





# Global South-South Development Expo 2022 12 to 14 September 2022 Bangkok, Thailand



Logistics Note for Participants

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### \* Background \*

The Global South-South Development Expo (GSSD Expo) is an annual global event organized by the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation (UNOSSC) in its capacity as the General Assembly-mandated global and United Nations system-wide coordinator and facilitator for South-South cooperation, with full UN system-wide support and participation of all UN specialized agencies and programmes as well as strong support and partnership of other intergovernmental organizations and entities of the South.

It is designed to showcase evidence-based successful development solutions and initiatives. It provides a powerful platform for development actors from various backgrounds to showcase their development solutions, celebrate successes, disseminate information, share knowledge and lessons learned, explore new avenues for collaboration and initiate new partnership efforts.

The GSSD Expo 2022 is co-hosted by the Government of Thailand and the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), and is scheduled to take place from 12 to 14 September 2022 in Bangkok, Thailand, under the theme "Advancing South-South and Triangular Cooperation for Sustainable COVID19 Recovery: Towards a smart and resilient future". This will be the 11th GSSD Expo.

### \* Date and Venue \*

The GSSD Expo 2022 will be held from 12-14 September 2022, in Bangkok, Thailand. The Expo will take place at the United Nations Conference Centre (UNCC), Bangkok.

The Expo will be held in a hybrid format with the option of in-person as well as virtual participation. Virtual participation will be offered through: (1) Zoom and (2) YouTube live.

### **\*** Tentative Programme **\***

#### \* 12 September 2022

- Opening Ceremony
- Leadership Roundtable 1: Sufficiency Economy Philosophy (SEP) for SDGs (THAILAND)
- Leadership Roundtable 2: A Ministerial Dialogue (UNOSSC)
- Leadership Roundtable 3: Strengthening multi-hazard early warning for disaster and health resilience in ASEAN (ESCAP)
   Thematic Solution Forums & Side events
- UN Day for South-South Cooperation Commemoration

#### **\*** 13 September 2022

- Asia-Pacific Directors-General Forum
- Thematic Solution Forums & Side events

#### **\*** 14 September 2022

- Global Directors-General Forum
- Youth4South Entrepreneurship Competition,
  - COVID-19 Innovation Challenge and Side events
- GSSD Expo 2022 Networking Night

\*Detailed Programme Agenda can be found on the Expo website at <u>https://virtual-expo.southsouth-galaxy.org/</u>

# \* Type of Sessions \*

Session	Description	Organizer
<b>Opening</b> <b>Ceremony</b>	To take place on the morning of the first day (12 September 2022). The Ceremony will feature a very limited number of distinguished and powerful champions of South- South and triangular cooperation. Dignitaries and senior officials from Co-hosts and UN System will deliver keynote statements to launch the Expo, set its tone and agenda, and share their ongoing commitment to innovative and inclusive South- South and triangular partnerships.	GSSD Expo Secretariat with co-hosts
Leadership Round Table (LRT)	Three leadership Roundtables (LRTs) will take place on the first day (12 September 2022). These will be interactive dialogues held in the main conference hall, intended to be held in a panel discussion or similar format. An experienced moderator will facilitate dialogue with a short time available for questions from the audience. LRTs will be approximately 1 hour.	Expo co-hosts are leading the organization of the 3 LRTs
Thematic Solution Forums (TSF)	<ul> <li>Thematic Solutions Forums (TSF) will take place on 12-13 September 2022, TSFs may take place in parallel at different conference rooms.</li> <li>Each Thematic Solutions Forum will showcase South-South and triangular cooperation (SS&amp; TrC) solutions and initiatives focusing on one of the subthemes. Thematic sessions will last 1 hour 15 min (75 min).</li> </ul>	Expo TSF lead partners.
Side Events	The Side Events can take place in virtual, face to face, or hybrid formats during the 3 days of the event. The Side Events offer Member States, UN entities, and other interested stakeholders an opportunity to host smaller, more informal, and more technical sessions. They are intended to complement the substance and outcomes of the other sessions, and to focus on in-depth exchanges between solution providers and potential interested partners.	Expo side event lead partners.
Asia-Pacific DG Forum	The Asia-Pacific Directors-General Forum on South-South and Triangular Cooperation (Regional DG Forum) will take place on 13	ESCAP

