

Information for participants



INTERGOVERNMENTAL PANEL ON
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AR6 SYR Scoping Meeting and 57th Session of the IPCC Bureau Singapore 21-23 and 24-25 October 2019

I. INTRODUCTION

The SYR AR6 Scoping Meeting will take place at the Resorts World Convention Centre, which is located in Sentosa, the Southern island of Singapore, from 21 to 23 October 2019. The SYR AR6 Scoping Meeting will be followed by the 57th Session of the IPCC Bureau, from 24 to 25 October 2019. The registration of participants will open on 20 October 2019 from 14:00 – 18:00, 21 October 2019 from 8:00 – 18:00 and 9:00 – 16:00 from 22 to 25 October 2019.

Singapore is a sovereign island city-state in Southeast Asia. It is a modern, multi-ethnic city with a distinct blend of Malay, Chinese, Indian, Eurasian and Peranakan (Straits-born people of Chinese and Malay/Indonesian Heritage) cultures and religions. It is renowned for its cleanliness and safe environment.

II. VISITORS TO SINGAPORE

1. International Airports

The Changi Airport was awarded Skytrax World's Best Airport from 2013-2019. It is located in Changi, at the eastern end of Singapore and serves more than 100 airlines flying to approximately 400 cities in 100 countries and territories across the world.

NOTE – This guide will provide participants attending the above-mentioned IPCC meetings in Singapore with useful information. Participants are advised to read it carefully and contact the IPCC Secretariat in case of questions.

To transfer from the Changi airport, several options are available and can be found on the airport website: <http://www.changiairport.com/en/airport-guide/transport/leaving-the-airport.html>

2. Time Zone

Time zone in Singapore is GMT + 8 hour.

3. VISA Requirements

All participants requiring a visa to enter Singapore shall be responsible for making their own arrangements to apply for their visa. Visas can be applied at the nearest Singapore Overseas Mission or through its authorised visa agent or in Singapore through a local contact (SC or PR aged 21 and above) who can submit the application online via the Submission of Application for Visa Electronically (SAVE) system. Visa applications can be submitted within 30 days prior to arrival in Singapore. Each visa application will be considered on its own merits. More information on the visa application process can be found in ICA's website and the respective Overseas Mission's website.

The Government of Singapore can facilitate visa arrangements, for participants who have no embassy or consulate of Singapore in their country of residence. Upon request, all pre-registered participants can request a personal invitation letter from the IPCC Secretariat for visa purposes.

All visitors to Singapore must meet the following entry requirements:

- Valid travel document (minimum validity of 6 months at the time of departure)
- Confirmed onward or return tickets (if applicable)
- Entry facilities, including visas, to the next destination;
- Financial means to sustain their stay in Singapore;
- A submitted SG Arrival Card or a completed Disembarkation/Embarkation Card (DE Card); and
- Visa for entry into Singapore (if applicable, Visa requirements available here: <https://www.ica.gov.sg/enteranddeparting/before/entryvisa>)
- Yellow Fever Vaccination (if applicable, list of countries at risk available here: <https://www.ica.gov.sg/enteranddeparting/before/yellow>)

Overstaying is a punishable offence in Singapore. If you need to stay beyond the period of stay granted, you can apply for an extension online using the [e-Service](#). Applications for an extension of stay are subject to approval.

III. Weather

Singapore is located near the equator and has a typically tropical climate, with abundant rainfall, high and uniform temperatures, and high humidity throughout the year. October is the inter-monsoon period in Singapore, where light and variable winds may be expected with possibility of thunderstorms (at times severe) in the afternoon and early evenings. The daily temperature in October is around 27.6 degrees Celsius on average and ranges between 25 and 32 degrees Celsius.

The latest weather forecast and information can be found on the Meteorological Service

Singapore's website: <http://www.weather.gov.sg/home/>

IV. Official language

Singapore uses four official languages: English, Malay, Chinese and Tamil. English is the most commonly used language, and is the main language in government administration and business.

V. Health requirements/medical services

Up-to-date information on international travel and health requirements is provided by the World Health Organization (WHO) at the following websites:

<http://www.who.int/ith/en/>

<https://www.who.int/countries/sgp/en/>

Neither IPCC nor Singapore can be held responsible for accidents, health issues or damage to private property of participants. **Participants shall make their own arrangements for health insurance and any other necessary insurance.**

VI. Foreign currency

The official currency of Singapore is the Singapore dollar (SDG). The exchange rate as of August 2019 is 1 SGD = 0.72 USD.

