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Committee on Statistics

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Information for participants

I. General

1. The fourth session of the Committee on Statistics is scheduled to be held at the United Nations Conference Centre (UNCC), in Bangkok, from 25 to 27 March 2015.
2. The opening of the session will take place at 0900 hours on Wednesday, 25 March 2015, in Conference Room 3, UNCC. All subsequent meetings will be held from 0900 to 1200 hours and 1400 to 1700 hours.

II. Registration and identification badges

3. In order to enable more effective access control and to accelerate screening by security personnel, ESCAP has adopted the use of photo identification (ID) badges for meeting participants. Participants are therefore requested to register and obtain meeting badges with photo at the registration counter, located on the ground floor, UNCC, from 0815 to 0915 hours on the opening day of the event. Participants who are not able to register during the time indicated above are requested to do so upon their arrival at UNCC before going to the conference room. Only the names of duly registered participants will be included in the list of participants.
4. For identification and security reasons, all participants are requested to wear their meeting badges at all times during meetings, social functions and in the United Nations complex. The loss of a meeting badge should be communicated to the Conference Management Unit located on the ground floor of UNCC behind the registration counter, so that a new one could be issued immediately.

III. Visa requirements

A. Visa exemption for a maximum of 14, 30 or 90 days for holders of ordinary passports

5. According to the Immigration Bureau of Thailand, nationals of the following countries or areas holding ordinary passports may enter and stay in Thailand without a visa for a period not exceeding 14, 30 or 90 days, according to the list below:

Visa exemption for a maximum of 14 days

Cambodia

Visa exemption for a maximum of 30 days

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| 1. Australia | 26. Malaysia |
| 2. Austria | 27. Monaco |
| 3. Bahrain | 28. Mongolia |
| 4. Belgium | 29. Netherlands |
| 5. Brunei Darussalam | 30. New Zealand |
| 6. Canada | 31. Norway |
| 7. Czech Republic | 32. Oman |
| 8. Denmark | 33. Philippines |
| 9. Finland | 34. Poland |
| 10. France | 35. Portugal |
| 11. Germany | 36. Qatar |
| 12. Greece | 37. Russian Federation |
| 13. Hong Kong, China | 38. Singapore |
| 14. Hungary | 39. Slovakia |
| 15. Iceland | 40. Slovenia |
| 16. Indonesia | 41. South Africa |
| 17. Ireland | 42. Spain |
| 18. Israel | 43. Sweden |
| 19. Italy | 44. Switzerland |
| 20. Japan | 45. Turkey |
| 21. Kuwait | 46. United Arab Emirates |
| 22. Lao People's Democratic Republic | 47. United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland |
| 23. Liechtenstein | 48. United States of America |
| 24. Luxembourg | 49. Viet Nam |
| 25. Macao, China | |

Visa exemption for a maximum of 90 days

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| 1. Argentina | 4. Peru |
| 2. Brazil | 5. Republic of Korea |
| 3. Chile | |

B. Visa exemption for a maximum of 30 or 90 days for holders of diplomatic/official passports

6. Nationals of the following countries or areas holding a valid diplomatic or official passport may enter and stay in Thailand without a visa for a period of 30 or 90 days, according to the list below:

Visa exemption for a maximum of 30 days

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| 1. Cambodia | 6. Mexico |
| 2. China | 7. Mongolia |
| 3. Hong Kong, China | 8. Myanmar |
| 4. Lao People's Democratic Republic | 9. Oman |
| 5. Macao, China | 10. Viet Nam |

Visa exemption for a maximum of 90 days

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| 1. Argentina | 21. Malaysia |
| 2. Austria | 22. Mexico |
| 3. Belgium | 23. Nepal |
| 4. Bhutan | 24. Netherlands |
| 5. Brazil | 25. Panama |
| 6. Chile | 26. Peru |
| 7. Colombia | 27. Philippines |
| 8. Costa Rica | 28. Poland |
| 9. Croatia | 29. Republic of Korea |
| 10. Czech Republic | 30. Romania |
| 11. Estonia (diplomatic passport only) | 31. Russian Federation |
| 12. France (diplomatic passport only) | 32. Singapore |
| 13. Germany | 33. Slovakia |
| 14. Hungary | 34. South Africa |
| 15. India | 35. Spain (diplomatic passport only) |
| 16. Israel | 36. Switzerland |
| 17. Italy | 37. Tunisia |
| 18. Japan | 38. Turkey |
| 19. Liechtenstein | 39. Ukraine |
| 20. Luxembourg | 40. Uruguay |

