



**FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE - Secretariat
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UNFCCC expert meeting on technologies for adaptation to climate change

Bangkok, Thailand

5 April 2008

INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

HOTEL AND CONFERENCE VENUE

The meeting will take place in the Arnoma Hotel in Bangkok. Participants are responsible for making their own hotel bookings. For further information and room booking at the Arnoma Hotel, please visit the following link: <<http://www.arnoma.com/index.htm>>.

The hotel contact information is:

Arnoma Hotel
99 Rajdamri Road
Pathumwan
Bangkok 10330
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Fax.: +66 (0) 2655 7555
Web-site: <http://www.arnoma.com/index.htm>
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LOCATION of CONFERENCE VENUE:

The Arnoma hotel is located in the centre middle of Bangkok and is surrounded by major shopping areas, business and entertainment districts, in walking distance to Sky Train (BTS) & Underground (MRT) services, one block from the Erawan Shrine and has an easy access to the Expressway to/from Bangkok's International Airport (approximately 40 minutes).

SUARNABHUMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT:

Alternative transportation than Sky Train and Underground includes airport limousine and registered taxis. Please visit the following web-site: <<http://www2.airportthai.co.th>> for more information.



Please see below a list of hotels nearby the conference venue:



VISA REQUIREMENTS:

Please see the following web-site of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand regarding any visa related issues for Thailand: <www.mfa.go.th/web/2637.php>

Please find a list of Thailand Embassies and Consulates at <<http://www.thaiembassy.org/>>.

REGISTRATION: Participants are required to register and obtain identification badges prior to the opening of the meeting on Saturday, 5 April from 8:30 a.m. For this purpose, a registration counter will be set up in front of the meeting room to be announced in the lobby of the Arnoma Hotel.

DSA PAYMENT FOR FUNDED PARTICIPANTS:

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

**WORKSHOP ORGANIZERS:**

The UNFCCC Secretariat is organizing this meeting jointly with the Government of Thailand, represented by the Office of Natural Resources and Environmental Policy and Planning (the ONEP). For substantive information concerning the meeting, please contact Mr. Vladimir Hecl, e-mail: vhecl@unfccc.int, for logistical information please contact Ms. Gabriele Gerdom, e-mail: ggerdom@unfccc.int.

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HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:

The 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. As for those nationals of the countries listed below but who have not travelled from/through those countries, such a certificate is not required. However, they should possess concrete evidence showing that their domicile is not in an infected area so as to prevent unnecessary inconvenience.

List of countries which are declared yellow fever infected areas is available on the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand at <<http://www.mfa.go.th/web/2482.php?id=2494>>.

THAILAND'S USEFUL INFORMATION

Capital: Bangkok (Krung Thep, meaning "city of angels")

Geography: The Kingdom of Thailand, covering an area of 513,115 square kilometers, lies in the heart of Southeast Asia, roughly equidistant between India and China. It shares borders with Myanmar to the west and north, Lao P.D.R. to the north and northeast, Cambodia to the east and Malaysia to the south.

Getting Around Bangkok

Bangkok, the City of Angels, is a magical kingdom hidden away among the high rises and shopping centers, and lies on the banks of the Chao Phraya River. More information is available at: <www.tourismthailand.org> or <www.amazingthailand.th>.

Official language

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

Time zone:

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

Weather and time zone information

In April, daytime temperatures in Bangkok range between a maximum of 35° C and a minimum of 26° C. The standard time zone is GMT + 7 hours.

Electricity

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

Currency

The Thai currency is the Thai Baht (TB). The official exchange rate as of 28 February 2008 is US\$ 1.00 = Baht 32.20 and 1.00 Euro = 48.824 Baht. Currencies can be exchanged at local banks and hotels or in local money changers around the city.

International country code

+ 66 (Thailand), area code: 2

Emergency Telephone Numbers

- Central Emergency (Police, Ambulance, Fire): 191
- Highway Patrol: 1193
- Crime Suppression : 195 or 0 2513 3844
- Tourist Police (English, French and German spoken): 1155
- Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT) Call Centre: 1672
- Immigration Bureau: 0 2287 3101-10

Local map of the Hotel

