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Royal Government of Bhutan
14th Round Table Meeting: *Enhancing Happiness and Sustainable Development through Partnerships*
12th - 14th March, 2019

INFORMATION NOTE FOR THE PARTICIPANTS

General

1. Coinciding with the beginning of the 12th FYP and with the tenure of the new Government, the 14th RTM will take place from 12th to 14th March, 2019, on the theme “*Enhancing Happiness and Sustainable Development through Partnerships*”.
2. The Meeting will open on the evening of 12th March, 2019 from 1600 hours with an inaugural address by the Honourable Prime Minister of Bhutan, H.E Lyonchhen Dr. Lotay Tshering, and an address by the UNDP Administrator H.E. Mr. Achim Steiner.

Venue

3. The meeting will be held at the National Convention Centre, Thimphu, Bhutan.

Registration

4. Participants are requested to register online at <https://rtm.gnhc.gov.bt> before **28th February 2019**. Kindly note that registration is by invitation only.
5. Workshop badges will be provided at with the arrival packages at your respective hotels. For identification and security reasons, all participants are requested to wear their workshop badges at all times during the workshop and social functions.

Visa arrangements/requirements

6. All participants must hold passports that are valid for at least six months. Participants are required to obtain a visa prior to arrival. Visa application form is available on the RTM website at <https://rtm.gnhc.gov.bt>. Kindly email the duly completed visa application form with a copy of your passport to Ms. Kinley Zam, Assistant Desk Officer, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, at kzam@mfa.gov.bt and contact # 17743902.

Airline reservation

7. There are two international airlines – Druk Air, and Bhutan Airlines - operating services to Paro International Airport. Participants are advised to secure return tickets at the earliest as the meeting coincides with the peak tourist season in Bhutan.
8. The designated focal point for RTM at the Druk Air office to facilitate ticketing for the delegates/participants is Mr. Tenzin Dorji. He can be reached via email at



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tenzin.dorji@drukair.com.bt or phone at +975-77361336. Please kindly identify yourself as RTM delegate/participant at the time of booking the tickets.

Hotel accommodation

9. The following hotels (sl. 1-3) with UN LTA (lower rates), and others where UN guests frequently stay (sl. 4-7) have been recommended for the participants. Please identify yourself as RTM participant/delegate at the time of booking the hotels to avail following rates.

10. Participants may also refer to <http://www.hotel.bt/> for other hotel options.

Sl. No	Name of the Hotel	Offered Rates with breakfast (Taj Tashi and Le Meridien only)			Hotel websites
UNDP LTA Hotels (Note: with 10% service charges)			BTN	USD	
1	Hotel Taj Tashi	Single Standard	13,860.00	196.99	http://www.hotel.bt/hotels-in-thimphu/taj-tashi/
		Deluxe (single occupancy)	23,100.00	328.31	
		Deluxe (twin sharing)	24,420.00	347.07	
		Junior Suite	35,640.00	506.54	
		Suite	52,470.00	745.74	
2	Hotel Le Meridien	Single Standard	12,000.00	170.55	http://www.hotel.bt/hotels-in-thimphu/le-meridien/
		Single Deluxe	19,840.00	281.98	
		Deluxe (twin sharing)	20,580.00	292.50	
		Junior Suite	25,000.00	355.32	
		Suite	42,000.00	596.93	
3	City Hotel (without breakfast)	Deluxe (single occupancy)	3,600.00	51.17	www.cityhotelthimphu.com
		Deluxe (twin sharing)	4,240.00	60.26	
		Suites (Superior Deluxe)	5,200.00	73.91	
Other Hotels					
4	Terma Linca Resort	Junior Deluxe (Paddy field view)	20,100.00	285.67	http://www.hotel.bt/hotels-in-thimphu/terma-linca-resort-spa/
		Deluxe (River and Mountain view)	23,450.00	333.29	
		Junior Suite (River and Mountain view)	26,800.00	380.90	
		Suite (River and Mountain view)	30,150.00	428.51	
5	Tashi Yoedling Hotel	Executive (front chorten view)	4,000.00	56.85	http://www.tashiyoedling.com/
		Executive twin bed (front chorten view)	4,000.00	56.85	
		Standard (back view)	2,500.00	35.53	
6	Namgay Heritage	Executive Suite	15,000.00	213.19	http://www.hotel.bt/hotels-in-thimphu/namgay-heritage-hotel/
		Heritage Grand Deluxe	5,500.00	78.17	
		Heritage Deluxe	4,000.00	56.85	
7	Osel Hotel	Deluxe (single occupancy)	6,100.00	86.70	http://www.hotel.bt/hotels-in-thimphu/hotel-osel/
		Deluxe (double occupancy)	6,700.00	95.22	
		Suite (Single occupancy)	15,600.00	221.72	
		Suite (double occupancy)	16,200.00	230.24	
<i>Note : with 10% service charges</i>					



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Arrival at the airport

11. All the participants/delegates will be received at Paro International Airport, and will be assisted by protocol/liaison officers through customs, immigration, and baggage clearance. A designated desk for RTM participants will be provided at the airport. Participants must look for signage '14 RTM' help desk.
12. Participants are requested to email their itinerary including the name of their hotel to rtm@gnhc.gov.bt for ease of coordination.

Transportation

13. All the delegates will be provided transportation to/from the airport to their hotels. Transportation to/from the meeting venue to hotels will also be arranged by the organizers.

Language of the meeting

14. The meeting will be held in English.

Documents

15. Meeting documents including the programme, concept note, technical paper, and presentations will be uploaded on the RTM website at <https://rtm.gnhc.gov.bt/>.

Currency Exchange and Banking Services

16. Local currency in use in Bhutan is Ngultrum (Nu.) which is at par with the India Rupee. The exchange rate (on 21st January, 2019) is US\$ 1=Nu. 72.30. Updated exchange rates are available at <https://www.rma.org.bt/>
17. Currency exchange services are available at the airport and select hotels. Currency exchange services will also be made available at the meeting venue.
18. Automatic Teller Machines (ATMs) are conveniently located in the city. International credit cards (Master and VISA) are accepted in most establishments (hotels/shops).

Bhutan Standard Time

19. BST is 6 hours ahead of GMT (GMT + 6)

Electricity

20. The electricity current in Bhutan is 220/240 volts, 50 Hz with round two-pin and three-pin power outlets.



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Mobile and Internet services

21. Bhutan Telecom (<http://www.telecom.net.bt>) and Tashi Cell (<http://www.tashicell.com>) are the two cellular and internet service providers.
22. Tourist SIMs are available for purchase at the airport.

Weather

23. The month of March is generally dry and it is when spring sets in. It can still be chilly and a light jacket is advisable. Average temperatures in Thimphu range from a high of 16.4 degree Celsius to a low of 3.9 degree Celsius.

Food

24. Traditional Bhutanese and an increasing variety of regional and international cuisine are available. Visit <http://www.zhimmey.com> for details on what is on the menu in local restaurants and cafes.

Additional information on Bhutan

25. For more information please visit: bhutan.gov.bt; and www.tourism.gov.bt

Contact details of organizers

26. Pls contact Ms. Tshering Lhamo, Sr. Planning Officer, GNH Commission @ tsheringlhamo@gnhc.gov.bt or Ms. Sonam Tshoki, Planning Officer, GNH Commission @ stshoki@gnhc.gov.bt.
27. Or email your queries at rtm@gnhc.gov.bt
