

Expert Group Meeting on the Implementation of National Reviews and Consultations on Legal and Policy Barriers to Universal Access to HIV Services

4-5 March 2014
Pattaya, Thailand

Information for participants

I. General

1. The Expert Group Meeting on the Implementation of National Reviews and Consultations on Legal and Policy Barriers to Universal Access to HIV Services will be held at Amari Pattaya, in Pattaya, Thailand, from 4 to 5 March 2014.

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2. The Meeting will commence at 0930 hours on Tuesday, 4 March 2014.

II. Registration and identification badges

3. Participants are requested to register and obtain official badges at the registration counter located in front of the meeting room (Rim Suan Room, Ground Floor) from 0900 to 0930 hours on the opening day of the Meeting. Participants who are not able to register during the time indicated above are requested to do so upon their arrival before entering the meeting room. *Only the names of duly registered participants will be included in the list of participants.*

III. Visa requirements

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

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

Visa exemption for a maximum of 14 days

Cambodia

Visa exemption for a maximum of 30 days

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| 1. Australia | 26. Malaysia |
| 2. Austria | 27. Monaco |
| 3. Bahrain | 28. Mongolia |
| 4. Belgium | 29. Netherlands |
| 5. Brunei Darussalam | 30. New Zealand |
| 6. Canada | 31. Norway |
| 7. Czech Republic | 32. Oman |
| 8. Denmark | 33. Philippines |
| 9. Finland | 34. Poland |
| 10. France | 35. Portugal |
| 11. Germany | 36. Qatar |
| 12. Greece | 37. Russian Federation |
| 13. Hong Kong, China | 38. Singapore |
| 14. Hungary | 39. Slovakia |
| 15. Iceland | 40. Slovenia |
| 16. Indonesia | 41. South Africa |
| 17. Ireland | 42. Spain |
| 18. Israel | 43. Sweden |
| 19. Italy | 44. Switzerland |
| 20. Japan | 45. Turkey |
| 21. Kuwait | 46. United Arab Emirates |
| 22. Lao PDR | 47. United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland |
| 23. Liechtenstein | 48. United States of America |
| 24. Luxembourg | 49. Viet Nam |
| 25. Macao, China | |

Visa exemption for a maximum of 90 days

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

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

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

Visa exemption for a maximum of 30 days

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| 1. Cambodia | 6. Mexico |
| 2. China | 7. Mongolia |
| 3. Hong Kong, China | 8. Myanmar |
| 4. Lao People's Democratic Republic | 9. Oman |
| 5. Macao, China | 10. Viet Nam |

Visa exemption for a maximum of 90 days

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| 1. Argentina | 20. Nepal |
| 2. Austria | 21. Netherlands |
| 3. Belgium | 22. Oman |
| 4. Bhutan | 23. Panama |
| 5. Brazil | 24. Peru |
| 6. Chile | 25. Philippines |
| 7. Costa Rica | 26. Poland |
| 8. Croatia | 27. Republic of Korea |
| 9. Czech Republic | 28. Romania |
| 10. Germany | 29. Russian Federation |
| 11. Hungary | 30. Singapore |
| 12. India | 31. Slovakia |
| 13. Israel | 32. South Africa |
| 14. Italy | 33. Switzerland |
| 15. Japan | 34. Tunisia |
| 16. Liechtenstein | 35. Turkey |
| 17. Luxembourg | 36. Ukraine |
| 18. Malaysia | 37. Uruguay |
| 19. Mexico | |

C. Visa on arrival for a maximum of 15 days

6. Nationals of the following countries holding a valid ordinary passport may be granted, upon arrival at Suvarnabhumi Airport, a visa for a stay not exceeding 15 days, conditional on meeting the requirements mentioned below:

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| 1. Andorra | 11. Lithuania |
| 2. Bhutan | 12. Maldives |
| 3. Bulgaria | 13. Malta |
| 4. China | 14. Mauritius |
| 5. Cyprus | 15. Romania |
| 6. Estonia | 16. San Marino |
| 7. Ethiopia | 17. Saudi Arabia |
| 8. India | 18. Ukraine |
| 9. Kazakhstan | 19. Uzbekistan |
| 10. Latvia | |

7. The requirements for a visa on arrival are as follows:

(a) The applicant must be in possession of a passport, valid for at least six months, and a valid return ticket, which is usable within 15 days from the date of entry;

(b) The applicant must fill out and submit an application form (TM.88) which is available at the Visa-on-Arrival counter at Suvarnabhumi Airport together with one recent passport-size photograph. There is an application fee of 1,000 Thai baht.

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8. Participants from countries other than those listed above are requested to obtain an appropriate entry visa from the Thai diplomatic or consular mission at the point of origin or en route prior to entering Thailand.

