



GLOBAL OBSERVANCE OF WORLD HABITAT DAY

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Information for Participants

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This note contains important information about the Global Observance of World Habitat Day (WHD) and is designed to help you plan and make the most of your time. Please read it carefully and do not hesitate to get in touch with us if you have any questions about your attendance

Venue

The conference will be taking place at the “[Educational Cultural Center of the State of Querétaro](#)” located in Querétaro, Mexico.

Registration and Badge

Registration

Participants will receive their badge upon arrival at the registration desk, located at the WHD entrance. Participants are asked to wear their badge throughout the entire meeting and present it upon request. All participants must bring their passport or an equivalent national identity card of Mexico (with photo) to obtain their badge, as used during online registration.

Please register online before Saturday, 05 October 2024 at 18:00 (UTC-06:00, Mexico time) prior to your arrival [here](#) if not yet done.

Broadcasting

The Global Observance of World Habitat Day with the high-level celebration, and afternoon roundtables and Press Conference will be broadcasted live on UN Web TV and Zoom. The respective links will be broadcasted early October on the World Habitat Day [webpage](#).



Conference Language

The conference related events will be held in English with simultaneous translation into Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian and Spanish. International sign language will be provided.

Conference Facilities

All conference facilities and meeting rooms are equipped with WIFI.

Arrival Information

Airport

Querétaro Intercontinental Airport is an international airport located in the municipalities of Colón and El Marqués, Querétaro, Mexico and 32 kilometers or 30-minute drive from the Educational Cultural Center of the State of Querétaro.

Visa Arrangements

For information on how to obtain a visa for Mexico, please visit the [Mexico Visa Portal](#) or if eligible apply through this [E-visa link](#).

Insurance

The organizers are not responsible for the medical, accident and travel insurance. It is recommended that an international medical and travel insurance be obtained for the period of participation.

Covid-19 related travel arrangements

Based on recent updates, the vaccination requirement for entry into Querétaro has been lifted, eliminating the need for proof of vaccination or recovery. However, it is crucial to acknowledge that prioritizing health remains paramount. Travelers are strongly advised to take care of their well-being and stay updated on their health status, even though it is no longer a prerequisite for entry. Ensuring personal health and staying informed are recommended practices for a safe and secure travel experience.

Transportation

Public Transport

Querétaro's public transport system includes an extensive network of buses, along with the Trolebus electric bus service and the Q-Bici bike-sharing program for convenient cycling.

Alternative Options

Traditional taxis and ride-sharing apps like Uber or Bolt offer flexible transportation

Accommodation

Participants have the flexibility of selecting their preferred accommodation from any of the existing online platforms.

Safety and Security

The country is regarded as a secure tourist destination, offering ample opportunities to explore, discover, and enjoy your surroundings with ease.

About Querétaro

General Information

Santiago de Querétaro, most known as Querétaro, is the capital and largest city of the state of Querétaro, located in central Mexico. It is situated within the Bajío microregion, located 213 kilometers to the northwest of Mexico City, 63 kilometers to the southeast of San Miguel de Allende, and 200 kilometers to the south of San Luis Potosí.

Language

Spanish (Official)

Climate

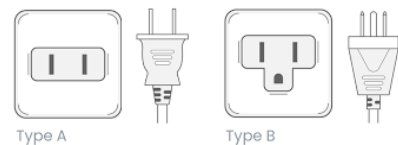
The weather in Querétaro in October is expected to be as follows: Average high temperature is 26°C (78°F). Average low temperature: 12.78°C (55°F) It is recommended for participants to be prepared and pack their clothing accordingly.

Time

The time in Querétaro is (UTC-06:00). According to the Querétaro regulations, the commercial shops and centers open from 08:00 until 21:00 while restaurants open from 09:00 to 23:00.

Power Supply

For Querétaro there are two associated plug types A and B Plug. Type A has ungrounded plugs that consist of two flat parallel prongs. Type B has two flat parallel pins and a round earth pin. Querétaro operates on a 127V supply voltage and 60Hz.



Foreign Exchange and Currency

The exchange rate (approximately): USD 1.0 = MXN 20.12
EUR 1.0 = MXN 22.23

Please note that the exchange rate is defined on daily basis and changes might occur many times during the day.

For more information, please visit the following link: <https://www.xe.com/>

Exchanging money: It is recommended to exchange money at the Airport or at any forex bureau.

Payment methods: We recommend settling expenses while in Querétaro with cash, Visa or Mastercard.

Sim Cards

The Mexican country code is +52. Upon arrival at Querétaro Intercontinental Airport, consider acquiring a SIM card from the dedicated airport SIM card retail outlet.

Telcel offers good value for money, although other providers also work well.

Emergency Numbers

Police: 911

Ambulance: 060

Hospitals

For any medical needs, participants can rest be assured that Querétaro offers a selection of well-established and reputable hospitals with high standards of care. In the event of illness or medical attention, it is advised to visit esteemed medical institutions due to their effective communication while facilitating a smooth and comfortable healthcare experience.

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