



DEPARTMENT OF
**ECONOMIC AND
SOCIAL AFFAIRS**

Information Note

Global Expert group Meeting in support of the Mid-Point review of SDG7 at the HLPF

11-12 May 2023

CR12 – UNHQ – New York

1. Access to the United Nations Headquarters:

Participants are required to enter the Headquarters at the “Visitors’ Entrance” located on 1st Avenue between 45th and 46th Streets. Participants should plan to arrive 30 to 45 minutes before the start of the meeting to allow time to pass through security. Grounds passes for the UN Headquarters will be distributed against the participants list at 9:00 AM – 9:45 AM outside the Visitors’ Entrance by a UN representative holding a sign with the name of the meeting. All participants should bring with them a valid passport.

2. Passport and Visa Requirements:

Each participant is responsible for providing a valid passport to enter the United States. It is recommended that participants either contact the nearest United States Embassy or Consulate to determine whether a visa is required to enter the United States, or visit the US State Department website at: <http://www.unitedstatesvisas.us/>. Note that visa application procedures need to be started well ahead of time. Department of Economic and Social Affairs can provide you an official invitation letter to support your visa application.

3. Transportation:

Subway: Number 4, 5, 6 or 7 trains to Grand Central Station: walk east to 1st Avenue.

Buses: Coming from Lower Manhattan, M15 will stop on 1st Avenue in front of the United Nations. From Uptown, M15 will run on 2nd Avenue and stop on 46th Street and 42nd. M42 or M104 will both stop on 42nd and 1st Avenue in both directions.

New York City taxis are available from any destination.

4. Accommodation:

All participants are expected to make their own accommodation arrangements. Finding a reasonably priced hotel in New York City could be a challenge, therefore it is recommended that you start as early as possible. Please note that hotel reservations generally will only be guaranteed with a credit card. Below is a list of hotels located within walking distance of the United Nations. Sometimes, some of these hotels may provide discounted prices for travelers attending UN meetings. The UN does not endorse any hotel, and the list below is not in any order of preference but proximity to the UN.

ONE UN New York – Millennium Hotels

1 UN Plaza (First Avenue and 44th St.) + 1 212-758-1234

<https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/nycuphh-millennium-hilton-new-york-one-un-plaza/>

Hampton Inn Manhattan

231 E. 43rd St. (between 2nd and 3rd Ave.) + 1 212-897-3385

Pod 51

230 East 51st St. + 1 212-355-0300

www.thepodhotel.com

Pod 39

145 East 39th St. + 1 212-865-5700

www.thepodhotel.com

Fitzpatrick Grand Central

141 East 44th Street +1 212-351-6800

www.fitzpatrickhotels.com

Club Wyndham Midtown 45

205 East 45th St. + 1 212-867-5100

<https://clubwyndham.wyndhamdestinations.com/us/en/resorts/wyndham-hotels-resorts/united-states-of-america/new-york/new-york/club-wyndham-midtown-45>

Residence Inn by Marriott

148 East 48th St. (between 3rd and Lexington Ave.) +1 212-980-1003

www.newyorkresidenceinn.com

The Lexington

511 Lexington Ave at 48th St. + 1 212-755-4400

www.lexingtonhotelnyc.com

Hotel Boutique at Grand Central

447 Lexington Ave (between 44th & 45th St) +1 212-297-0300

www.hotelboutiqueatgrandcentral.com

Club Quarters Grand Central

128 East 45th St. +1 212-986-6400

www.clubquarters.com

Roger Smith Hotel

501 Lexington Ave. (between 47th and 48th St.) +1 212-755-1400

<https://roger-smith-hotel-new-york-city.at-hotels.com/en/>

Hilton Garden Inn

206 East 52nd St. +1 212-794-6000

Courtyard New York (Midtown East)

866 Third Ave. and 52nd St. +1 212-644-1300

You might also want to check the following websites to compare options:

www.areahotelguide.com/new-york-city-hotels.htm
www.hotels.com
www.priceline.com
www.hotwire.com
www.expedia.com
www.booking.com
www.kayak.com
www.tripadvisor.com

5. **Other logistical information:**

In Case of Emergency

Follow instructions by uniformed UNDSS Security Personnel should any emergency arise within UNHQ. Outside the UN, dial 911 to contact immediate emergency services such as police, medical, or fire.

Medical Services

Participants are responsible for making their own insurance arrangements, including life, health and other forms deemed appropriate. Make sure that you are covered by your health insurance provider during your stay. The United Nations does not take responsibility for the ill health of any participants during their stay. The United Nations medical service is available during regular working hours from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

ATM

The United Nations Federal Credit Union (UNFCU) has cash machines (ATMs) inside the United Nations Headquarters.

Dining

The United Nations has a Cafe near the meeting room of the Expert Group Meeting. The UN Cafeteria in the UN Secretariat Building provides hot food during lunch time. Restaurants are available within short walking distance of the United Nations Headquarters.

Weather

Typical weather for May in NYC is cool to warm, with temperatures from 10-23°C (50-70°F), and chances of rain. Temperate clothing is recommended.

6. **Accessibility**

The Accessibility Centre, located at S-1B032, provides support for persons with disabilities visiting UNHQ, with hours of operation from 9AM-5PM. Detailed information about accessibility including accessible accommodations at the Secretariat, venue descriptions, dining, security, and nearby accessible hotels and restaurants can be found at the **Accessibility Guide for Visitors to the UN HQ** <https://tinyurl.com/y3ezkc96>

7. **Meeting website:** is available here <https://sdgs.un.org/events/expert-group-meetings-2023-hlpf-thematic-review-49767>