

# Information for Participants

**60<sup>th</sup> Session of the IPCC**

**Istanbul, Türkiye  
16 - 19 January 2024**

## I. INTRODUCTION

The Sixtieth Session of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) will take place in Istanbul, Türkiye from 16 to 19 January 2024.

Türkiye, pronounced [ˈtyɾcije], is a transcontinental country located at the juncture of Southeast Europe and West Asia. It is mainly on the Anatolian Peninsula in West Asia, with a small portion called East Thrace on the Balkan Peninsula in Southeast Europe. It borders the Black Sea to the north; Georgia to the northeast; Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Iran to the east; Iraq to the southeast; Syria and the Mediterranean Sea to the south; the Aegean Sea to the west; and Greece and Bulgaria to the northwest.



The meeting will take place at the “**İstanbul Lutfi Kırdar International Convention and Exhibition Centre (ICEC)**” in Istanbul.

Address: Gümüş Cad. No:4 34367, Harbiye, İstanbul, Türkiye

<https://www.icec.org/home-page>

More information about the Session can be found at

<http://www.ipcc.ch/meeting-doc/ipcc-60/>



## II. REGISTRATION

The registration of participants to this meeting will open at the venue as follows:

Registration for participants to the Session will be open on site as of Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> January from 14:00 to 17:00, and as of 08:00 from Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> Jan to Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> Jan 2024.

15 <sup>th</sup> January:	14:00 – 17:00
16 <sup>th</sup> January:	08:00 – 17:00
17 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> January:	09:00 – 16:00

Please pre-register each designated participant no later than Wednesday, **20 December 2023 (midnight CET)** at the following website: <https://apps.ipcc.ch/register>, using the unique credentials sent to all Focal Points in advance of the session. Please upload a photo for each registered participant in the format specified.

### **III. VISITORS TO TÜRKİYE**

#### **1. INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

Participants are recommended to arrive at Istanbul airport. The airport is located in Çatalca- Göktürk-Arnavutköy area, on the European side of the city, 40km from Taksim and 52km from Kadıköy. Set in the middle between Tayakadin and Akpınar village, it serves more than 350 domestic and international destinations in 110 countries.

#### **2. TRANSPORTATION**

Participants will be responsible for coordinating their own transportation to and from the airport. Please consult the [airport website](#) for more information, including transportation facilities.

Istanbul airport taxis will transfer you to your destination with ease and safety. Three categories of taxis are available.

- orange taxis – cheaper rides, economical vehicles
- blue taxis – more expensive transfers, comfort cars, and
- black taxis – costly rides (luxurious vehicles)

Travel to your hotel in Istanbul in about 40 minutes, paying 17€/16.90\$ (310₺). **The usual high traffic levels, however, may greatly affect the cost and duration of your trip.**

#### **TRANSPORT FROM/TO İSTANBUL INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

Route directions from İstanbul International Airport to the IPCC Venue and Taksim Hotel district:

By car: approximately 40 minutes

By local transport: 60-70 minutes

The Taxi station and the Parking Lot can be accessed through Gates 9 and 13.

For Public Transport or private vehicles, please use the elevators located either before or after the exit gates to reach floor -2.

To use the Metro, exit through gates 9 or 13 and follow the direction signs in red to the Metro Station. Turn right on exiting Gate 9, or left if you exit through Gate 13. You can use the moving walkways opposite Gate 11 to access the station.

Private airport shuttles (Havaist Buses) are also available from Airport to Taksim area.

#### **TRANSPORT FROM/TO SABİHA GÖKÇEN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

Route directions from Sabiha Gökçen International Airport to the IPCC Venue and Taksim Hotel district:

By car: approximately 55 minutes.

By local transport: 45-60 minutes.

All public transport vehicles and taxis are located in front of the terminal building at arrivals level.

Private airport shuttles (Havabüs Buses) are available from Airport to the Taksim area.

### 3. TIME ZONE

Türkiye is GMT + 0300 hours.

### 4. VISAS FOR TRAVEL TO TÜRKIYE

A valid entry visa/e-visa is required for most nationals and needs to be obtained in advance. Türkiye visa is only available online. Delegates, needing visas, are encouraged to apply online on this link: <https://www.evisa.gov.tr/en/>. A valid passport, not expiring for at least six months from date of arrival is required for entry into Türkiye.

It is the delegate's own responsibility to obtain a visa for Türkiye. The information provided herein acts only as guidance.

Please visit: [e-Visa - Frequently Asked Questions \(evisa.gov.tr\)](https://www.evisa.gov.tr/en/) for more information on immigration.

