INFORMATION NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS

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Note: Organiser shall prepare and upload the information for participants below on the event website around **D-4 weeks** prior to the event and continue to review and update information as applicable. In case of any questions, please contact CGSS/CMU.

SECTION A: General Information

General

This document provides links to external and third-party websites, for convenience of meeting participants, and for use at their discretion. ESCAP cannot vouch for the accuracy or correctness of the information contained therein.

The Asia-Pacific Regional Multi-stakeholder Preparatory Meeting on the Seventy-first Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW 71) is scheduled to be held at the United Nations Conference Centre, Bangkok (UNCC) and online on 10 December 2026, from 9:30 to 15:00, and 11 December 2026, from 9:30 to 16:00 (Thailand Standard Time, UTC+7).

The opening session will take place at 9:30 hours on 10 December 2026 in Conference Room 3, Level 1, UNCC.

Registration and identification badges

Online registration and identification badge
Please note that **Photo badges** are used at UNCC for meeting participants and **prior online registration is mandatory** in line with standard security procedures to facilitate security clearance and entrance to the premises. Participants are encouraged to submit their photos in advance, which will speed up the registration process.

Participants are requested to register online at https://www.unescap.org/events/2026/csw71 well in advance no later than **2 December 2026,** to facilitate smooth coordination of the issuance of photo badges and compilation of the list of participants. Participants who have registered online can obtain photo badges at the registration counter, located on the Ground Level, UNCC, f**rom 08:00 to 11:00 and 13:00 to 15:00 hours** during the event.

Participants who are not able to register during the time indicated above are requested to do so upon their arrival at UNCC and before going to the conference/meeting room. Only the names of duly registered participants will be included in the list of participants.

For identification and security reasons, all participants are **REQUIRED** to wear their meeting badges at all times while they are in the UN complex, which include meetings and social functions. Loss of a meeting badge should be immediately communicated to the registration counter or the UN security, so that the incident could be recorded, and a new badge can be issued.

Meeting documents

Considering the carbon footprint involved in producing papers and printing documents, it is strongly recommended to utilize soft copies to the maximum extent. If hard copies are needed, participants are requested to bring with them their own copies of the meeting documents distributed by the event organizer prior to the session.

UNCC encourages sustainable meeting practices including the Paper-Smart Initiative. Meeting organizers are encouraged to use eco-friendly and innovative means to deliver information on their meetings including side events, instead of handing out hard copies of flyers, documents, newsletters, and/or other such materials, which is in compliance with ESCAP's environmental management commitments and policies.

SECTION B: Thailand's Health Information

(Latest update: November 2022)

Zika virus
Zika is endemic in Thailand and cases have been reported amongst tourists. All travelers are advised to protect themselves from mosquito bites while in Thailand. Given possible transmission of the disease to unborn babies, pregnant women should consider postponing travel to Thailand or talk to their doctor about the implications of traveling to Thailand during this time.

In addition to the above, the Medical Services Division at UNHQs advises that pregnant UN personnel should not undertake duty travel or be relocated to countries/areas where local transmission of Zika virus is known to occur. Women who are seeking pregnancy should obtain individual advice from their medical practitioner on risk management regarding their plans to travel into a Zika-affected area. For further information, please refer to the Zika virus FAQ.

Information on other non-vaccine preventable diseases to watch out for while in Thailand can be found here: Thailand - Traveler view | Travelers' Health | CDC.

Air pollution and Health
Bangkok, like many metropolitan Asian cities in the world, is periodically affected by high levels of air pollution, with haze and high concentrations of PM2.5 particularly of concern for sensitive groups.

The Tourism Authority of Thailand advises tourists to monitor Bangkok's air pollution and take precautions when necessary. People who have existing asthma or are particularly vulnerable to the effects of air pollution should consult their treating physician as to whether a trip to Bangkok is advisable at this time. Information on the Air pollution can be found on the Air4Thai website, maintained by the government of Thailand with daily information on air pollution.

Insurance and emergency medical service
Delegates are strongly encouraged to subscribe to a travel or health insurance which is valid in the Kingdom of Thailand, in order to cover any medical bills or hospitalization fees. In case of medical emergency, please call 1669. The nearest hospital to the UNCC is Mission Hospital, which has English speaking medical support staff +662-282-1100.