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	September 2022, with a focus on discussing the role of South-South cooperation for getting back on track to realize the 2030 Agenda and to discuss modalities to support South-South cooperation in Asia and the Pacific. We anticipate government representatives from Asia-Pacific countries and institutions will join this year. This is a closed meeting for Regional DG participants only.	
Global DG Forum	<u>"South-South Cooperation Directors-General</u> <u>Forum for Sustainable Development" (Global DG</u> <u>Forum)</u> will take place on 14 September, with a redesigned focus on identifying and matchmaking national and institutional South-South and triangular cooperation capacity development needs, priorities, expertise and available resources among countries and UN agencies. We anticipate government representatives from 100+ countries and institutions will join this year.	Expo Secretariat DG forum
Commemora tion of the UN Day for South-South Cooperation	The commemoration of the UN Day for South- South Cooperation, September 12 is also the anniversary of the the adoption of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries. This year the observance of the day will be part of the Global South-South Development Expo.	
Exhibition Space	The Exhibition part of the Expo will be run through the three days of the Expo. Exhibition space will allow stakeholders to showcase their innovative and successful development solutions. Developing countries will have the priority for exhibition space allocation	Expo secretariat and co-hosts
Closing Ceremony	To take place in the afternoon of the final day. The Closing Ceremony will be a conclusion and summary of the Expo's Outcomes as well as expressions of thanks to the hosts and other contributors to the success of the Expo.	GSSD Expo Secretariat
GSSD Expo 2022 Networking Night	The Host Government will organize a networking event in the evening of 14 September 2022 after the Expo Closing Ceremony. The Networking event will feature Thai cultural performance entertainment. We strongly encourage you to stay and attend.	Host Government: Thailand

### \* Interpretation \*

The Expo plenary sessions will have interpretation in the six official UN languages (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish) and Thai language onsite interpretation.

The plenary sessions are: The Opening Ceremony, The Leadership Roundtables, Global Directors-General Forum, and the Closing Session.

Interpretation will not be provided for Thematic Solutions Forums and Side Events, which will all be conducted in English.

### **\* Documentation \***

Summaries of proceedings will be prepared and posted on the GSSD Expo website in English. An official GSSD Expo 2022 report will be prepared and finalised by December 1, 2022 it will be uploaded on the GSSD Expo website. Session and events organizers and their rapporteurs are kindly requested to prepare a session summary and submit this to the secretariat via email <u>Gssdexpo.secretariat@unossc.org</u> within one week of completion of the session. An overall Expo Rapporteur will pull the individual reports into the main report.

### \* Access and Registration of Delegates \*

<u>ALL</u> delegates and participants who will attend the GSSD Expo in-person at UNCC are required to pre-register for on-site participation, through <u>https://indico.un.org/e/GSSD\_EXPO</u>

For security reasons, participants who have not previously registered through the above link will NOT be permitted entry to UN premises.

In order to facilitate the registration process, participants are **REQUIRED** to register online at [ https://indico.un.org/event/1000958/overview ] well in advance, but **no later than 9 September 2022**, to facilitate smooth coordination of the issuance of photo badges as well as the compilation of the list of participants.

Please note that prior online registration is mandatory for all participants, in line with standard security procedures to facilitate security clearance and entrance to the UNCC.

#### Participants joining in person

Participants who have registered online can obtain photo badges at the registration counter, located on the Ground Level, UNCC, from 08:00 - 16:00 hrs on Friday, 9 September 2022, and on Monday, 12 to Wednesday, 14 September 2022. A valid government-issued ID is required to pick up the badges.

For identification and security reasons, all participants are **REQUIRED** to wear their meeting badges at all times while they are in the UNCC. This includes meetings and social functions. The loss of a meeting badge should be immediately communicated to the registration counter or the UN security, so that the incident can be recorded, and a new badge can be issued.