C. Visa on arrival for a maximum stay of 15 days

7. Nationals of the following countries or areas holding a valid ordinary passport may apply for visa on arrival at Suvarnabhumi International Airport, for a period not exceeding 15 days, conditional on meeting the requirements mentioned below:

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| 1. Andorra | 15. Maldives |
| 2. Bhutan | 16. Malta |
| 3. Bulgaria | 17. Mauritius |
| 4. China | 18. Oman |
| 5. Cyprus | 19. Poland |
| 6. Czech Republic | 20. Romania |
| 7. Estonia | 21. Russian Federation |
| 8. Ethiopia | 22. San Marino |
| 9. Hungary | 23. Saudi Arabia |
| 10. India | 24. Slovakia |
| 11. Kazakhstan | 25. Slovenia |
| 12. Latvia | 26. Taiwan Province of China |
| 13. Liechtenstein | 27. Ukraine |
| 14. Lithuania | 28. Uzbekistan |

8. The requirements for a visa on arrival are as follows:

(a) The applicant must possess a passport valid for at least six months and must be in possession of a valid onward or return ticket with date of departure within 15 days of the date of entry;

(b) The applicant must fill out an application form, which is available at the Visa-on-Arrival counter at Suvarnabhumi International Airport or at Don Mueang International Airport, and supply one recent passport-sized photograph. A fee of 1,000 baht applies.

9. Participants from countries other than those listed above are requested to obtain an appropriate entry visa from the Thai diplomatic or consular mission at the point of origin or en route prior to entering Thailand.

10. United Nations staff members travelling on official business with a United Nations Laissez-Passer are REQUIRED to obtain an appropriate visa before travelling to Thailand. Furthermore, in line with security procedures for United Nations staff, travel notification through the Travel Request Information Process (TRIP) is required prior to any official travel to a non-phase area. Upon notification of travel on TRIP, United Nations staff members will automatically receive updated security advice for United Nations visitors to Thailand. Please log on to <https://dss.un.org> to apply for this travel notification. United Nations staff members are to complete the "BASIC SECURITY IN THE FIELD" training before travelling.

NOTE: The information provided above is accurate as of December 2013. All participants are advised to consult with the Royal Thai Embassy/Consulate in their respective countries or areas regarding the latest applicable immigration requirements prior to their departure for Thailand.

IV. Weather

11. The weather in Bangkok is usually warm and humid. The conference rooms where the meetings are to be held are air-conditioned, and the temperature is maintained in the range of 23-24 degrees Celsius (73-75 degrees Fahrenheit).

V. Health and vaccination

12. Upon arrival at the port of entry in Thailand, participants who have travelled from or through countries listed below that have been declared yellow fever infected areas must provide an International Health Certificate proving that they have received a yellow fever vaccination.

13. If nationals of the countries listed below 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.

14. The countries/areas listed below have been declared yellow fever infected areas:

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| 1. Angola | 24. Guyana |
| 2. Argentina | 25. Kenya |
| 3. Benin | 26. Liberia |
| 4. Bolivia (Plurinational State of) | 27. Mali |
| 5. Brazil | 28. Mauritania |
| 6. Burkina Faso | 29. Niger |
| 7. Burundi | 30. Nigeria |
| 8. Cameroon | 31. Panama |
| 9. Central African Republic | 32. Paraguay |
| 10. Chad | 33. Peru |
| 11. Colombia | 34. Rwanda |
| 12. Congo | 35. Sao Tome and Principe |
| 13. Côte d'Ivoire | 36. Senegal |
| 14. Democratic Republic of the Congo | 37. Sierra Leone |

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| 15. Ecuador | 38. Somalia |
| 16. Equatorial Guinea | 39. Sudan |
| 17. Ethiopia | 40. Suriname |
| 18. French Guiana | 41. Togo |
| 19. Gabon | 42. Trinidad and Tobago |
| 20. Gambia | 43. Uganda |
| 21. Ghana | 44. United Republic of Tanzania |
| 22. Guinea | 45. Venezuela (Bolivarian |
| 23. Guinea Bissau | Republic of) |

15. First-aid and emergency medical service is available at the Medical Centre, which is located on the ground floor of UNCC. The ESCAP Medical Officer and Nurse are available from 0730 to 1545 hours, with the exception of lunchtime from 1200 to 1245 hours. Appointments may be made by contacting relevant staff at extensions 1352 or 1761.