VII. Credit Cards and Travelers' Checks

Many credit cards such as Visa, Mastercard and American Express are widely accepted in Singapore. However, it is advised to carry some cash as well.

VIII. Tipping

Tipping is not widely practised in Singapore as most hotels and restaurants apply a 10% service charge to the bill. However, customers may tip if they wish to.

IX. Tax

A goods and services tax (GST) of 7% imposed on nearly all goods and services in Singapore.

Overseas visitors to Singapore may claim a refund of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) paid on their purchases at participating retail shops. For more information, visit the Tourist Refund Scheme website at www.customs.gov.sg or www.iras.gov.sg.

X. Mobile phones

Please make sure to verify roaming access and charges with your local provider prior to your departure.

Overseas visitors may also wish to purchase Prepaid Tourist SIM cards, which provide affordable local 4G data and talktime. Visitors may purchase these upon arrival at Changi Airport. More information on the various options is available at: <https://attractions.changirecommends.com/singapore?category=connectivity>

XI. Hotel accommodations

Participants may make reservations at hotels within Resorts World Sentosa at a discounted conference rate. The official hotels, as listed below, are selected with a careful consideration of factors such as distance to the venue, amenities, security, and etc.

- Hard Rock Hotel (see: <https://www.rwsentosa.com/en/hotels/hard-rock-hotel-singapore>)
- Festive Hotel Singapore (see: <https://www.rwsentosa.com/en/hotels/festive-hotel/overview>)

Please refer to Annex 1 for information on the room rates and reservation form, which should be conveyed directly to groups@rwsentosa.com. Do note:

- Room rates are subject to change.
- Room availability is based on a first-come first-served basis. Kindly note that we cannot guarantee the availability for each hotel.

It is strongly recommended that all participants book their accommodation as soon as possible, and by 25 September 2019 at the latest, in order to enjoy the preferential rate.

If there are further inquiries on accommodation, please contact the local organisers at MSS_PIA@nea.gov.sg.

XIII. Transportation in Singapore

To facilitate your access to the Resorts World Sentosa Convention Centre, the meeting organisers will provide complimentary bus service from Harbourfront MRT Station into Sentosa Island every morning. More information will be provided closer to the date of the meetings. [v4(1)]

The three main modes of public transportation in Singapore are the Mass Rapid Transit (MRT), buses and taxis. Fares shown below are indicative.

An Ez-link Card can be purchased to facilitate access to transportation while in Singapore. It can be used to pay transport fares on buses and the MRT (metro). It can also be used to in select food & beverage stores, and vending machines. EZ-Link cards can be purchased at TransitLink Offices, Passenger Service Centers at most MRT stations, bus interchanges, and 7-Eleven stores.

	Mass Rapid Transit (MRT)	Buses	Taxis
Fare	Range from SGD 0.78 to SGD 2.03	Range from SGD 1.40 to SGD 2.50	For a regular taxi, flag-down fee is from SGD 3.6 to SGD 3.9, then an amount ranging from SGD 0.55 to SGD 0.94 will be charged per each subsequent kilometre.
Service Hours	05:30 – 00:00 daily	05:10 – 12:45 daily	24 hours
Schedule	Every 2 to 3 minutes (peak hours 07:00 to 09:00 and 17:00 to 20:00); every 5 to 7	Every 5 to 20 minutes	24 hours

	minutes (off-peak hours)		
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XIII. Internet services

Wireless Internet connection will be available in the main conference room and at the venue.

XIV. Electricity, electric plugs and sockets

In Singapore, the power plugs and sockets are of type G (please see images below). The standard voltage is 230 V and the standard frequency is 50 Hz.



XV. Other general information

Smoking

Smoking is an offence in air-conditioned areas such as shopping centres, restaurants, entertainment outlets and cinemas; and on the SMRT trains, public buses, taxis and in lifts. Recently, the smoking ban has been extended to include public eateries and within a five-metre radius from most building entrances, except for designated smoking areas that are clearly marked by bright yellow boxes. A maximum fine of S\$1,000 may be imposed

Littering

Singapore prides itself on being an impeccably clean city. Littering is punishable by law, first-time offenders being liable to a fine ranging from SGD 300- SGD 1000 or CWO (Community Work Order) of up to 12 hours, or both. Chewing gum is illegal in Singapore and should not be brought into the country.