When feeling unwell while in the UNCC: Anyone who feels unwell while already within the UNCC is advised to call any medical service staff at +66 2288 1352/1353/1761 during business hours, for further guidance. After business hours, they are advised to call the UN Medical Officer Tel: +66 2288 1353 for further guidance. In case of a medical emergency within the UNCC, they are advised to call UN Security at +66 2288 1102/1120 for assistance in calling an ambulance.

SECTION C: Visa and Entry Requirements, Travel/Hotel Information and Foreign currency declaration

(Latest update: October 2026)

Visa and Entry Requirements

Visa Requirements (as of 15 September 2026)

Participants are **REQUIRED** to obtain an appropriate entry visa from the Royal Thai Embassy or the Royal Thai Consulate-General before entering Thailand, EXCEPT the holders of Diplomatic/Official passports listed in this link and the holders of Ordinary passports listed in this link.

Please note that participants holding UN Laissez-Passer (UNLP) travelling on official business to Thailand are also **REQUIRED** to obtain an appropriate visa before entering.

To apply for an appropriate entry visa to Thailand, participants are required to submit their applications through Thai e-Visa Official website. It is important to note that **applicant is required to be physically located in the jurisdiction of the respective Royal Thai Embassy/Consulate-General (RTE/RTCG) where they are applying for the Thai entry visa**. You may explore RTE/RTCG websites for more information.

In addition, for tourism purpose, Thailand offers the 15-day visa exemption scheme to nationals listed in this link, 30-day visa exemption scheme to nationals listed in this link as well as visa on arrival to nationals listed in this link.

Participants who may need further assistance from ESCAP on their visa application should contact the meeting organizer, well in advance, for necessary action.

Participants who are eligible to apply for a visa on arrival at Suvarnabhumi International Airport or Don Muang International Airport should comply with the following requirements:

1. The applicant must possess a passport with the validity of more than 30 days, at least one completely blank page, and be in possession of a valid return ticket with date of departure within 15 days of the date of entry.
2. The applicant must fill out an application form, which is available at the Visa-on-Arrival counter at the airport, supply one recent passport-sized photograph and a fee of Thai Baht (THB) 2,000.
3. The applicant must provide proof of means of living expenses at the amount of THB 10,000 per person or THB 20,000 per family.

Entry Requirements (as of 19 September 2026)

Thailand Digital Arrival Card (TDAC)
All foreigners entering Thailand are required to complete the TDAC online through website within 3 days prior to arriving in Thailand, including the date of arrival. Please find Guide on how to complete TDAC.

Health Control
All travellers are required to complete the Health Declaration as part of the Thailand Digital Arrival Card (TDAC).

Yellow Fever Vaccination
Upon arrival at the port of entry in Thailand, in addition to the completed Health Declaration done through TDAC, participants who are 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 valid Yellow Fever vaccination at the Port Health and Quarantine Counter upon arrival before proceeding to immigration. A valid vaccination certificate means that the vaccine was administered at least 10 days prior to travel to the affected country. 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 (Source: Ministry of Public Health, Thailand):

1. Angola
2. Argentina
22. Guinea
23. Guinea-Bissau

3. Benin
4. Bolivia
5. Brazil
6. Burkina Faso
7. Burundi
8. Cameroon
9. Central African Republic
10. Chad
11. Colombia
12. Congo
13. Republic of the Congo
14. Cote d'Ivoire
15. Ecuador
16. Equatorial Guinea
17. Ethiopia
18. French Guiana
19. Gabon
20. Gambia
21. Ghana
24. Guyana
25. Kenya
26. Liberia
27. Mali
28. Mauritania
29. Niger
30. Nigeria
31. Panama
32. Paraguay
33. Peru
34. Senegal
35. Sierra Leone
36. South Sudan
37. Sudan
38. Suriname
39. Togo
40. Trinidad & Tobago
41. Uganda
42. Venezuela

Ebola Screening Measures

Effective 19 September 2026, Ebola prevention measures remain for all travellers travelling from or through the Democratic Republic of Congo.

In this regard, all travellers travelling from or through Democratic Republic of Congo to Thailand are required to be quarantined or isolated for the maximum of 21 days upon arrival at Suvarnabhumi International Airport, as follows:

1. Travellers without symptoms shall be "quarantined" at a venue designated by the communicable disease control officer.
2. Travellers with symptoms will be "isolated" at a state medical facility designated by the communicable disease control officer.