*For any urgent visa related matters, please contact Ms. Dilsu Binnaz BAHADIR, First Secretary at [dilsu.ozkapici@mfa.gov.tr](mailto:dilsu.ozkapici@mfa.gov.tr)*

### 5. HEALTH REQUIREMENTS AND COVID-19-RELATED ISSUES

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

- <https://www.who.int/travel-advice>
- <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>







There are no longer COVID restrictions on entering Türkiye from abroad.

*Please note that WMO/IPCC shall not be held responsible for any health problems or accidents that the participants may have. Participants are responsible for making all necessary arrangements for life, health and other forms of insurance as they consider appropriate.*

### 6. WEATHER

Due to its geographical condition and because of its proximity to the coast, Istanbul and its surrounding region experiences a temperate continental climate. The weather conditions mirror a cooler version of a typical Mediterranean climate. The region is split in the middle by the Sea of Marmara and the narrow Bosphorus Strait (also known as the Istanbul Strait) with strong, cool currents.

Winter in Istanbul starts quite late, with conditions beginning to really cool down in mid-December. December sees an average minimum of 5 degrees and an average maximum of 11 degrees. January and February are the coolest months, with average minimums of 3 and 2 degrees respectively. You can expect rain and a few days of snow in Istanbul during January.

 TEMPERATURES <b>9° / 5°</b>	 RAINY DAYS <b>8</b>
 SNOWY DAYS <b>5</b>	 DRY DAYS <b>17</b>
 RAINFALL <b>103 mm</b>	 SUN HOURS <b>7.7 Hrs</b>

## 7. CURRENCY

The official currency of the is the Lira (TRY). One Lira is divided into one hundred kuruş.

The current exchange rates are:

1 USD = TRY 27

1 EUR = TRY 29

Please note that these rates can vary with time and with the agent exchanging currency. Please check [www.xe.com](http://www.xe.com) for the most up-to-date exchange rates.

Foreign currency can be changed at banks, foreign currency exchange bureau or at hotels. Banks in major centers are open from 09.00 to 17.00 Monday to Friday.

### ATMs

ATMs are available country-wide with 24-hour access.

### Credit cards

Major international cards are accepted.

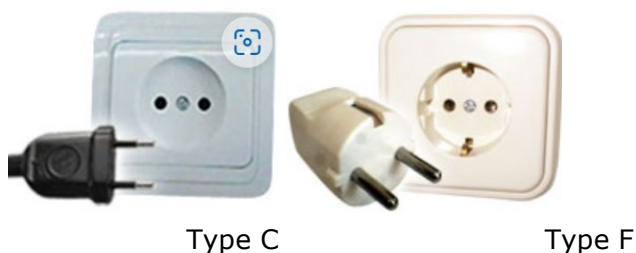
### Tipping

Tipping is appreciated; however, most hotels and restaurants do include a service charge.

## 8. ELECTRICITY

Power systems are 220 volts and 50 Hz.

Participants are advised to bring their own plug adapters to plug into power sockets. The type of plugs and sockets found in Türkiye are [type C](#) or [type F](#).



Type C

Type F

## 9. HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Participants are responsible for making their own hotel arrangements.

İstanbul offers a wide provision of accommodation, from international hotel chains to local hotels. You will have to make reservations and pay for the room directly with the hotel or via the official IPCC Organization Agency '[ipcchospitality@boogy.com.tr](mailto:ipcchospitality@boogy.com.tr)'. Prices include Bed + Breakfast, but exclude city taxes. Prices are subject to change.

The participants are responsible for any "no-show". Below, a list of some hotels near/around the meeting venue.

Hotel	Rates approx.as of (EUR)/night	Distance to the Venue
HILTON BOSPHORUS 5*	250 EUR	1 km
GRAND HYATT 5*	195 EUR	1 km
DİVAN HOTEL 5*	210 EUR	1 km
POINT TAKSIM 5*	165 EUR	2 km
TAKSİM SQUARE 4*	140 EUR	3 km
ELITE WORLD PRESTIGE 4*	165 EUR	2 km
TAXIM EXPRESS 4*	130 EUR	3 km
RIVA HOTEL TAXIM 4*	145 EUR	1 km
ADELMAR HOTEL 4*	80 EUR	5 km
TANGO HOTEL 3*	65 EUR	3 km

## 10. INTERNET SERVICES

Free Wi-Fi facility will be available at the venue and meeting rooms. You will be given details of the wireless network connection when you register on-site.

## 11. WORKING LANGUAGES

Türkçe is the official language.

During the session, simultaneous interpretation in the six UN official languages (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish) will be provided in the main conference room.

## 12. EMERGENCY NUMBERS

- Emergency 112