Jaywalking

Jaywalking (crossing the street within 50m of a crossing zone) is prohibited in Singapore and is punishable by law. Penalty can range between SGD 20 to jail time, depending on the gravity of the offense.

HOTEL RESERVATION FORM (EVENT RATE)
National Environment Agency (Conference)
19 – 25 Oct 2019

To: Group Reservations
 Email: groups@rwsentosa.com

Address: 8 Sentosa Gateway, Singapore 098269

Website: www.rwsentosa.com
 Block ID: 7104487, 7104471

A: Guest Information

Salutation: Prof / Dr / Mr / Mrs / Ms Nationality: _____

Family / Last Name: _____ Given / First Name: _____

Tel: _____ Fax: _____

Email address: _____

Accompanying Person's name (if Any) _____

Arrival Date: _____ Flight Number/ Arrival Time: _____
 *Official check-in time is after 1500hrs

Departure Date: _____ Flight Number/ Departure Time: _____
 *Official check-out time is prior 1100hrs

*If you are arriving between midnight and the official check-in time, please make the reservation one day prior to the date of arrival.

HOTEL ROOM RATE FOR THIS EVENT				
Room Type	Room Rates (19 Oct 2019)	Room Rates (20 – 25 Oct 2019)	Room Preferences (Subject to availability) Please circle	Smoking Room (Subject to availability) Please circle
Hard Rock Hotel Deluxe Room	S\$320.00++ per room per night (Room inclusive of one breakfast)	S\$270.00++ per room per night (Room inclusive of one breakfast)	King / Twin	-
Hard Rock Hotel Deluxe Room	S\$345.00++ per room per night (Room inclusive of two breakfast)	S\$295.00++ per room per night (Room inclusive of two breakfast)	King / Twin	-
Festive Hotel Deluxe Room	S\$290.00++ per room per night (Room inclusive of one breakfast)	S\$240.00++ per room per night (Room inclusive of one breakfast)	King / Twin	Yes / No
Festive Hotel Deluxe Room	S\$315.00++ per room per night (Room inclusive of two breakfast)	S\$265.00++ per room per night (Room inclusive of two breakfast)	King / Twin	Yes / No

*Additional person (3rd occupant) is charged at S\$70.00++ per adult per night. (Maximum number of guest allowed in a room is 3 Adults)

*Additional walk-in breakfast at S\$39.00++ (Weekday) and S\$44.00++ (Weekend and Public Holiday) per adult per day / S\$19.50++ (Weekday) and S\$22.00++ (Weekend and Public Holiday) per child per day

*All rates quoted are in Singapore Dollars and are subject to 10% service charge ("Service Charge") and prevailing goods & services ("GST")

*All late check-outs are subject to availability and the applicable room rates. Late check-out after 1100hrs and before 1800hrs will be charged at 50% of the applicable room rate for one (1) night. Check-out after 1800hrs will be charged at 100% of the applicable room rate for one (1) night. Official check in: 1500hrs / check out: 1100hrs

Room Guarantee

Please guarantee to my credit card: VISA / MASTER / AMEX

Credit Card Number

Card Holder Name

Expiry Date

[MM]

[YYYY]

Signature

Terms & Conditions

- The "Event Rate" is valid for stay period of 19 – 23 October 2019 and applicable for bookings made before 23 September 2019.
- All reservations are subject to rooms' availability at the time of the reservation
- In the event that the above mentioned "Event Rate" is not available at the time of the reservation, best available rate will be quoted.
- A credit card number is required to confirm and guarantee the reservation.
- Bed type subject to availability upon check in.
- Official check in: after 1500hrs / Check out: before 1100hrs.
- Pre / Post date will be based on Best Available Rates.
- Early Departure Policy: Guests who shorten their stay before their original scheduled departure date will be charged full stay room charge.
- All cancellations or changes must be made by writing via email (groups@rwsentosa.com) at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to arrival date or no-show will be subjected to a charge for the full duration of stay which will be automatically debited from guest's credit card given in this form.