### **COVID-19 Protocol at the UN Conference Centre, Bangkok**

#### SPECIFIC MEASURES BEFORE & DURING THE MEETING

#### BEFORE THE MEETING

Be aware of the signs and symptoms of respiratory illness and how to manage it.

Complete the <u>online self-declaration form</u> prior to entering the UNCC, sharing emergency contact details and certifying that:

- o you have not tested COVID-19 symptoms in the last 7 days
- o you have not had symptoms consistent with COVID -19 in the last 7 days
- o you accept to comply with the COVID-19 infection prevention measures in place

Upon submission of the above-mentioned online self-declaration form, you will receive a clearance email from the ESCAP team. You will be asked to show this email when picking up your meeting badge at the (UNCC) Registration Desk.

Ensure that you have your health insurance card or information with you at all times.

Stay at home or in your accommodation if you or your household feels unwell, develop a fever and/or respiratory symptoms.

All personnel entering the UNCC, whether on foot or using their own transport, are subject to thermal screening at all entrances. This is done through self-screening using stationary thermal scanners situated in various access points. If a person has a temperature of >37.3 degrees Celsius, s/he should not enter the UNCC.

#### DURING THE MEETING

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- Follow instructions as provided by the organisers and the support staff on the ground, especially through the video on COVID-19, for meeting participants at UNCC and signages.
- Wear face masks all the time except when taking the floor to speak in the respective conference/meeting rooms, sit in designated areas and keep physical distancing.
- Wash or sanitize your hands frequently after coughing, before preparing food or eating, after toilet use, after contact with ill persons, and during exposure to high traffic public areas.
- Avoid sharing personal items.
- If you feel unwell while in the meeting, do not ignore report immediately to the meeting organiser.

#### HEALTH CARE IF YOU ARE UNWELL

When feeling unwell while in the UNCC: Anyone who develops a fever and/or respiratory symptoms while already within the UNCC is advised to call any medical service staff at +66 2288 1352/1353/1761 during business hours, for further guidance. After business hours, they are advised to call the UN Medical Officer at +66 2288 1353 for further guidance. In case of a medical emergency within the UNCC, they are advised to call UN Security at +66 2288 1102/1120 for assistance in calling an ambulance.

#### **Floor plans**

The UNCC floor plans are available at https://www.unescap.org/uncc/our-rooms

### \* Visa Requirements \*

All GSSD Expo 2022 participants, including invited speakers, are required to obtain an appropriate entry visa from the nearest Royal Thai Embassy or the Royal Thai Consulate-General before entering Thailand, except for those nationals entitled for visa exemption and visa on arrival. Please check with the Royal Thai Embassy or Consulate-General for updated information.

Participants holding UN Laissez-Passer (UNLP) travelling on official business to Thailand are required to obtain an appropriate visa before entering. The validity period of the passports or travel documents of foreigners wishing to enter Thailand must be at least six (6) months.

<u>A copy of an invitation letter</u> from co-hosts [UNOSSC, ESCAP, or the Government of Thailand through Thailand International Cooperation Agency (TICA)] and/or other UN agencies, and a proof of on-site registration approval

[*through* <u>https://indico.un.org/e/GSSD\_EXPO</u>] must be submitted along with the visa application.

For more information on the situation, measures and requirements related to COVID-19 in Thailand, please visit the Thai Department of Disease Control's website at <u>https://ddc.moph.go.th/viralpneumonia/eng/index.php</u>

To apply for an appropriate entry visa to Thailand, participants are required to contact their nearest Royal Thai Embassy or Consulate-General for the most updated information regarding visa application procedures and required documents. The list of Royal Thai Embassy/Consulate-General can be found at <a href="https://www.thaiembassy.org">https://www.thaiembassy.org</a>.

Participants who wish to apply for a visa outside their country of residence or reside in a country where there is no Royal Thai Embassy or Consulate, should check with the meeting organizer for the location where it is possible for them to apply for a Thai visa. Please note that certain nationalities, for security reasons, are not allowed to apply for a visa except at the Royal Thai Embassy or Consulate-General which has jurisdiction over the concerned territory.

