

36th Session of FAO REGIONAL CONFERENCE FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC (APRC)
Dhaka, 8-11 March, 2022

Information brief

Dear Delegate,

Greetings from the APRC Secretariat. The 36th FAO Regional Conference for Asia and the Pacific is starting soon and we are looking forward to welcoming you to Dhaka, Bangladesh.

This brief is an endeavour to ensure you have a hassle-free experience from the time you arrive and have a comfortable stay. Sunny weather is predicted with temperatures expected to range between 34°C during the day to 18°C at night. Please plan accordingly.

Ensure you have the following with you before you travel:

- COVID negative report of test taken within 48 hours of flight time
- Vaccination Certificate (fully vaccinated)
- Copy of Government Invitation
- Communicated your arrival details to APRC@fao.org

I. On Arrival at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport, Dhaka

As you enter the airport, look out for the Reception Desk with **APRC signboard**, setup by the Government of Bangladesh.

Visa on arrival

Visa on arrival will be granted to the delegates from countries that do not have Bangladesh Embassy – no fee will be charged (standard cost is USD 51)

Immigration

There will be a separate Immigration Counter for APRC delegates.

Post-immigration

- Officers from the government will extend support to help you collect your baggage
- You will be guided to the vehicle parked in the VIP Parking Area

- The vehicle will take you to Hotel InterContinental, where you are booked to stay.

II. At the Hotel

- You will receive your conference kit at the hotel with details of venue and agenda.
- Delegates are responsible for settling their own bills before departure.

III. COVID Risk Mitigation Protocol to be strictly followed at Conference Venue

A separate detailed note on COVID-19 protocols is being sent to you. For any question/clarification on this issue, please contact: covid.safety.aprc@gmail.com.

IV. Inaugural Function on 10 March; and Cultural Event on 9 March

The Government of Bangladesh has organised an Inaugural Programme from **10 to 10.30 am** at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre (BICC) - <https://biccbd.com>. There will also be stalls showcasing government initiatives. Vehicles will leave **from Hotel InterContinental at 8.30 am** to take you to BICC to attend the inaugural event. The vehicles will **depart from BICC at 10.40 am sharp** to be back in Hotel InterContinental **by 11 am for the start of the Ministerial session**.

The Government of Bangladesh is also arranging a cultural programme and dinner at BICC on the evening of 9 March. You will receive further details on arrival.

V. Preparation for Departure

It is your responsibility to know the testing requirements necessary for your return travel and bear the cost of pre-flight tests. Test scheduling can be facilitated by the APRC Event Organizers, if requested. Please contact them for more information. The fee for an international travel RT-PCR test is BDT 3000 (approximately US\$35).

We look forward to meeting you in person. Have a safe trip and see you soon.

Thank you

APRC Secretariat