fax: +66.2.6281000				
E-mail: wannajit@princepalace.co.th				
Website: http://www.princepalace.co.th				
Contact person:				
Ms. WannajitChulamakorn	1			
Siam @ Siam Design Hotel & Spa ****	15-20	Superior	3,200 ^{a/c}	3,500a/c
865 Rama 1 Road,				
Wangmai, Patumwan				
Bangkok				
Tel: +66.2.2173000				
Fax: +66.2.2173030				
E-mail: dos@siamatsiam.com				
Website: http://www.siamatsiam.com				
Contact person:				
Ms. PrapaphanChanapokakul				
Nouvo City Hotel ****	5-10	Grand	2,200 a/b/c	2,400 a/b/c
2 Samsen 2, Samsen Road,		Deluxe		
Banglumphu, Pranakorn				
Bangkok				
Tel: +66.2.2827500 Ext. 0110				
Fax: +66.2.2821243				
E-mail: adam@nouvocityhotel.com				
Website: http://www.nouvocityhotel.com				
Contact person:				
Mr. Adam Phadungsilp				
New World City Hotel ***	5-10	Deluxe	1,150 ^{a/b/c}	1,350 a/b/c
2 Samsen 2, Samsen Road,				
Banglumphu, Pranakorn				
Bangkok				1
Tel: +66.2.2827500 Ext. 0110				1
Fax: +66.2.2821243				1
E-mail: adam@nouvocityhotel.com				
Website: http://www.newworldcityhotel.com				
Contact person:				1
Mr. Adam Phadungsilp				









Name and address	Driving distanc e	Room type	Daily room rates (Baht)	
	to UNCC (min.)		Single	Double
Trang Hotel ***	5-10	Superior	1,400 a/b	1,400 a/b
99/1 Wisutkasat Road				
Bangkok		Superior	1,600 a/b	1,600 a/b
Tel: +66.2.2822141-4		Premium		
Fax: +66.2.2803610				
E-mail: reservations@tranghotelbangkok.com		Deluxe	1,800 a/b	1,800 a/b
Website: http://www.tranghotelbangkok.com				
Contact person:				
Ms. ThongtemLerknawapairoj				
Hotel DéMoc (former Thai Hotel)***	5-10	Standard	1,300 a/b	1,500 a/b
78 Prajatipatai Road				
Bangkok		Superior	1,500 a/b	1,700 a/b
Tel: +66.2.2822833				
Fax: +66.2.2801299				
E-mail: sales@buddygroupthailand.com				
Website: http://www.hoteldemoc.com				
Contact person:				
Ms. ChalitaSombutboon				
Riva Surya - Bangkok ****	10-15	Urban	3,060 a/c	3,360 a/c
23 PhraArthit Road				
Bangkok		Riva	3,580 a/c	3,880 a/c
Tel: +66.2.6335000				
Fax: +66.2.6335050		Deluxe	3,810 a/c	4,110 a/c
E-mail: info@rivasuryabangkok.com				
Website: http://www.rivasuryabangkok.com		Premium	4,250 a/c	4,550 a/c
Contact person:				
Ms. ThannareeKetkaew				

- a. Inclusive of daily American breakfast, service charge and government tax.
- b. Complimentary transport services provided according to fixed schedules, from the hotel to UNCC in the morning and back to the hotel in the evening.
 *Hotel Dé Moc and Golden Tulip Essential VAsuHotel have one waytransferfromhotel to UNCC.
- c. Free Internet Access.
 - 20. Participants are requested to contact the hotel directly at least 10 working days in advance and provide the participant's full name, date and time of check-in and check-out, flight numbers and contact details.
 - 21. All rooms block-booked will be available to participants on a first-come, first-served basis and in accordance with the information provided in the online attendance-hotel reservation form. Any cancellations, postponements or other changes should be notified at least 48 hours in advance. Rooms not occupied in accordance with the latest advice will be held for 24 hours at the participant's expense and then released.
 - 22. The rates provided in the table are as of 1 January 2014 and subject to change without notice. Please confirm the room rates with the hotel directly.

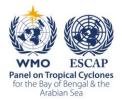
IX. Payment of hotel accounts

23. Before departure from Bangkok, participants should settle directly with the respective hotels all accounts, including room charges and other expenses, such as for local and long-distance telephone calls, Internet use, business center use, laundry, room and hotel transportation services, mini-bar items, as well as restaurant and bar services. Participants are also









responsible for any charges incurred with respect to rooms remaining vacant owing to late arrival or rescheduled departure for which inadequate prior notice is given.

