

UNFCCC Online Registration System Virtual Only Registration Guide

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1 Overview

1.1 What the Virtual only System does for you

The UNFCCC "Virtual only" registration in the Online Registration System (ORS) facilitates Virtual only (online) access to delegates from Parties / Observer States by providing access to UNFCCC meetings remotely, provided the meeting is open to the respective delegate and has the possibility for online participation. This has been introduced on a pilot basis to help enable a broader and more inclusive participation based on requests received from stakeholders in the past conferences.

The "Virtual only" registration tab has been separated from the "Onsite" registration tab and allows the National Focal Point (NFP) of Parties / Observer States the ability for more inclusive participation in the UNFCCC sessions by adding delegates who cannot attend the conference physically to the "Virtual only" environment.

1.2 Can a delegate change from "Onsite" to "Virtual only" and vice versa?

Yes, the NFP also has the flexibility to swap confirmed participants within their delegation between the "Onsite" and "Virtual only" tab through the new "Swap Participants Request" function located in the Communication tab of the ORS. Please note that this feature is still under construction and new improvements may be introduced in a future update.

To reassign a confirmed participant from "Onsite" attendance to "Virtual only" attendance, and vice versa, please contact UNFCCC via the communication log.

1.3 Key features

The key highlights of the newly introduced feature include:

- "Virtual only" registration to maximize the participation of the delegation virtually and in-person
- "Swap Participants Request" is an additional feature that may be used to swap participants before the start of a session from "Onsite" attendance to "Virtual only" attendance and vice versa.

Please note that already registered delegates will remain as is and are not affected by the new feature unless changes are made by the NFP.

2 Pre-requisites for virtual only attendance and swapping

2.1 Onsite attendance vs Virtual only attendance

Participants registered for "Onsite" attendance will be registered for the whole duration of the conference to attend the conference in-person.

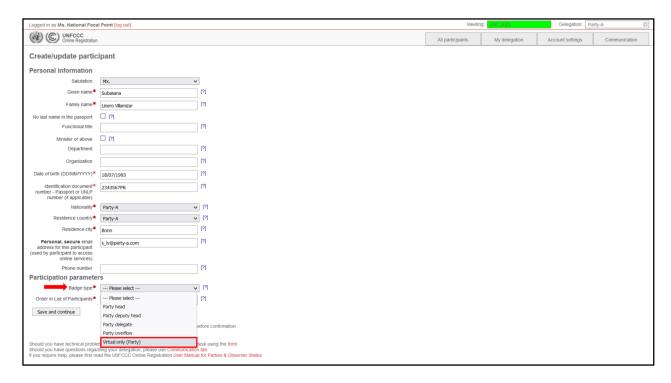
Participants registered for "Virtual only" attendance will be registered for the whole duration of the conference to attend the conference virtually only.

2.2 Participant details required to add new participants to the Virtual only area

Before the nominee can be *confirmed* (hence before they can *attend*) the following details *must* be provided:

- Salutation
- Given Name
- Family Name
- Date of Birth
- Official Identification Document Number
- Country of Nationality
- Country of Residence
- Residence City

- Badge Type (Please note that the "Virtual only (Party)" option has been added to the Badge Type field)
- · Order in List of Participants
- · Email Address of the Participant



2.3 Participants to be swapped must be confirmed in ORS

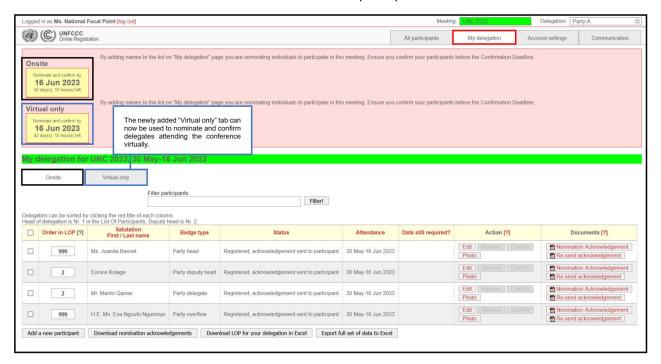
Swap Participants Requests feature can be processed only for confirmed participants. For detailed instructions on how to confirm a delegate please refer to section 6.4 of the ORS User Manual.