16. United Nations buildings are smoke-free areas. Smoking is permitted only in the designated areas outside the buildings.

VI. Foreign currency declaration

17. Any person who brings into or takes out of Thailand an aggregate amount of foreign currency exceeding US\$20,000 or its equivalent must declare such foreign currency to a customs official. Failure to do so or making any false declaration to a customs official is a criminal offence.

18. Currency exchange facilities are available at hotels and at other locations throughout Bangkok. Such services are also available at the Siam Commercial Bank, United Nations Branch, which is located on the first floor of the Service Building (telephone extension 2168). The Bank is open from 0830 to 1530 hours, with no lunch break, from Monday to Friday.

VII. Airline reservations

19. Many international airlines operate regular services to and from Bangkok. Participants are advised to secure their return bookings prior to their departure for Bangkok. If this is not possible, they should make firm return bookings immediately upon arrival in Bangkok. Travel services are available through the American Express Travel office, located on the 1st floor of the Service Building, adjacent to the Siam Commercial Bank.

VIII. Hotel accommodation

20. The following hotels, located relatively close to UNCC, have been designated as recommended hotels for which the room rates indicated below are inclusive of service charge and value added tax.

Name and address	Driving distance to UNCC (min.)	Room type	Daily room rates (baht)	
			Single	Double
Shangri-La Hotel ***** 89 Soi Wat Suan Plu, New Road Bangkok Tel: (662) 236-7777 Fax: (662) 236-8579 E-mail: thiptera.tanthasri@shangri-la.com Website: www.shangri-la.com <i>Contact person:</i> Ms. Thiptera Tanthasri	30-40	Deluxe room	3 800 ^{a/c}	4 300 ^{a/c}
The Sukosol ***** 477 Si Ayuthaya Road, Phayathai Bangkok Tel: (662) 247-0123 Fax: (662) 247-0165 E-mail: ratchanikrit@sukosolhotels.com Website: www.sukosolhotels.com <i>Contact person:</i> Ms. Ratchaneekrit Khankath	15-25	Deluxe	2 700 ^{a/c}	2 900 ^{a/c}
Amari Watergate Hotel & Spa ***** 847 Petchaburi Road Bangkok Tel: (662) 653-9000 Fax: (662) 653-9045 E-mail: kanokwan.t@amari.com Website: www.amari.com/watergate <i>Contact person:</i> Ms. Kanokwan Tangkiattrakul	20-30	Deluxe	2 900 ^{a/b/c}	3 100 ^{a/b/c}
Pullman Bangkok King Power ***** 8/2 Rangnam Road, Kweag Thanon-Phayathai, Rachathewi Bangkok Tel: (662) 680-9999 ext. 2529 Fax: (662) 680-9998 E-mail: sales@pullmanbangkokkingpower.com Website: www.pullmanbangkokkingpower.com <i>Contact person:</i> Ms. Orawan Sermchaisrikul	20-25	Superior Deluxe Executive Executive suite	2 996 ^{a/c} 3 317 ^{a/c} 3 959 ^{a/c} 5,029 ^{a/c}	3 210 ^{a/c} 3 531 ^{a/c} 4 173 ^{a/c} 5,243 ^{a/c}

Name and address	Driving distance to UNCC (min.)	Room type	Daily room rates (baht)	
			Single	Double
Four Seasons Hotel ***** 155 Rajadamri Road Bangkok Tel: (662) 126-8866 Fax: (662) 253-9195 E-mail: suparat.lertbusayanukul@fourseasons.com Website: www.fourseasons.com <i>Contact person:</i> Ms. Suparat Lertbusayanukul	30	Deluxe	3,900 ^{a/c}	4,600 ^{a/c}
Crowne Plaza Bangkok Lumpini Park Hotel***** 952 Rama 4 Road Bangkok Tel: (662) 632-9000 Fax: (662) 632-9001 E-mail: chalita.chokvanit@ihg.com Website: www.crowneplaza.com <i>Contact person:</i> Ms. Chalita Chokvanit	30	Superior	3,700 ^{a/c}	3,700 ^{a/c}
Novotel Bangkok on Siam Hotel **** 392/44 Siam Square Soi 6 Rama 1 Road Pathumwan Bangkok Tel: (662) 209-8888 Fax: (662) 255-1824 E-mail: h1031-sl1@accor.com Website: www.novotel.com <i>Contact person:</i> Ms. Jarunun Sripromma	30	Standard Superior Executive premier floor	2,700 ^{a/c} 3,000 ^{a/c} 3,700 ^{a/c}	2,700 ^{a/c} 3,000 ^{a/c} 3,700 ^{a/c}
Royal Princess Larn Luang Hotel **** 269 Larn Luang Road Bangkok Tel: (662) 281-3088 Fax: (662) 280-1314 E-mail: benjarat@royalprincesslarnluang.com Website: www.royalprincesslarnluang.com <i>Contact person:</i> Ms. Benjarat Rusakul	5-10	Superior Deluxe Suite 1 bedroom	2,600 ^{a/b/c} 3,200 ^{a/b/c} 8,000 ^{a/b/c}	2,800 ^{a/b/c} 3,400 ^{a/b/c} 8,000 ^{a/b/c}

