

North and Central Asia Forum on Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals

27 to 28 September 2017

Almaty, Kazakhstan

Information for Participants

I. General

1. The North and Central Asia Forum on Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals will be held from 27 to 28 September 2017 at the Ramada Almaty Hotel located at 27, Baitursynov Street, Almaty Kazakhstan.
2. The North and Central Asia Forum on Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals is organized by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)
3. Participants of this Meeting will include Government representatives from North and Central Asian countries, international and regional organizations and representatives of the academia.

II. Registration of participants

4. Participants are requested to register in front of the meeting room “Eureka VII” at the 2 floor of the Ramada Almaty Hotel, between 08:30 to 09:00 hours on 27 September 2017. Only the names of duly registered participants will be included in the list of participants of the meeting.

III. Passports and visas

5. All participants should be in possession of a valid passport with an entry visa if required. Passport validity: 6 months from the last date of visa validity period. Please note that the visa processing may take up to 2 weeks. Visa applications should be submitted well in advance to the respective Embassy/Consulate in a country of residence.
6. More information about visas can be found on the following website: www.mfa.kz. Requests for issuance of a visa support letter should be sent to Ms. Lyazzat Palymbetova, tel. +77273384404, e-mail: palymbetova@un.org.

IV. Accommodation

7. A suitable number of standard single rooms (approximately USD 90 nett per night including breakfast) are pre-booked at the Ramada Almaty Hotel for participants whose participation costs are borne by ESCAP. The hotel located at 27, Baitursynov Street, Almaty Kazakhstan. The North and Central Asia Forum on Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals will be held in the same hotel.

V. Transport/pick-up

8. The participants are responsible for their transfer from airport to hotel and from hotel to airport.

VI. Interpretation and visual aid

9. Simultaneous interpretation in English and Russian as well as facilities for computer-aided presentations (e.g. PowerPoint) will be provided.

VII. Daily subsistence allowance

10. Participants whose travel is sponsored by ESCAP will be provided with a daily subsistence allowance at the prevailing United Nations rates in US dollars. In order to facilitate the payment of subsistence allowance, eligible participants are requested to submit copies of the passport, boarding passes and air tickets (including e-tickets) to the ESCAP staff in the conference room.

VIII. Useful information

Climate: The climate in Kazakhstan is continental with cold winters and hot summers. In September, the temperature in Almaty usually varies from +18 to +25 °C.

Time: GMT+6

Smoking: In accordance with the law of Kazakhstan, smoking in public places is prohibited.

Banking services: ATMs are available in the majority of hotels.

Currency: The local currency is “Tenge”. Most hotels and shops accept credit cards, including Visa and Mastercard.

International calls: For international calls, please dial: 8 + 10 + country code + dialed number.

Emergency number: 101 – Fire emergency
102 – Police
103 – Ambulance service

Electricity: Voltage of the alternating current comprises 220V with 50 Hz frequency. Sockets according to European standards have two round pin contacts.

Taxi services: For taxi services, please contact the hotel reception at the meeting venue.

IX. Further information

For further information concerning the arrangements for the meeting, please feel free to contact:

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