3 Instructions

3.1 Overview of the user interface

This section presents two tabs that have been added to the "My delegation" tab in ORS – "Onsite" and "Virtual only".

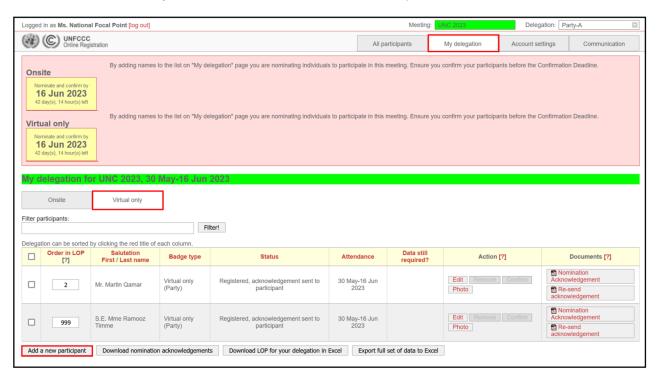
In the information banner under the "My delegation" tab, the 'Onsite' section displays the nomination and confirmation deadline meant for in-person participation. Similarly, the 'Virtual only' section displays the nomination and confirmation deadline meant for virtual participation.



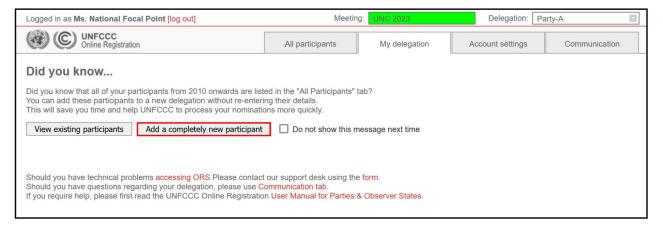
Please note that these new features have been released on a pilot basis following requests from several stakeholders. As some of the corresponding features are still under development, all related requests and queries should be submitted in the communication log.

3.2 Adding New Participant to the "Virtual only" tab

1. Select the "Virtual only" tab and click on the "Add a new Participant" button on the bottom left.



2. It will open a dialog screen as shown below and ask you to pick an option. Click on "Add a completely new participant".

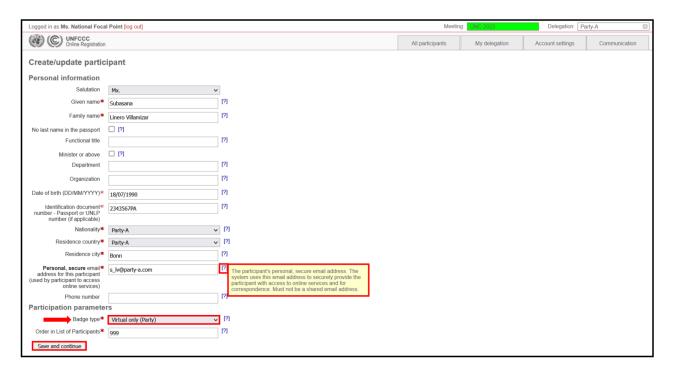


3. Enter the participant's personal details. Note that the salutation, first name, last name, date of birth, official identification document number, country of nationality, country of residence, residence city, order in list of participants, email address and badge type are mandatory fields before the participant can be confirmed. Note that for "Badge type" you must select "Virtual only (Party)". Please enter all information in mixed case, e.g. "John Smith", not "JOHN SMITH" or "john smith".

If you are unsure what to put in a field, you can see some help information by pointing your mouse at the [?] symbol.

Note that the personal details added for the participant must exactly match the official identification document the participant will present upon arrival at the sessions.