X. Transport from and to Airport

- 24. Participants should make their own transportation arrangements from Suvarnabhumi Airport to their respective hotels. Limousine, metered-taxi and bus services are readily available at the airport. Detailed information about Suvarnabhumi Airport can be found at http://www.airportsuvarnabhumi.com.
- 25. To avail themselves of the limousines and public metered-taxis services as indicated above, it is strongly recommended that participants contact only the authorized officials at the counters located in the airport arrival zone. The officials, upon contact, will issue a ticket for the assignment of either a limousine or a public metered-taxi for transporting passengers to the desired destination. Participants may access public taxi counters by exiting gates 3 or 9 of the arrival zone in Survarnabhumi Airport. In addition to toll fees, there is a 50 Baht surcharge to be added to the meter charge from airport to the city.

XI. Transport to attend meetings

26. Most hotels indicated in paragraph 19 provide complimentary transport, according to fixed schedules, to and from UNCC. Otherwise, participants must make their own transport arrangements in order to attend meetings.

XII. Internet services

27. Eight personal computers (PCs) with a high-speed internet connection are available in the Internet Café on level 1 of UNCC for the use of participants free of charge. In addition, free wireless internet access is available in all conference and meeting rooms and in the public areas of the UNCC.

XIII. Catering services

28. Catering services are available at the cafeteria, which is located on level 1 of UNCC, from 1100 to 1400 hours for lunch. Rajapruek Lounge, on the ground floor of UNCC, is open from 0700 to 1700 hours on Monday through Thursday, and from 0700 to 1900 hours on Friday. The canteen, on the ground floor of the Service Building, is open from 0700 to 1300 hours. In addition, a Coffee Corner, which serves sandwiches, pastries, coffee, tea and soft drinks, is located on level 1, UNCC and is open from 0700 to 1700 hours.

XIV. Communications

29. Mail intended for participants during the session should be addressed as follows:

(Name of delegate)

c/o ESCAP Secretariat United Nations Building RajdamnernNok Avenue Bangkok 10200 Thailand

Fax: +66.2.2883022, +66.2.2881000

E-mail address: escap-conference-management@un.org









XV. Meeting documents

- 30. Participants are requested to bring with them copies of the meeting documents distributed by the ESCAP secretariat to their Governments/Agencies/ Organizations prior to the session. Only a limited number of copies of such documents will be available during the session.
- 31. Documents for circulation or distribution at the session should be handed to (name of official, office location and extension number). In accordance with the United Nations regulations for the control and limitation of documentation, the secretariat cannot undertake to process and/or reproduce documents or a statement submitted by individual delegations, unless the Commission specifically takes a decision to that effect and approves the financial implications thereof.

XVI. Accessibility support for persons with disabilities (this service will be available from May 2014 onwards)

32. In order to enhance accessibility to the United Nations Conference Centre (UNCC) for persons with diverse disabilities, whether visual, physical, brain lesions, hearing or speech impairments, a set of assistive devices will be available upon request in a designated area at the Registration Counter, ground floor, UNCC.

XVII. Library facilities

33. ESCAP Library facilities are available on the first floor, Service Building from 0730 to 1600 hours, Monday through Friday. For details on the use of the ESCAP Library facilities, please consult the staff on duty at the Library or call extensions 1329 and 1360. Further information about the ESCAP Library can be found at http://www.unescap.org/library...

XVIII. Banking facilities

34. Banking services are available at the Siam Commercial Bank, United Nations Branch, located on the first floor of the Service Building, from 0830 to 1530 hours during weekdays. (telephone extension 2168).

XIX. Postal services

35. Postal services are available at the Post Office, United Nations Branch, located on the ground floor of UNCC. It is open from 0800 to 1600 hours, Monday through Friday. The Post Office can be contacted at extensions 1260 and 2911.

XX. Souvenir shop

36. The souvenir shop is located on the first floor of UNCC.

XXI. Travel agent

37. American Express Travel office is located on the first floor, Service Building, next to the Siam Commercial Bank which is open from 0800 to 1700 hours weekdays. AMEX office can be contacted at extensions 2820, 2821, 2822 and 2823.

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