The information provided above is accurate as at 26 August 2013. All participants are advised to consult with the diplomatic mission/embassy of Thailand in their respective countries regarding the latest applicable immigration requirements prior to their departure.

IV. Weather

9. In March the weather in Pattaya has been predicted to be hot and humid. The anticipated temperature is between 32 – 34 degrees Celsius. The meeting room where the meeting is to be held is air-conditioned.

VI. Foreign currency declaration

10. Any person who brings into or out of Thailand an aggregate amount of foreign currency exceeding US\$20,000 or its equivalent is required to declare the amount to a customs officer. Failure to do so, or making any false declaration to a customs officer, is a criminal offense.

11. The local currency is the Thai baht. Currency exchange facilities are available at the hotel's reception counter.

VII. General Information

12. Electricity

The electricity voltage in Bangkok is 220V, 50Hz. Please note that plug adapters may be necessary. The plug in Thailand has not been standardized and the following types are available.



A standard grounded outlet supporting European 2-pin plugs and earthed and unearthed American plugs.



United States, Canada (NEMA 1-15; no ground pin; front tab is ground; 120 V; 10 and 15 A)
Japan, Taiwan, Province of China (100 V), China, Philippines (220 V)



United States, Canada (NEMA 5-15; 120 V; 10 and 15 A)
Japan, Taiwan, Province of China (100 V), China, Philippines (220 V)

13. Water

Tap water in Bangkok is generally not suitable for drinking. It is better to drink bottled water or water provided by the hotel.

14. Others

- Metered taxis are available at all times. Please be sure that the driver starts the meter when you enter the taxi (the fare begins at 35 baht). Please refer to paragraphs below for information on taxis from the airports.
- Time Zone: Bangkok, Thailand is GMT+7
- Emergency services telephone numbers:

191	Emergency call/Police
1155	Tourist Police
1691	Ambulance Service Centre
02 132-1888	Suvarnabhumi Airport Call Center
02 288-1100	United Nations' Emergency

VIII. Airline reservations

15. 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.

IX. Hotel accommodation

16. The Amari Pattaya is the designated hotel for the Expert Group Meeting. Please note that single rooms have been reserved for all participants from 3 to 5 March 2014 (3 nights). The rate for a single room inclusive of daily buffet breakfast, wireless Internet access, and government tax is at THB 3,300 baht (approximately USD 100) per room per day.

17. Any subsequent changes in arrival plans should be communicated immediately to the Secretariat. Cancellation, postponement or any other changes must be notified at least 48 hours in advance.

X. Payment of hotel accounts

18. Before departure from Pattaya, participants are expected to 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 centre use, laundry, and hotel transportation services, as well as mini-bar items and 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.

XI. Transportation to Amari Pattaya

19. The Amari Pattaya is 1.5 hours (125 km) away from Suvarnabhumi International Airport and 2 hours (145 km) from downtown Bangkok. If coming from Suvarnabhumi International Airport, take the Bangkok - Chonburi Motorway and follow signs to Chonburi - Pattaya. Then follow signs to Pattaya, and take the Pattaya exit. When you reach Banglamung, turn right on North Pattaya Road. Limousine, metered-taxi and bus services are readily available at the airport. Detailed information about Suvarnabhumi Airport can be found at <http://suvarnabhumiairport.com/en>.

20. Airports of Thailand Plc. (AOT) limousine service counter is located inside Suvarnabhumi International Airport. The cost of a one-way trip with a SUV car to Amari Pattaya would be about THB 2,600. For more information, please visit <http://suvarnabhumiairport.com/en/115-limousine>.

21. Amari Pattaya also offers airport transfer services from Suvarnabhumi International Airport to the Hotel on request at the following rates (inclusive of service charge and applicable taxes). Please contact the Hotel directly if transfer services are required.

Vehicle	Maximum Passengers	Price THB per Vehicle	Journey
Toyota Camry	3	THB 3,200	One way
Toyota Camry	3	THB 5,800	Round trip
Toyota Commuter (Van)	9	THB 4,800	One way
Toyota Commuter (Van)	9	THB 8,500	Round trip

22. To avail themselves of the limousine and public metered-taxi services as indicated above, **it is strongly recommended that participants contact only the authorized officials at the counters located in the airport arrival zone.** Staff at those counters will issue a ticket for the assignment of either a limousine or a public metered-taxi to transport passengers to the desired destination. Participants may access a public metered-taxi on the ground floor of the airport. In addition to toll fees, a surcharge of 50 Thai baht is added to the meter charge from the airport to the city.

23. Participants will be provided with full terminal expenses and are therefore expected to make their own transportation arrangements to/from the Amari Pattaya. For further information regarding terminal expenses, participants should contact the organization (ESCAP, UNAIDS or UNDP) handling their travel arrangements.