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			Single	Double
Grand China Hotel **** 215 Yaowarat Road Bangkok Tel: (662) 224-9977, (662) 224-7997 Fax: (662) 224-7999 E-mail: sale@grandchina.com Website: www.grandchina.com <i>Contact person:</i> Ms. Phet-Anong Naksuthi	15-20	Deluxe	2 500 ^{a/b/c}	2 700 ^{a/b/c}
Prince Palace Hotel **** 488/800 Bo Bae Tower Damrongrak Road, Klong Mahanak Bangkok Tel: (662) 628-1111 Fax: (662) 628-1000 E-mail: wannajit@princepalace.co.th Website: http://www.princepalace.co.th <i>Contact person:</i> Ms. Wannajit Chulamakorn	10-15	Superior	1 700 ^{a/b}	1 900 ^{a/b}
Siam @ Siam Design Hotel & Spa **** 865 Rama 1 Road, Wangmai, Patumwan Bangkok Tel: (662) 217-3000 Fax: (662) 217-3030 E-mail: dos@siamatsiam.com Website:www.siamatsiam.com <i>Contact person:</i> Ms. Prapaphan Chanapokakul	15-20	Superior	3 200 ^{a/c}	3 500 ^{a/c}
Nouvo City Hotel **** 2 Samsen 2, Samsen Road, Banglumphu, Pranakorn Bangkok Tel: (662) 282-7500 ext. 0110 Fax: (662) 282-1243 E-mail: adam@nouvocityhotel.com Website: www.nouvocityhotel.com <i>Contact person:</i> Mr. Adam Phadungsilp	5-10	Grand deluxe	2 200 ^{a/b/c}	2 400 ^{a/b/c}

Name and address	Driving distance to UNCC (min.)	Room type	Daily room rates (baht)	
			Single	Double
Trang Hotel *** 99/1 Wisutkasat Road Bangkok Tel: (662) 282-2141-4 Fax: (662) 280-3610 E-mail: reservations@tranghotelbangkok.com Website: www.tranghotelbangkok.com <i>Contact person:</i> Ms. Thongtem Lerknawapairoj	5-10	Superior	1 400 ^{a/b}	1 400 ^{a/b}
		Superior premium	1 600 ^{a/b}	1 600 ^{a/b}
		Deluxe	1 800 ^{a/b}	1 800 ^{a/b}
Hotel Dé Moc (former Thai Hotel) *** 78 Prajatipatai Road Bangkok Tel: (662) 282-2833 Fax: (662) 280-1299 E-mail: sales@buddygroupthailand.com Website: www.hoteldemoc.com <i>Contact person:</i> Ms. Chalita Sombutboon	5-10	Standard	1 300 ^{a/b}	1 500 ^{a/b}
		Superior	1 500 ^{a/b}	1 700 ^{a/b}
Riva Surya – Bangkok **** 23 Phra Arthit Road Bangkok Tel: (662) 633-5000 Fax: (662) 633-5050 E-mail: info@rivasuryabangkok.com Website: www.rivasuryabangkok.com <i>Contact person:</i> Ms. Thannaree Ketkaew	10-15	Urban	3 060 ^{a/c}	3 360 ^{a/c}
		Riva	3 580 ^{a/c}	3 880 ^{a/c}
		Deluxe	3 810 ^{a/c}	4 110 ^{a/c}
		Premium	4 250 ^{a/c}	4 550 ^{a/c}

^a Inclusive of daily American breakfast.

^b Complimentary transport services provided according to fixed schedules, from the hotel to UNCC in the morning and back to the hotel in the evening. Hotel Dé Moc offers one-way transfer from hotel to UNCC.

^c Free Internet access.

21. Participants are requested to contact the hotel directly at least 10 working days in advance and provide their full name, date and time of check-in and check-out, flight numbers and contact details.

