

**International Seminar on
United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management:
“Geospatial Information for Sustainable Development”
6 – 7 December 2018
and
Fifth expert meeting of the Working Group on Geospatial Information of the
Inter-agency and Expert Group on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators
5 and 8 December 2018**

INFORMATION NOTE

**Nairobi, Kenya
5th – 8th December 2018**

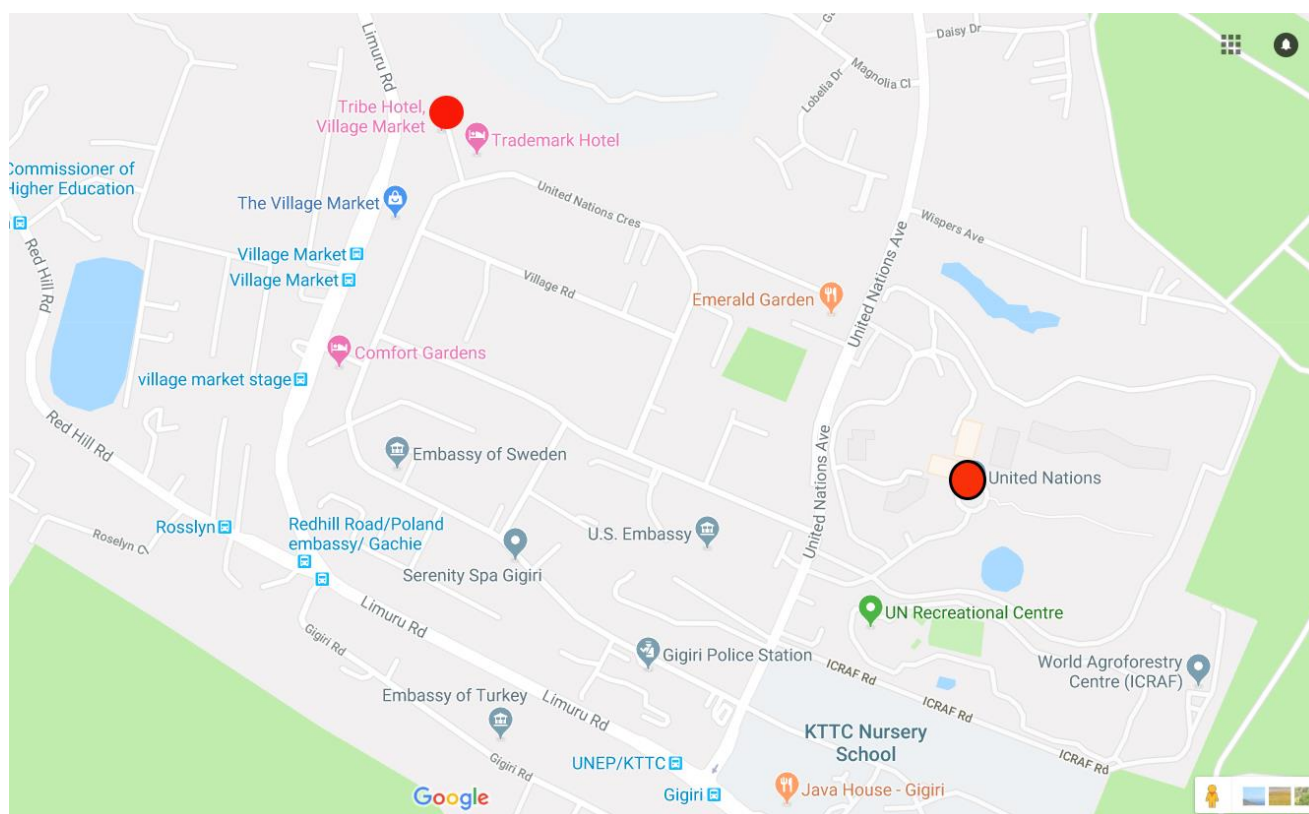
INTRODUCTION

In this information note, you will find all relevant information about the logistics of the fifth expert meeting of the Working Group on Geospatial Information and the International Seminar on United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management, including accommodation, venue, travel and visa. For any related and emergency issues, please, do not hesitate to contact the following UN-Habitat team:

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VENUE

The fifth expert meeting of the Working Group and the International Seminar will take place at the [Tribe Hotel Nairobi](#), which is located along UN-Crescent and Limuru Road, and is approximately 1.5 kilometres from the United Nations Office in Nairobi (UNON).



