COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS
Extraordinary meeting
Silk Road Samarkand Congress Center
Samarkand, Uzbekistan
16 October 2023
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INFORMATION NOTE

1. **Venue and Schedule**

   The extraordinary meeting of the **Committee on Statistics** will be held in the framework of the **25th session of the UNWTO General Assembly**, in Samarkand, Uzbekistan. The Committee will take place on Monday, 16 October 2023, **at the Congress Center of the Silk Road Samarkand complex** in the meeting room **Zircon**, from 10:30 am to 13:30 am (GMT+5).

2. **Online registration and accreditation badges**

   Registration will be carried out online until Wednesday, 4 October 2023. The participation form is available on the website: [www.unwto.org/event/general-assembly-twenty-fifth-session](http://www.unwto.org/event/general-assembly-twenty-fifth-session).

   The online registration platform will be collecting all necessary information regarding the participation in the conference, visa information and technical visits. Accreditation badges are issued to specific individuals and are not transferable. Participants should keep their badge and ID with them at all times during their stay in Samarkand.

   Participants can collect their accreditation badges at the registration desk located in the Congress Center (venue of the event).

3. **Reception at the airport and transfers**

   Participants will be provided with **a free shuttle service upon arrival and departure between Samarkand International Airport and the main hotels** (hotels at the Silk Road Centre) from 15 October to 22 October 2023.

   To avail of this service, arrival and departure information must be provided when completing the online registration form. To enable the authorities to properly organize the welcome and shuttle services, participants must complete and submit the online registration form indicating their arrival and departure flight information and their accommodation details, before 4 October 2023.
Local transportation of delegation members will be provided between Samarkand International Airport and the hotels indicated. Those who will firstly arrive to Tashkent city or depart from the city, intercity fast trains and flights will be organized to Samarkand. Also, participants can stay at selected hotels in Tashkent city.

- Bus shuttle will be provided between airport, train station and the hotels.
- Transfers from the airport of Samarkand to the Silk Road Centre will take 20 minutes.
- Transfers from the railway station of Samarkand will take 25 minutes.

4. Accommodation - List of hotels

The host has negotiated special room rates with some designate hotels (please see the list of hotels). Each participant/entity is responsible for their own travel arrangements, including booking international flights, arranging local transportation, and securing accommodation. To find a reasonably priced, we suggest that you start as early as possible with the travel arrangements. A credit card will normally be required for reservations.

5. Working languages

The working language of the meeting will be English.

6. Working documents

In light of the United Nations mandate to promote sustainability, UNWTO is strengthening its efforts towards environmental sustainability by implementing paperless events and conferences. Participants are kindly requested to take note that the working documents will not be distributed on paper at the venue of the event. Participants are encouraged to bring their own electronic devices to access the working documents during the session. All the documents will be posted online at the event website: https://www.unwto.org/tourism-statistics/unwto-committee-on-statistics/extraordinary_meeting.

7. Practical information

- Local currency and rate of exchange: Uzbekistan’s official currency is Uzbek sum (UZS). Currency exchange rates are set by the Central Bank of the Republic of Uzbekistan and are available on the Central Bank of Uzbekistan’s official website: https://cbu.uz/en/.
- Climate: In Samarkand, the average air temperature in the fall is +20°C. The minimum temperature on average is +7°C. The maximum temperature is +29°C on average
- Local time in Samarkand: GMT +5
- Electricity: The electric current in Samarkand is 220 volts.
- Health regulations and precautions: It is not necessary to be vaccinated against any disease in order to travel to Uzbekistan.
- Credit cards, shopping and tipping: Visa and MasterCard are the two most common types of cards. Almost all establishments accept card payments. Taxis only accept cash, so participants should carry cash. There are ATMs throughout the city, and in the vast majority of establishments it will be possible to pay for goods and services by card (public transport is paid mostly in cash).
Service charge in Samarkand restaurants is included in the check; depending on the establishment, the percentage for service charge varies from 10 to 25 percent of the cost of the entire order. Tipping is considered voluntary and at the discretion of the consumer.

- **Useful telephone numbers:**
  - Emergency: 1050
  - Police: 102
  - Ambulance: 103
  - Fire: 101

8. **Tourism information**

   - **In Uzbekistan:**
     [https://uzbekistan.travel/en/](https://uzbekistan.travel/en/)

   - **In Samarkand:**

More information please see the [information note](https://www.unwto.org) of the 25th session of the UNWTO General Assembly