The costs of quarantine or isolation will be covered by the Thai authorities for the first 72 hours. Thereafter, travellers will be responsible for all related expenses.

The Ministry of Public Health indicated that they will closely monitor the situation to evaluate appropriate measures periodically. This means the measures may change without prior notice or with very short notice.

NOTE: Travellers from Yellow Fever and Ebola affected countries may also be required by the airline to present a separate completed Health Declaration Form T.8 form before boarding. To prepare the T.8 form in advance, please refer to the Health Declaration Form (T.8). Please click link for guidance on how to complete the form.

Travel Information

Travel Advisory
Visitors are advised to be respectful of Thai customs at all times. Please note that Thailand has laws against making negative comments about the institution of the monarchy. Such laws are strictly enforced and are applicable to spoken, written, gestures and electronic communication, including social media.

Transport from and to Airport
Participants need to make their own transportation arrangements from Suvarnabhumi International Airport or Don Mueang International Airport to their respective hotels.
For more information, please click links below:

- Suvarnabhumi International Airport
- Don Mueang Airport

Transport to attend meetings
Participants need to make their own transport arrangements to and from the UNCC. Metered taxis are readily available in the city, and you may also book your transportation via applications such as Grab, Volt, and Taxi VIP EV Society for EV vehicles. Electric tuk-tuks (Muvmi) are available via an app, providing a sustainable option for participants commuting to and from the BTS Skytrain and around the neighborhood. Some hotels close to the UN building may provide complimentary transfer service on fixed schedule, to and from the UNCC, so please check with the hotel concierge.

Travel agent
The American Express Global Business Travel (AMEX-GBT), whose office is located on Level 1, UNCC, can offer assistance in making reservations. It is open from 08:00 to 17:00, Monday through Friday. Please feel free to send a request to escap_amextravel@un.org

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

Electric plug and socket
The electric power in Thailand is 230V running at 50Hz and the plug types used are either Type A, Type B, or Type C. A hybrid socket is almost universally found, which accepts a combination of the above plug types.

Delegates are strongly encouraged to carry their own adapters for use with laptops and other electrical appliances as the Secretariat will not be able to provide these. In case of need, adapters can be purchased from shops in the city dealing in electronic and electrical items.

Hotel accommodation

Hotels, located relatively close to ESCAP or by mass-transit routes, may be used by participants, should they choose to. The selection of hotels at a walking distance from the UNCC is encouraged to reduce participants' local travel emissions and their exposure to traffic. Click here for a list of hotels, with indicative prices.

NOTE: ESCAP cannot vouch for accuracy of the information or rates contained in the document. The list is meant purely for reference and for ease of participants. The special discount rates provided are subject to change without notice. Please confirm the room rates with the hotel directly.

Participants are responsible for booking their own rooms and are requested to contact the hotel well in advance. Any cancellations, postponements or other changes should be reported to the hotel. Rooms not occupied may be charged to the participants as per the hotel's policies.

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 usage, business center usage, 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.

Foreign currency declaration

Any person who brings or takes an aggregate amount of foreign currency exceeding USD 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. For reference, participants may use – at their discretion – online currency conversion tool, such as https://freecurrencyrates.com for indicative currency conversion rates.

SECTION D: Safety & Security

Safety and Security

For security and safety reasons, participants are reminded NOT to leave their belongings unattended. Belongings left unattended within the UNCC may be moved to the nearest Lost and Found counter or the Security Operations Centre.

All drone unmanned aircraft are prohibited from flying over the UNCC as per the security requirements.

All occupants of the UNCC MUST comply at all times with all lawful directions given by the officers of the United Nations Security and Safety Section. Failure to do so may lead to the participant's removal from the UNCC.

Contact numbers:
UN Security
Security Control Centre (24/7): +66.2.2881102
UN Security Emergency Number: +66.2.2881100
Mobile +66.81.8078471

Thailand Emergency Numbers:
Police general emergency call: 191
Fire: 199
Ambulance and rescue: 1669/1554
Tourism Police: 1155

Zero Tolerance towards harassment
The United Nations has a zero-tolerance policy for any form of harassment, including sexual misconduct, sexual harassment and sexual exploitation and abuse, and will deal with such complaints promptly. Please refer to the United Nations Code of Conduct and report any incident to the respective Event Organizer and/or Security and Safety Section either in person or by extension at 1102.