ACCOMMODATION

Each participant is responsible for making their accommodation reservations. The Trademark hotel, a sister hotel to the Tribe hotel (located within the same premises) has offered a discounted rate of USD 136 per person for bed and breakfast. There are also many accommodation options in the larger Gigiri area. If you need assistance, please contact Ms. Mary Dibo (mary.dibo@un.org) and Ms. Anne Idukitta (anne.idukitta@un.org)

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

Participants from outside Kenya must be in possession of valid passports, entry visas and health certificates that are required for travel and entry into Kenya to attend the meeting or the seminar or both. Inoculations against yellow fever and cholera are required for arrivals from infected areas.

Participants are responsible for visa applications, required medical examinations, inoculations and related travel requirements, and to bear all expenses related and incidental to these requirements.

VISA REQUIREMENTS

A visa is required for all participants traveling to Kenya, except for nationals of Kenya, or citizens of countries which have signed visa-free agreements with Kenya. Visa requirements also apply to holders of diplomatic passports. Holders of United Nations Laissez-Passer do not require a visa for short visits.

Please note that visa applications for Kenya should be done online via the e-visa portal (<http://evisa.go.ke/evisa.html>). You can find more detailed information on visa requirements at the immigration office website (<http://www.immigration.go.ke/Information.html>)

How to get from the Airport to the Tribe Hotel Nairobi

The most convenient and safest way to transit from the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport to the venue or your hotel is via taxi. Ride-hailing applications such as *Uber* are available at the airport. If this is not your preferred option, please use the official taxi service registered with the airport (these are yellow cabs printed with the letters JKIA on the side). There is a taxi help desk at the arrivals terminal where you can seek help. You can also request the hotel for an airport pick-up during booking.

Depending on the type of service you choose, taxi fares from the airport to the Tribe Hotel Nairobi range from USD 15 – 30, depending on the traffic.

LANGUAGE

The fifth expert meeting of the Working Group and the International Seminar will be conducted in English.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE DIRECTIVES

Directives issued by the authorities in Kenya regarding the inward and outward movement of foreign currency and Kenyan shillings require any traveler who is a non-resident of Kenya to declare any amount of cash exceeding USD 10,000 or its equivalent in any other convertible foreign currency, and all foreign currency in their possession, at the point of entry into Kenya.

There are many bank and forex exchange options around the venue, some of which offer services for extended hours.

ELECTRICITY

The voltage applicable in Kenya is 240 volts, 50 cycles mostly accessible via 13-amp, three rectangular pins arranged in a triangle. If your appliances don't accept 220-240 volts at 50 cycles or appliance plug has a different shape, you may need an adapter/converter.



TIME AND CLIMATE

Kenyan Standard Time is Greenwich Mean Time + 3.

In the month of December, the weather in Nairobi is mostly cloudy with occasional rain showers. Temperatures range from 13 to 26 degrees Celsius.

PERSONAL SECURITY AND SAFETY

Safety standards in Nairobi and around the venue of the meeting and seminar are relatively good, but similar precautions as in other metropolitan cities should be followed.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Nairobi, popularly referred to as the Green City in the Sun, is one of few cities in the world with a national park within its boundaries. The park contains many animals including lions, giraffes, and black rhinos; and is also home to over 400 species of birds. There is also an animal orphanage at the park. The city also boasts of several other tourist attraction sites such as the giraffe centre, the Nairobi National Museum, Nairobi Gallery, the Karen Blixen Museum among others. Nairobi offers a diversity of cuisine from across the globe.

