



South-South Cooperation Data Forum

26 and 27 November 2026

Conference Room 4, United Nations Conference Centre, ESCAP,
Rajadamnern Nok Avenue, Bangkok 10200, Thailand

Information Note for Participants

The interregional meeting “South-South Cooperation Data Forum” is hosted by the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) and co-organized with United Nations Trade and Development (UNCTAD), the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) and the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) and in cooperation with Nālandā University of India. It is held back-to-back with the Asia-Pacific Directors-General Forum for South-South and Triangular Cooperation.

This note provides practical information to assist participants in planning their attendance. Further information is available on the event webpage: [South-South cooperation data forum | UNCTAD](#).

1. Venue

The meeting will be held at the United Nations Conference Centre (UNCC), Bangkok:

United Nations Building, Conference Room 4, Rajadamnern Nok Avenue, Bangkok 10200, Thailand

Floor plans of the UNCC are available at www.unescap.org/uncc/our-rooms.

2. Registration and badge collection

All participants are requested to register in advance through the INDICO system at <https://indico.un.org/event/1025706/> by **23 October 2026**. When registering, please indicate whether participation will be in person or online.

To enter UNCC, please enter through UN Main Entrance gate located near the intersection. You are **REQUIRED** to show your Passport/ID card and registration QR code to the UN security officer at the gate and to go through the security screening.

Participants whose online registration was cleared can collect their photo badges at the registration counter located on the Ground Level, UNCC, from 08:00 to 16:00. The badge must be worn at all times within the premises.

3. Visa requirements (as of 28 May 2026)

Participants are **REQUIRED** to obtain an appropriate entry visa from the Royal Thai Embassy or the Royal Thai Consulate-General before entering Thailand, **EXCEPT** for those nationals entitled to visa exemption or visa on arrival (VOA) for the purpose of short-term business engagement. Please refer to this [link](#). For holders of Diplomatic/Official passports, please refer to [link](#).

Please note that participants holding a UN Laissez-Passer (UNLP) travelling on official business to Thailand are also **REQUIRED** to obtain an appropriate visa before entering.

To apply, participants are required to submit their applications through the [Thai e-Visa Official website](#). Applicants must be physically located in the jurisdiction of the respective Royal Thai Embassy/Consulate-General (RTE/RTCG) where they apply. Participants who may need further assistance from ESCAP on their visa application should contact the meeting organizer well in advance at escap-ssc@un.org for necessary action.

Visa on arrival

Participants eligible to apply for a visa on arrival at Suvarnabhumi or Don Mueang International Airport should comply with the following requirements:

- The passport must be valid for more than 30 days, contain at least one completely blank page, and be accompanied by a valid return ticket with a departure date within 15 days of the date of entry.
- Complete the application form available at the Visa-on-Arrival counter, supply one recent passport-sized photograph, and pay a fee of THB 2,000.
- Provide proof of means of living expenses of THB 10,000 per person or THB 20,000 per family.

4. Entry requirements (as of July 2026)

Thailand Digital Arrival Card (TDAC)

All foreigners entering Thailand are required to complete the TDAC online within 3 days prior to arrival, including the date of arrival. A guide on how to complete the TDAC is available [here](#).

Health control

All travellers are required to complete the Health Declaration as part of the TDAC.

Yellow fever vaccination

Participants who are nationals of, or have travelled from or through, the countries listed below (declared yellow fever infected areas by the Ministry of Public Health, Thailand) must present an International Health Certificate proving a valid yellow fever vaccination at the Port Health and Quarantine Counter on arrival, before proceeding to immigration. A valid certificate means the vaccine was administered at least 10 days prior to travel. The certificate must also be submitted together with the visa application form.

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| • Angola | • Ecuador | • Niger |
| • Argentina | • Equatorial Guinea | • Nigeria |
| • Benin | • Ethiopia | • Panama |
| • Bolivia | • French Guiana | • Paraguay |
| • Brazil | • Gabon | • Peru |
| • Burkina Faso | • Gambia | • Senegal |
| • Burundi | • Ghana | • Sierra Leone |
| • Cameroon | • Guinea | • South Sudan |
| • Central African Republic | • Guinea-Bissau | • Sudan |
| • Chad | • Guyana | • Suriname |
| • Colombia | • Kenya | • Togo |
| • Congo | • Liberia | • Trinidad & Tobago |
| • Republic of the Congo | • Mali | • Uganda |
| • Côte d'Ivoire | • Mauritania | • Venezuela |

Ebola screening measures

Effective 27 May 2026, Thailand's Ministry of Public Health has elevated Ebola prevention measures for all travellers arriving from or through the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Uganda, declared infected areas of

dangerous communicable diseases. Such travellers are required to be quarantined (if without symptoms, at a designated venue) or isolated (if with symptoms, at a designated state medical facility) for at least 21 days upon arrival at Suvarnabhumi International Airport. Costs are covered by the Thai authorities for the first 72 hours; thereafter travellers are responsible for all related expenses. These measures may change without prior notice.