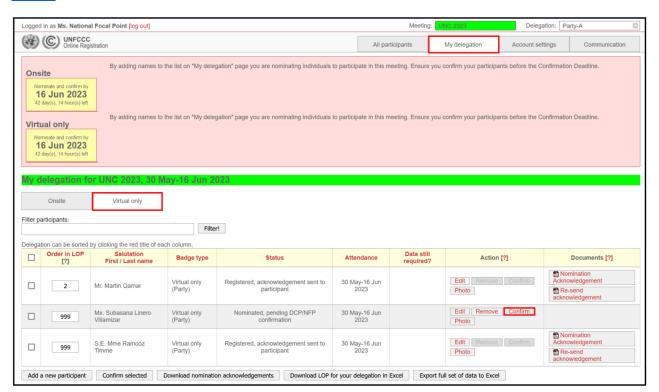
The email address provided for each participant needs to be unique, i.e. a personal, secure email for each participant to access online services and to receive the acknowledgement letter.



The "My delegation" tab gets re-displayed, with the new participant nominated.

4. To confirm the newly added participant, simply click the "Confirm" button under the "Action" column.

For detailed instructions on how to confirm the nominee, please refer to section 6.4 of the ORS User Manual

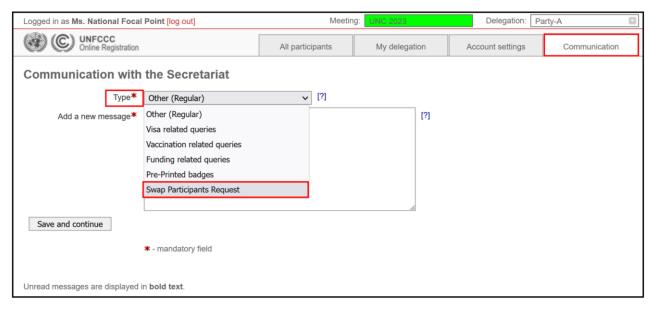


3.3 Swap Participants

***Please note that the "Swap Participants Request" can only be submitted <u>for confirmed participants</u> in both "Onsite" and "Virtual only" tabs respectively.

If you wish to swap participants from "Virtual only" to "Onsite", and vice versa, please follow the instructions below:

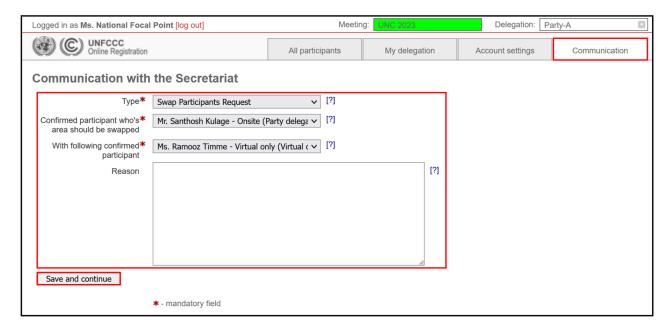
1. Go to the communication tab. Under "type" you will find a drop-down with multiple options. Click on "Swap Participants Request".



- 2. The system loads two mandatory fields to be provided. Firstly, the option "Confirmed participant whose area should be swapped" will appear. Select the name of participant to be swapped from "onsite" to "virtual only" attendance, and vice versa.
- 3. Secondly, the option "With following confirmed participant" gets displayed. Choose another participant that needs to be swapped with the above selected participant.
- 4. It also offers an optional section to post a reason for the Swap Participants Request. Once completed, click on "Save and continue".

Please note that if the participant you want to appoint does not appear in the drop-down list, make sure that all the required personal details is provided for this participant and they are duly confirmed.

In the example below, "onsite" attendance of the confirmed participant (Mr. Santhosh Kulage) is being swapped with the "virtual only" attendance of the confirmed participant (Ms. Ramooz Timme).



6. Once UNFCCC receives your request, **it may take from a few hours to a few working days for the request to be approved**, as it requires manual processing to be performed by UNFCCC. When the request is approved a confirmation email will be sent to the unique email addresses of both the swapped participants.

This feature is still under construction and new improvements may be introduced in a future update.

***Please note there is no limit to the number of times the NFP can swap their delegates from "Virtual only" to "Onsite", and vice versa. However, all such swaps must be completed by the confirmation deadline.

