



UNFCCC regional expert meeting on a range of approaches to address loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change, including impacts related to extreme weather events and slow onset events

**Bangkok, Thailand
27 to 29 August 2012**

INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

Conference venue:

The meeting will take place in the United Nations Conference Centre (UNCC) of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP).

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Please visit the following web-site for additional information on the Conference venue:
<<http://www.unescap.org/uncc/>>.

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Transportation from Suvarnabhumi International airport:

In addition to the Sky Train and Underground, participants can also use the airport limousine and registered taxis. Please visit the following web-site for more information: <<http://www.suvarnabhumiairport.com>>.

Visa requirements:

Please see the following website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand regarding visa related issues: <<http://www.mfa.go.th/main/en/services>>. A list of Thai Embassies and Consulates can be found at <<http://www.thaiembassy.org/>>.

Hotels:

For information on hotels in Bangkok, please visit: <<http://www.tourismthailand.org/Where-to-Stay>>.

Registration:

Participants are required to register and obtain identification badges prior to the opening of the meeting on Monday, 29 August 2012 from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. For this purpose, a registration counter will be set up in front of the meeting room to be announced at the lobby of the UNCC. In order to have access to UNCC, please bring your passport to the meeting.

Health requirements:

We recommend that you consult the appropriate health authorities in your country well in advance in connection with possible vaccinations and health precautions for Thailand.

The Thai Ministry of Public Health has issued regulations that applicants who have travelled from or through the countries 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 be submitted together with the visa application form. The traveller will also have to present the said certificate to the Immigration Officer upon arrival at the port of entry in the Kingdom.

Please visit the following website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand for additional information: <<http://www.mfa.go.th/main/en/services/123/15384-List-of-countries-which-are-declared-Yellow-Fever.html>>.

Note from the UNFCCC secretariat:

You are strongly advised to obtain international travel and medical insurance to cover the period of your departure for the regional expert meeting until the time of your return.

The United Nations and the UNFCCC secretariat disclaim all responsibility for medical, accident and travel insurance, for compensation, death or disability, loss or damage to personal property and for any other costs or losses that may be incurred during travel time or the period of participation in the meeting.

DSA payment for funded participants:

All funded participants: Please bring your passport, flight tickets and boarding passes with you to the registration. These documents need to be copied in order to make the DSA payment.



General information

Geography:

Thailand is situated in the heart of the Southeast Asian mainland, covering an area of 513,115 square kilometers, and extends about 1,620 kilometers from north to south and 775 kilometers from east to west. Thailand borders the Lao People's Democratic Republic and the Union of Myanmar to the North, the Kingdom of Cambodia and the Gulf of Thailand to the East, the Union of Myanmar and the Indian Ocean to the West, and Malaysia to the south.

Official language:

The official language in Thailand is Thai. However, English is widely spoken and understood in most hotels and restaurants.

Time zone:

Standard time zone: UTC/GMT +7 hours; no daylight saving time in 2012.

Weather information:

Climatic Table											
Average Daytime Temperature (°C) - Central Thailand											
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
30	31	34	36	35	33	32	33	32	32	31	30
Average Rainfall (cm) - Central Thailand											
Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
1.0	2.5	3.5	6.0	8.0	14.5	16.5	17.5	30.0	21.0	7.0	0.5

Electricity:

220 volts, 50 Hertz [two-pin, flat and vertical connection].

Currency:

The Thai currency is the Thai Baht (THB).

1 Baht = 100 satangs

Bank Notes: 20, 50, 100, 500 and 1,000 Baht

Coins: 1, 5, and 10 Baht.

The exchange rate as of 26 July is 0.031.

1 THB = 0.031US\$ and US\$ 1.00 = 31.58 THB

Credit Cards:

Credit cards are widely accepted.

International country code:

Thailand: +66, Bangkok area code: 2.

Tipping:

Tipping is not a usual practice in Thailand although it is becoming more common. Most hotels and restaurants add a 10% service charge to the bill. Taxi drivers do not require a tip, but the gesture is appreciated and 10 to 20 Baht is acceptable for porters.

We look forward to welcoming you in Thailand.