Note: Travellers from yellow fever and Ebola affected countries may also be required by the airline to present a completed [Health Declaration Form \(T.8\)](#) before boarding. Guidance on completing the form is available [here](#).

5. Health and vaccination

Zika virus

Zika is endemic in Thailand and cases have been reported among travellers. All travellers are advised to protect themselves from mosquito bites while in Thailand. Given possible transmission to unborn babies, pregnant women should consider postponing travel to Thailand or consult their doctor about the implications of travelling during this time.

In addition, the Medical Services Division at UN Headquarters advises that pregnant UN personnel should not undertake duty travel to, or be relocated to, countries or areas where local transmission of Zika virus is known to occur. Women who are seeking pregnancy should obtain individual advice from their medical practitioner. For further information, please refer to the [Zika virus FAQ](#). Information on other non-vaccine preventable diseases can be found at [Thailand – Traveler view | CDC](#).

Air pollution and health

Bangkok, like many large Asian cities, is periodically affected by high levels of air pollution, with haze and high concentrations of PM2.5 of particular concern for sensitive groups. Tourists are advised to monitor air quality and take precautions when necessary. People with existing asthma, or who are particularly vulnerable to air pollution, should consult their treating physician as to whether a trip to Bangkok is advisable. Daily information is available on the [Air4Thai website](#), maintained by the government of Thailand.

Insurance and emergency medical service

Delegates are strongly encouraged to obtain travel or health insurance valid in the Kingdom of Thailand to cover any medical bills or hospitalization fees. In case of medical emergency, please call 1669. The nearest hospital to the UNCC is Bangkok Adventist (Mission) Hospital, which has English-speaking medical support staff: +662-282-1100.

Anyone who feels unwell while within the UNCC is advised to call a medical service staff member at +66 2288 1352 / 1353 / 1761 during business hours. After business hours, call the UN Medical Officer at +66 2288 1353. In case of a medical emergency within the UNCC, call UN Security at +66 2288 1102 / 1120 for assistance in calling an ambulance.

6. Accommodation

Participants are responsible for making their own hotel reservations and for the related costs. A list of hotels near the UNCC, with indicative rates, is available here: [ESCAP list of hotels \(PDF\)](#). Early booking is strongly recommended, as Bangkok hotels can fill quickly. When booking, participants are advised to mention the ESCAP preferential rate where applicable.

7. Transport

Bangkok is served by Suvarnabhumi Airport (BKK) and Don Mueang Airport (DMK). Metered taxis and airport limousine services are available from both airports to the city centre, and Suvarnabhumi Airport is also connected to central Bangkok by the Airport Rail Link.

Participants need to make their own transport arrangements to and from the UNCC. Metered taxis are readily available in the city, and transport may also be booked via applications such as Grab, Bolt and Taxi VIP EV Society for electric vehicles. Electric tuk-tuks ([Muvmi](#)) are available via an app, providing a sustainable option for commuting to and from the BTS Skytrain and around the neighbourhood. Some hotels close to the UN building may provide a complimentary transfer service on a fixed schedule to and from the UNCC, so please check with the hotel concierge.

More information on airport transport is available at bangkokairportonline.com.

8. Catering

A range of restaurants and cafeterias is available within and around the UN compound.

9. Weather

The weather in Bangkok is usually warm and humid, and light tropical clothing is appropriate. The conference and meeting rooms at the UNCC are air-conditioned and maintained at 23 to 24 degrees Celsius (73 to 75 degrees Fahrenheit), so a light jacket is advisable.

10. General practical information

- **Currency:** the local currency is the Thai Baht (THB). Currency exchange services and ATMs are widely available, including at the airports and near the venue. Major credit cards are accepted in most hotels and shops.
- **Time zone:** Thailand is on Indochina Time (ICT), UTC+7.
- **Electricity:** 220 volts, 50 Hz. Power outlets commonly accept Type A, B and C plugs.
- **Language:** the Forum working language is English. Simultaneous translation to French and Spanish will be provided. Other languages will be available online through the virtual meeting platform. Participants requiring translation can join via the virtual link and select their preferred language. Please note that translation will be provided through on-screen captions rather than audio interpretation.

• 11. 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 [Accessibility Centre's webpage](#).

12. Emergency contact numbers

UN Security

- Security Control Centre (24/7): +66 2 288 1102
- UN Security Emergency Number: +66 2 288 1100
- Mobile: +66 81 807 8471

Thailand emergency numbers

- Police (general emergency): 191
- Fire: 199
- Ambulance and rescue: 1669 / 1554
- Tourism Police: 1155

13. Contact

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