22. All rooms block-booked will be available to participants on a first-come, first-served basis and in accordance with the information provided in the online attendance-hotel reservation form. Any cancellations, postponements or other changes should be notified at least 48 hours in advance. Rooms not occupied in accordance with the latest advice will be held for 24 hours at the participant's expense and then released.

23. The rates provided in the table are as of 1 January 2014 and subject to change without notice. Please confirm the room rates with the hotel directly.

IX. Payment of hotel accounts

24. Before departure from Bangkok, participants should settle directly with the respective hotels all accounts, including room charges and other expenses, such as for local and long-distance telephone calls, Internet use, business centre use, laundry, room and hotel transportation services, mini-bar items, as well as restaurant and bar services. Participants are also responsible for any charges incurred with respect to rooms remaining vacant owing to late arrival or rescheduled departure for which inadequate prior notice is given.

X. Transport from and to airport

25. Participants should make their own transportation arrangements from Suvarnabhumi Airport to their respective hotels. Limousine, metered-taxi and bus services are readily available at the airport. Detailed information about Suvarnabhumi Airport can be found at www.airportsuvarnabhumi.com.

26. To avail themselves of the limousines and public metered-taxis services as indicated above, **it is strongly recommended that participants contact only authorized officials at the counters located in the airport arrival zone.** The officials, upon contact, will issue a ticket for the assignment of either a limousine or a public metered-taxi for transporting passengers to the desired destination. Participants may access public taxi counters by exiting gates 3 or 9 of the arrival zone in Suvarnabhumi Airport. In addition to toll fees, a 50-baht surcharge is added to the meter charge from airport to the city.

XI. Transport to attend meetings

27. Most hotels indicated in paragraph 20 provide complimentary transport, according to fixed schedules, to and from UNCC. Otherwise, participants must make their own transport arrangements in order to attend meetings.

XII. Internet services

28. Eight personal computers (PCs) with a high-speed Internet connection are available in the Internet Café on level 1 of UNCC for the use of participants free of charge. In addition, free wireless Internet access is available in all conference and meeting rooms and in the public areas of UNCC.

XIII. Catering services

29. Catering services are available at the cafeteria, which is located on level 1 of UNCC, from 1100 to 1400 hours for lunch. Rajapruek Lounge, on the ground floor of UNCC, is open from 0700 to 1700 hours on Monday through Thursday, and from 0700 to 1900 hours on Friday. The canteen, on the ground floor of the Service Building, is open from 0700 to 1300 hours. In addition, the Coffee Corner, which serves sandwiches, pastries, coffee, tea and soft drinks, is located on level 1, UNCC, and is open from 0700 to 1700 hours.

XIV. Communications

30. Mail intended for participants during the session should be addressed as follows:

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XV. Meeting documents

31. Participants are requested to bring with them copies of the meeting documents distributed by the ESCAP secretariat to their Governments/agencies/organizations prior to the session. Only a limited number of copies of such documents will be available during the session.

32. Documents for circulation or distribution at the session should be handed to ESCAP secretariat staff. In accordance with the United Nations regulations for the control and limitation of documentation, the secretariat cannot undertake to process or reproduce documents or statements submitted by individual delegations unless the Commission specifically takes a decision to that effect and accepts the financial implications thereof.

XVI. Accessibility support for persons with disabilities

33. In order to enhance accessibility to UNCC for persons with diverse disabilities, whether visual, physical, brain lesions, hearing or speech impairments, a set of assistive devices will be available upon request in a designated area at the registration counter, ground floor, UNCC.

XVII. Library facilities

34. ESCAP Library facilities are available on the first floor, Service Building, from 0730 to 1600 hours, Monday through Friday. For details on the use of the ESCAP Library facilities, please consult the staff on duty at the Library or call extensions 1329 or 1360. Further information about the ESCAP Library can be found at www.unescap.org/unis/library.

XVIII. Postal services

35. Postal services are available at the Post Office, United Nations Branch, located on the ground floor of UNCC. The Post Office, which is open from 0800 to 1600 hours, Monday through Friday, can be contacted at extensions 1260 and 2911.

XIX. Souvenir shop

36. The souvenir shop is located on the first floor of UNCC.

XX. Travel agent

37. American Express Travel (AMEX) office is located on the first floor, Service Building, next to the Siam Commercial Bank; it is open from 0800 to 1700 hours weekdays, and can be contacted at extensions 2820-23.

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