# **\* Hotel Reservation \***

After registration approval, participants will be responsible for making their own air ticket reservations and hotel reservations.

For security and convenience reasons, it is strongly recommended to make hotel reservations at the designated hotels for GSSD Expo 2022:

1) <u>The Sukosol Hotel, Bangkok</u>, (Si Ayuthaya Road, Thanon Phaya Thai, Bangkok) *(first designated hotel)* 

2) <u>**Pullman Hotel</u>** (Rang Nam Alley, Thanon Phaya Thai, Bangkok) *(second designated hotel)*</u>

Preferential room rates have been negotiated for Expo participants for the period of the Expo from 11-14 September 2022. Early reservations, by 22 August 2022, are highly recommended as hotel occupancy is high and rooms can be filled quickly on a first-come, first-served basis.

Shuttle transfers from and to the airport and UNCC will be made available for participants staying at the designated hotels. Participants staying at other hotels will NOT be provided the free shuttle transfer services.

Delegates should settle their room payments with the hotels directly and also cover any extra expenses incurred during their stay, such as mini-bar, alcohol, telephone calls, laundry, business centre, spa, etc.

\*To make room reservations, please follow the step(s) below.

(1) Host Country Secretariat (Thailand) will contact the following sponsored participants:

-UNOSSC GSSD Expo Secretariat Delegates
-Entrepreneurship Competition Contestants (Finalists)
-COVID-19 Challenge Contestants/Participants (Finalists)
-Sponsored LDC Delegates.

For more details, please contact: ticagssdexpo2022@mfa.go.th

(2) For other participants not listed above, please make room reservations directly at the link below as we also need to collect flights and other necessary information to facilitate transfer services upon arrival and departure.

### (2.1) The Sukosol Hotel, Bangkok (First Designated Hotel)

#### https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSewJ2dExxTd3JNJheK M2nYZzsRp5vn84jGpDHS5TkkvpiMuow/viewform

### (2.2) <u>Pullman Hotel</u> (Second Designated Hotel)

https://www.idem.events/r/delegateshotelgssdexpo2022

For more information on hotel reservations, or to provide your flight details, please contact: <u>ticagssdexpo2022@mfa.go.th</u>

### **Accommodation at Other Hotels**

Special rates have not been negotiated with other hotels. Free shuttle transfers will NOT be provided from other hotels to the Expo venue and to the airport upon departure.

<u>Hotels</u>, located relatively close to ESCAP or by mass-transit routes, may be used by participants, should they choose to. The selection of hotels at a walking distance from the UNCC is encouraged to reduce participants' local travel emissions and their exposure to traffic. <u>Click here for a list of hotels</u>, with <u>indicative prices</u>.

Please note that, you may have to refer to the current entry requirement to Thailand as the accommodation may require to be Sha Extra Plus (Sha++) or Alternative Quarantine (AQ). Please see the list at <u>Sha++ accommodation</u>.

NOTE: ESCAP cannot vouch for accuracy of the information or rates contained in the document. The list is meant purely for reference and for ease of participants. The special discount rates provided are effective until end of August 2022 and subject to change without notice. Please confirm the room rates with the hotel directly.

Participants are responsible for booking their own rooms and are requested to contact the hotel well in advance. Any cancellations, postponements or other changes should be reported to the hotel. Rooms not occupied may be charged to the participants as per the hotel's policies.

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 usage, business centre usage, 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.

### \* Meals \*

Breakfasts are included in the negotiated package for Expo at the designated hotel.

Coffee breaks, and lunches during the GSSD Expo conference/events will be provided on-site at UNCC for all delegates.