Security protocols for UN personnel
In line with security procedures for UN staff, travel notification through the Travel Request Information Process (TRIP) is required prior to any official travel. Upon notification of travel on TRIP, UN staff members will automatically receive an updated security advice for UN visitors to Thailand. Please visit https://dss.un.org to apply for this travel notification.

In addition, the UN Department of Safety and Security requires all UN personnel, including interns and consultants, to complete the mandatory BSAFE Security Awareness Training. These security certifications are required to be completed, prior to having commenced official travel.

SECTION E: UNCC facilities and services

UNCC Floor plans

The UNCC floor plans are available at https://www.unescap.org/uncc/our-rooms. The UN buildings are smoke-free. Smoking is permitted only in the designated areas outside of the Asia-Pacific Foyer, Ground Floor, UNCC.

Accessibility Centre and Support for persons with disabilities

The UNCC is fully wheelchair-accessible and houses the Accessibility Centre on Level 1. For more information, please visit the Accessibility Centre's webpage.

Prayer/meditation rooms

The prayer/meditation room is located in front of ESCAP Hall on Level 2, UNCC.

Catering services

Operating hours
Catering services are available at the following locations:

- International Cafeteria (Level 1, UNCC), which serves breakfast from 7.30 to 10.00 hours, and Thai, Halal and International menus for lunch from 11:00 to 14:00 hours on Monday through Friday.
  Ordering at the International Cafeteria – Easy Steps to Follow:
  - First, **grab a tray and a payment card** provided at the entrance.
  - Then, as you visit your preferred food stations, **tap the card** to record your selections.
  - After enjoying your meal, **proceed to the cashier to pay** the total amount recorded on your card.
- Coffee Corner (Level 1, UNCC), which serves an assortment of bakery pastries and beverages, is open from 07:00 to 17:00, Monday through Friday.
- Rajapruek Lounge (Ground Level, UNCC), which serves light meals and beverages, is open from 07:00 to 17:00 hours on Monday through Friday.

In line with the Sustainable United Nations (SUN) and the ESCAP Environmental Management System (EMS) principles, no single use plastic is available in the UNCC.

ESCAP was the first UN Secretariat entity who implemented no single-use plastic policy in its catering facilities. No single-use food/drink containers as well as plastic cutlery/straws are served by catering vendors within the ESCAP compound. When purchasing coffee/tea at the Coffee Corner and Rajapruek Lounge, please pay a deposit of THB 100 for a cup, which will be returned upon return of the cup and the receipt within one week.

To reduce waste and support environmental protection, participants are encouraged to bring reusable water bottles. Free water fountains are available on-site for convenient refills throughout the event.

Internet services

Free wireless internet access is available in all conference and meeting rooms and in the public areas of the UNCC. Please use UN-WiFi, no password is required. Internet usage in UNCC is regulated by the organization's policies and guidelines. Failure to comply may lead to the revocation of these services.

Banking facilities

Banking services are available at the Siam Commercial Bank (SCB), the United Nations Branch, located on Level 1 of the Service Building, from 08:30 to 15:30 during weekdays.

Siam Commercial Bank ATMs can be found in front of the above-mentioned SCB Branch and on the Ground Level of UNCC.

Library facilities

ESCAP Library is located on Level 1, Service Building (next to SCB Bank), and welcomes in-person visitors from 09:00 to 15:00, Tuesday to Thursday, or by appointment. For more details on using ESCAP Library resources, please visit https://www.unescap.org/library, call x.1360, or stop by and consult with staff on duty.

Participants are also encouraged to visit the ESCAP Repository to access the full-text of ESCAP publications from 1947-present, and ESCAP iSearch to explore the Library's full research collections, including full-text articles, journals, and e-books. Official UN Documents can be found on the UN Official Document System (ODS).

Lost and Found

Please contact the Security officer or call extension 1102.

Postal services

Postal services are available at the United Nations branch of Thailand Post, located on the Ground Level of UNCC. It is open from 08:00 to 16:00, Monday through Friday.

Souvenir shop

The souvenir shop is located near the Sustainability and Innovation Centre on Level 1 of UNCC. It is open from 09:00 to 16:00, Monday through Friday.