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ARTNeT Capacity Building Workshop on the Use of Gravity Modelling

19-22 March 2013
Bangkok, Thailand

INFORMATION NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS

GENERAL

1. ARTNeT Capacity Building Workshop on the Use of Gravity Modelling is scheduled to be held at the Computer Lab, Learning Centre, United Nations Conference Centre, Bangkok, Thailand, from 19 to 22 March 2013.
2. The opening of the session will take place at 09.00 hours on 19 March 2013 by ARTNeT Secretariat, in Learning Lab, ESCAP Learning Centre, UNCC. All subsequent sessions will also be held from 09.15 hours to 12.00 hours and 13.00 hours to 16.00 hours.

REGISTRATION AND IDENTIFICATION BADGES

3. Participants are requested to register and obtain meeting badges at the registration counter, located on the ground floor, UNCC, from 08.45 hours to 09.00 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 Computer Lab. 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 name badges at all times during meetings, social functions and in the United Nations complex. The loss of a name badge should be contacted at the Conference Management Unit located on the ground floor of UNCC behind the registration counter, so that a new one can be issued immediately.

IMMIGRATION REQUIREMENTS

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

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

- **Visa exemption for a maximum of 14 days**

1. Cambodia

- **Visa exemption for maximum 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. Slovak Republic |
| 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 days or 90 days for diplomatic/ official passport holders

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

- **Visa exemption for a maximum of 30 days**

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| 1. Cambodia | 7. Mexico |
| 2. China | 8. Mongolia |
| 3. Hong Kong, China | 9. Myanmar |
| 4. Indonesia | 10. Oman |
| 5. Lao People's Democratic Republic | 11. Viet Nam |
| 6. Macao, China | |

- **Visa exemption for a maximum of 90 days**

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

C. Visa on arrival for a maximum of 15-day stay

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

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| 1. Andorra | 11. Lithuania |
| 2. Bulgaria | 12. Maldives |
| 3. Bhutan | 13. Malta |
| 4. China | 14. Mauritius |
| 5. Cyprus | 15. Romania |
| 6. Estonia | 16. San Marino |
| 7. Ethiopia | 17. Saudi Arabia |
| 8. India | 18. Ukraine |
| 9. Kazakhstan | 19. Uzbekistan |
| 10. Latvia | |

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

- (a) The applicant must possess a passport of at least six-month validity and must be in possession of a valid 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, and supply one recent passport-sized photograph. The application fee of Baht 1,000 applies.

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

10. Furthermore, in line with security procedure for United Nations staff, travel notification through the Travel Request Information Process (TRIP) (replacing the Integrated Security Emergency Tracking System (ISECT) as of 1 January 2011) 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 an 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 and those receiving a daily subsistence allowance (DSA) from the United Nations are to complete the “BASIC SECURITY IN THE FIELD” training before travelling.

The information provided above is accurate as at 26 December 2012. All participants are advised to consult with the Royal Thai Embassy/Consulate in their respective countries regarding the latest applicable immigration requirements prior to their departure to Thailand.

WEATHER

11. The weather in Bangkok is usually warm and humid. Light tropical clothing would be appropriate. 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).

HEALTH AND VACCINATION

12. Upon arrival at the port of entry in the Kingdom of Thailand, the participants who have traveled 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.

As for those nationals of the countries listed below who have not traveled 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.

Following are the countries which are declared Yellow Fever infected areas:

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| 1. Angola | 24. Guyana |
| 2. Argentina | 25. Kenya |
| 3. Bolivia | 26. Liberia |
| 4. Brazil | 27. Mali |
| 5. Benin | 28. Mauritania |
| 6. Burundi | 29. Niger |
| 7. Burkina Faso | 30. Nigeria |
| 8. Cameroon | 31. Panama |
| 9. Central Africa | 32. Paraguay |
| 10. Chad | 33. Peru |
| 11. Columbia | 34. Rwanda |
| 12. Congo Republic | 35. Sao Tome & Principe |
| 13. Cote d'Ivoire | 36. Senegal |
| 14. Democratic Republic of Congo | 37. Sierra Leone |
| 15. Ecuador | 38. Somalia |
| 16. Ethiopia | 39. Sudan |
| 17. Equatorial Guinea | 40. Suriname |
| 18. French Guiana | 41. Tanzania |
| 19. Gabon | 42. Togo |
| 20. Gambia | 43. Trinidad & Tobago |
| 21. Ghana | 44. Uganda |
| 22. Guinea | 45. Venezuela |
| 23. Guinea Bissau | |

First-aid and emergency medical service is available at the Medical Centre, fourth floor, Service Building, during weekdays. The ESCAP Medical Officer and Nurse are available from 0730 to 1545 hours, with the exception of lunch hour from 1200 to 1245 hours. Appointments may be made through extensions 1352 or 1353.

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

FOREIGN CURRENCY DECLARATION

13. Any person who brings or takes an aggregate amount of foreign currency exceeding US\$ 20,000 or its equivalent into or out of the Kingdom of Thailand shall declare such amount of foreign currency to a Customs Official. Failure to declare upon bringing foreign currency that exceeds the amount restricted by law or its equivalent into or out of the Kingdom of Thailand or making any false declaration to a Customs Officer is a criminal offence.

14. Currency exchange facilities are available at hotels and at the Siam Commercial Bank, United Nations Branch, located on the first floor of the Service Building (telephone extensions 2159 and 2160). It is open from 08:30 to 15:30 hours, with no lunch break, from Monday to Friday.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

15. ESCAP-financed participants

15.1 The superior single room with breakfast at the Royal Princess Larn Luang Hotel (<http://www.royalprincesslarnluang.com/index.html>) has been booked for your stay in Bangkok (check-in 18 March and out 23 March) to participate in the workshop

15.2 Please note that ESCAP will not be responsible for the following expenses, if incurred by the participants, and that participants are expected to settle their bills directly with the hotel at the time of check-out.

15.2.1. Additional expenses of upgrading room type other than the superior single room as specified above.

15.2.2. Other expenses, such as for local and long-distance telephone calls, business center use, laundry, hotel transportation services other than pre-arranged by us, mini-bar items, as well as restaurant and bar services.

15.2.3. Hotel expenses related to participants' stay longer than 5 nights and not within check-in and check-out date as specified above.

Self-financed participants

15.3 Self-financed participants are requested to submit the hotel booking form on page 8 of this note to the Royal Princess Larn Luang Hotel.

15.4. Before departure from Bangkok, self-financed participants are expected to 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 center 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.

PAYMENT OF HOTEL ACCOUNTS

16. For sponsored participants, rooms are reserved and paid for by the ESCAP. But participants are 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.

TRANSPORT FROM AND TO AIRPORT

17. 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 <http://www.airportsuvarnabhumi.com>. Please note that the Don Muang Airport, the former Bangkok International Airport, currently handles domestic flights only.

18. To avail themselves of the limousines and public metered-taxis services as indicated above, it is strongly recommended that participants contact only the 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 Survarnabhumi Airport. In addition to toll fees, there is a 50 Baht surcharge to be added to the meter charge from airport to the city.

TRANSPORT TO ATTEND SESSIONS

19. The hotel in paragraph 15 provides complimentary shuttle the hotel/UNCC/the hotel. Please contact the hotel reception for the shuttle schedule.

INTERNET SERVICES

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

COMMUNICATIONS

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

Ms. Witada Anukoonwattaka
Economic Affairs Officer

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