Dinner will be arranged for all delegates

- 12 September 2022 on-site at UNCC
- 13 September 2022 at the Sukosol Hotel, Bangkok
- 14 September 2022 at MFA for the Networking Night

### Catering services at UNCC

Catering services are available at the following locations:

- International Cafeteria (Level 1, UNCC), which serves breakfast from 7.30 to 10.00 hours, and Thai, Halal and International menus for lunch from 11:00 to 14:00 hours on Monday through Friday.
- Coffee Corner (Level 1, UNCC), which serves an assortment of bakery pastries and beverages, is open from 07:00 to 17:00 hours on Monday through Friday.
- Rajapruek Lounge (Ground Level, UNCC), which serves light meals and beverages, is open from 07:00 to 17:00 hours on Monday through Friday.

In line with the Sustainable United Nations (SUN) and Environmental Management System (EMS) principles, no single-use plastic is available in the UNCC. Single-use food and drink containers have been banned within the UN compound in Bangkok. When purchasing coffee/tea at the Coffee Corner, meeting participants will be asked to pay a deposit of THB 100 for a cup, which will be returned upon return of the cup.

All dining venues at the UNCC do not provide single-use food storage boxes for take-away orders and no plastic cutlery or straw is available for usage. Diners wishing to take food away may bring their own reusable food containers.

# \* Arrival at Bangkok Suvarnabhumi Airport and Transfer Services\*

To facilitate the reception of participants on arrival and departure, an information desk with GSSD Expo signage will be set up at Suvarnabhumi Airport. Participants are requested to carry a copy of the Invitation/Mission Letter and/or valid visa with them at all times in addition to their travel documentation, as these documents may be requested by immigration officials on arrival and departure and by the airlines at the final check-in desk before boarding.

Below are the measures taken/arranged on the basis of arrival/exit terminals of the Suvarnabhumi Airport during 9-11 September 2022, as well as departure on 15 September 2022.

#### **VIP** Delegation

There will be representatives of the Host Country (Thailand) to welcome VIP delegates. They will be holding a name board and/or expo signage board.

For departure procedures, VIP delegates will be guided/escorted from hotel to the airport.

#### **Participants**

There will be representatives from the Host Country (Thailand) to welcome the participants. They will be holding either a name board or expo signage board. Delegates should approach and introduce themselves to them. The representatives will guide the participants to shuttle service counter for transfer to the hotel. Please refer to the shuttle service schedule below.

#### Shuttle services from airport to hotel

\*Shuttle Services will be provided for delegates arriving at Suvarnabhumi Airport, Bangkok only\*

\*We request all delegates to provide <u>flight details</u> when making room reservations or send them to: ticagssdexpo2022@mfa.go.th

Date(s)	Arrangements
09 Sept 2022	Group Transfer

10 Sept 2022	Group Transfer
11 Sept 2022	Group Transfer
12 Sept 2022	Group Transfer

#### Shuttle services from hotel to airport

Date	Arrangements
15 Sept 2022	Group Transfer

Taxis will be available at the airport upon arrival. If you decide to take a taxi from Suvarnabhumi Airport, there will be an additional **airport surcharge** of 50 baht (approx. US\$ 1.5) to the metered fare. The public taxi stand is located on Level 1 at Suvarnabhumi Airport. For departure, participates can also take a taxi from hotel to airport.

For more information on shuttle transfers to and from the airport, or to provide your flight details, please contact: <u>ticagssdexpo2022@mfa.go.th</u>

# \*Local Transportation in Bangkok\*

Bangkok has a variety of local transportation services including taxis, buses, underground train, and Bangkok Transit System (BTS sky train) if delegates wish to travel around Bangkok City.

# \*Transfer from Designated Hotel to Meeting Venue\*

Shuttle services will be provided for all delegates from the designated hotel (<u>The Sukosol Hotel, Bangkok</u>) to the United Nations Conference Centre (UNCC)/other meeting venues-designated hotel. Details of the service schedule will be available upon delegates' arrival at their hotel.

### \* Hotel Lost and Found \*

Inquiries regarding lost property should be addressed to the security desk of the designated hotel.

### \* Safety and Security \*

Bangkok carries all the usual safety issues that go along with big cities. Always be aware of your belongings in crowded areas. You are advised to carry identity documents at all times and present to security upon request.

