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Logistics note

Korea Global Adaptation Week:

**NAP Expo 2019, Resilience Frontiers, The Adaptation Forum and a
regional technical expert meeting on Adaptation**

8–12 April 2019

Songdo, Republic of Korea



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Time & place

The Korea Global Adaptation Week will take place from 8 to 12 April 2019 at the Songdo Convensia, Republic of Korea. This well-equipped convention centre with eco-friendly and green facilities. It is located within 20 minutes from the Incheon International Airport, and 1 hour away from Seoul, the capital of the Republic of Korea.

Registration will open on Monday, 8 April 2019 at 08:00 a.m. (Grand Ballroom Lobby (2F)). Participants are requested to wear their badges throughout the meetings.



Address: Songdo Convensia, 123 Central Street, Yeonsu-gu, Incheon 21998 Korea

Website: <http://www.songdoconvensia.com>.

In Korean, the name of the convention centre is: 송도컨벤시아

The address is: 인천광역시 연수구 센트럴로 123 (송도동).

Visa

Foreign nationals entering the Republic of Korea are generally required to have a valid passport and a valid Korean visa. However, many are now permitted visa-free for a limited period under certain conditions. Detailed visa information is available at: <http://napexpo.org/2019/visa-information/>

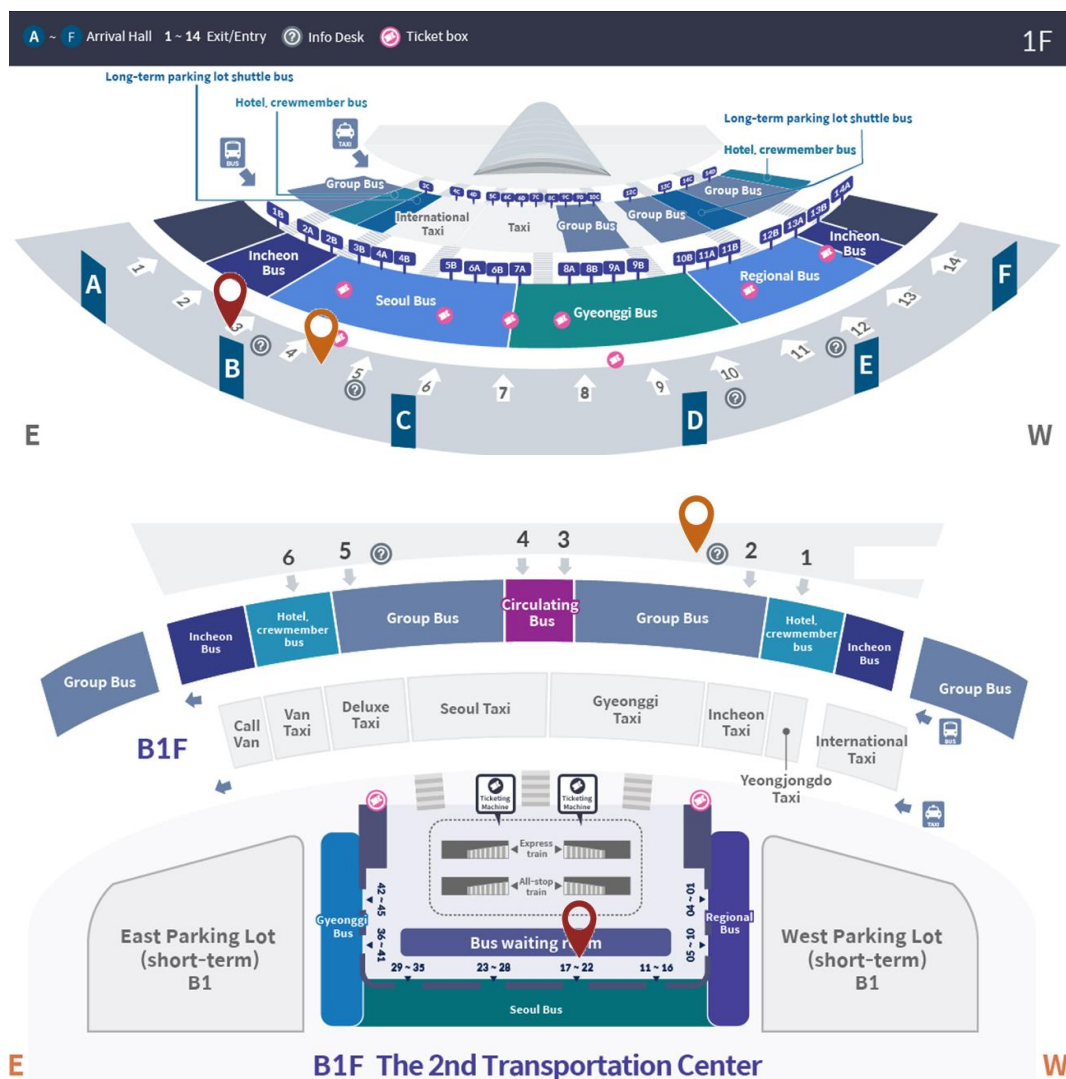
Transportation

From Incheon International Airport to the Songdo Convensia

- Bus Stop : 6070B (Songdo Sheraton Hotel Stop)
 - Terminal 1 Bus stop location (1Floor No. 3)
 - Terminal 2 Bus stop location (Transportation center Basement 1 No. 17)
- International Taxi
 - Incheon International Airport Terminal 1 (Arrival Level 1st Floor)
Between gates 4 and 5, Desk No #23
 - Incheon International Airport Terminal 2 (Arrival Level 1st Floor)
The International Taxi counter on the right side of the Gate A.

※ If you need more information, please visit:

https://www.airport.kr/ap_cnt/en/tpt/pblcpt/pblcpt.do





Getting around

“T-money” are transportation cards that can be used on public buses and subways in several different metropolitan cities and locations throughout Korea. With this transportation card, travelers can save the hassle of purchasing single journey subway tickets for every ride and enjoy discounts on rides during transfers from one bus to another, one subway line to another, or from bus to subway or vice versa (within a transfer time limit).

Accommodation

Accommodation is widely provided in the area at a walking distance near the venue. Special rates have been negotiated with the following hotels for participants to the Korea Global Adaptation Week in Songdo.

Please refer to the accommodation guide and make your own reservation at the following website: <http://napexpo.org/2019/logistics>.

No	Hotels	Distance	Others
A	Oakwood Premier Incheon	3min by walk	
B	Orakai Songdo Park Hotel	10min by walk	
C	Holiday Inn Incheon Songdo	10min by bus	Shuttle Bus
D	Songdo Central Park Hotel	20min by walk	
E	Ramada Plaza Songdo Hotel	25min by bus	



Shuttle bus schedule between Holiday Inn Incheon Songdo and the venue

Date	Holiday Inn Incheon Songdo – Songdo Convensia	Songdo Convensia – Holiday Inn Incheon Songdo
8 April	09:00	17:30
9-12 April	08:30	

※The schedule is subject to change according to the conditions, so please check it with the reception desk of Holiday Inn Incheon Songdo.



Country information

The Korean peninsula is located in Northeast Asia. It is surrounded by the ocean on three sides. Because of its unique geographical location, Korea is a very valuable piece of land and an international hub of Asia. Seoul has been the capital of Korea for more than 600 years since the Joseon Dynasty. It was referred to as “Hanyang” during the Joseon Dynasty.

Today’s Seoul is a bustling metropolis, acting as the hub for political, economic, social and cultural matters. The Hangang River, which runs through the center of the city, divides Seoul into the culture and history-oriented northern region, and the business-oriented southern region.

Dining out is one of the great pleasures of visiting Korea, a country famous for its diverse native dishes. Korean cuisine is nutritious, well balanced and low in calories as it involves a wide variety of vegetables and fermented foods. Bulgogi and Bibimbap are the most famous. Korea traditionally uses spoon for rice and liquid foods, such as stews or soups, and uses chopsticks for other foods.