For security and safety reasons, participants are reminded NOT to leave their belongings unattended. Belongings left unattended within the UNCC may be removed to the nearest Lost and Found counter or the Security Operations Centre.

All drone unmanned aircrafts are prohibited from flying over the UNCC as per the security requirements.

All occupants of the UNCC MUST comply at all times with all lawful directions given by the officers of the United Nations Security and Safety Section. Failure to do so may lead to the participant's removal from the UNCC.

Contact numbers:

UN Security Security Control Centre (24/7): +66.2.2881102 UN Security Emergency Number: +66.2.2881100 Mobile +66.81.8078471

Thailand Emergency Numbers: Police general emergency call: 191 Fire: 199 Ambulance and rescue: 1669/1554 Tourism Police: 1155

### \* Climate and Clothing \*

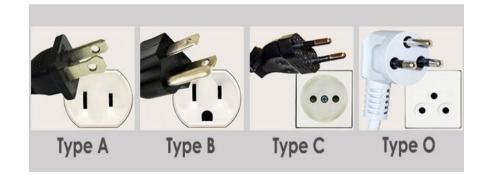
The weather in September in Bangkok is still warm and moist with chance of rain. Information about average temperature is available from various resources, including Thailand's Meteorological Department at *https://www.tmd.go.th/en* 

The weather in Bangkok is usually warm and humid. Light tropical clothing would be appropriate. The conference and meeting rooms at the UNCC are air-conditioned and the temperature is maintained in the range of 23-24 degrees Celsius (73-75 degrees Fahrenheit).

### \* Voltage \*

Thailand operates on 220 volts, 50 Hz. If you are from the countries which use different voltage(s), you will need a power converter or adapter for your devices.

You may also need to bring a power plug. Here is some basic information of how the plugs and sockets are categorized. The power plugs and sockets are most commonly type A / B / C / O. The **Majority of sockets in Thailand are Type A.** 



Delegates are strongly encouraged to carry their own adapters for use with laptops and other electrical appliances. In case of need, adapters can be purchased from shops in the city dealing in electronic and electrical items.

### \* Currency \*

The official currency in Thailand is the Thai Baht available in the following denominations banknotes: 20, 50, 100, 500, 1000 Baht; coins: 25 and 50 Satang,

and 1, 2, 5, 10 Baht. Exchange rates can be found on the website of the Bank of Thailand at <u>https://www.bot.or.th</u>

#### **Banking facilities**

Banking services are available at the Siam Commercial Bank, United Nations Branch, located on Level 1 of the Service Building, from 08:30 to 15:30 hours during weekdays. (Telephone extension 2168).

Siam Commercial Bank ATMs can be found near the Registration Counter, on the Ground Level of UNCC, and near its UN Branch office, noted above.

# \* Accessibility \*

#### Accessibility support for persons with disabilities

The UNCC is fully wheelchair-accessible and houses the Accessibility Centre on Level 1. For more information, please visit the <u>Accessibility Centre's</u> <u>webpage.</u>

# \* First Aid and Health Services \*

First aid facilities at the UNCC are available. Ambulance services will be on site should transfer be required to the local hospital. All costs incurred at hospitals or for other medical care will be at each participant's own expense. Delegates are strongly encouraged to subscribe to a travel or health insurance which is valid in the Kingdom of Thailand, in order to cover any medical bills or hospitalisation fees.

The UN buildings are smoke-free. Smoking is permitted only in the designated areas outside of the buildings and in the UNCC, the designated smoking area is outside of the Public Foyer

### \* Internet services \*

Free wireless internet access is available in all conference and meeting rooms and in the public areas of the UNCC. Use of internet at UNCC is governed by relevant organizational policies and guidelines. Failure to adhere to policies may result in revoking of those services.

# \* Prayer and meditation rooms \*

Prayer and meditation rooms are located in front of ESCAP Hall on Level 2, UNCC.

### \* Postal services \*

Postal services are available at the United Nations branch of Thailand Post, located on the Ground Level of UNCC. It is open from 08:00 to 16:00 hours, Monday through Friday. The office can be contacted at extension 2911.