Hangeul language, one of the most indigenous and unique creations of the nation, was introduced by King Sejong, the 4th king of the Joseon Dynasty. In order to help all commoners to easily read and write this new alphabet, Hunminjeongeum (meaning “Proper sounds to instruct the people” in Korean) was created. In 1910, the name of the language was changed to Hangeul, a term widely used today. Hangeul is a series of creative and scientifically designed characters. The language is very easy for all to learn, evidenced by Korea’s illiteracy rates being one of the lowest in the world.

Incheon

Incheon, officially the Incheon Metropolitan City, is a city located in northwestern South Korea, bordering Seoul and Gyeonggi to the east. Inhabited since the Neolithic, Incheon was home to just 4,700 people when it became an international port in 1883. Today, about 3 million people live in the city, making it South Korea's third most-populous city after Seoul and Busan. The city's growth has been assured in modern times with the development of its port due to its natural advantages as a coastal city and its proximity to the South Korean capital. It is part of the Seoul Capital Area, along with Seoul itself and Gyeonggi Province, forming the world's fifth largest metropolitan area by population.

Incheon has since led the economic development of Korea by opening its port to the outside world, ushering in the modernization of Korea as a center of industrialization. In 2003, the city was designated as Korea's first free economic zone. Since then, large local companies and global enterprises have increasingly invested in the Incheon Free Economic Zone, including Samsung which chose Songdo International City as its new investment destination for its bio industry.

As an international city, Incheon has held numerous large scale international conferences, such as the Incheon Global Fair & Festival in 2009. Incheon has established itself as a major transportation hub in northeast Asia with the Incheon International Airport and Incheon Port. The city is also home to the Green Climate Fund, an international organization supporting environmental action.



Tourism Information

You can find the helpful tips and further information for Incheon tourism in the following websites:

- Incheon Tourism Organization: http://www.travelicn.or.kr/open_content/english/
- I-Tour (Incheon Tour): <http://eng-itour.incheon.go.kr/foreign/index.do>

Climate & Clothing

Korea's climate has four distinct seasons. Spring and autumn are very pleasant with mild temperatures. During summer, temperatures can reach up to 38°C. Winter temperatures average -7° to 1°C with moderate snowfall. The Korean Peninsula is generally protected from Southeast Asia's autumn typhoons by the Japanese archipelago and earthquakes are rare.

For further information on weather in Korea, please visit: <https://web.kma.go.kr/eng/>

General information

Language

The official language of the meetings will be English.

Time Zone

Korean Standard Time is nine hours ahead of Coordinated Universal Time (UTC+9). South Korea does not observe DST.

Electricity

The standard voltage in Korea is 220 volts. The outlet is the same type used in continental Europe and many other countries.



Currency

South Korea's official monetary unit is the won (₩). The Korean currency consists of fifty thousand, ten thousand, five thousand, and one thousand won notes, and five hundred, one hundred, fifty and ten won coins.

Foreign banknotes and traveler's check can be exchanged at most banks.

Banking hours are: Weekdays: 09:00–16:00; Weekends and Public Holidays: Closed

The exchange rate is subject to market fluctuations.

As of March 2019, 1 USD is approximately 1,126 KRW.

Credit Cards

Visa, MasterCard, American Express and other credit cards are widely accepted in Korea.



Tipping

Tipping is not required nor expected in South Korea.

Emergency Phone Numbers

SOS: Korea provides a 24-hour emergency service.

First aid patient & Emergencies: **119**

Rescue & Police service: **112**

Please visit the following website for information regarding visiting Korea:

<http://english.visitkorea.or.kr/enu/index.jsp>

Travel & medical insurance

Participants are strongly advised to obtain international travel and medical insurance to cover the period of their departure to the Korea Global Adaptation Week 2019 until the time of their return to their home country. The United Nations, the UNFCCC secretariat and the other organizers disclaim all responsibility for medical accident and travel insurance, for compensation, death or disability, loss or damage to personal property and for any other costs or losses that may be incurred during travel time or the period of participation at the UNFCCC meeting.

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