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1. Opening and Registration

The subregional dialogue on biodiversity monitoring and reporting with a focus on ecosystem restoration (Target 2 of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework) which will be held in Bangkok, Thailand, from 2 September 2025 to 5 September 2025.

The dialogue will start at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, 2 September 2025 and registration will take place at 8:00 a.m.

2. Venue

The meeting will be held at:

NOVOTEL BANGKOK PLATINUM PRATUNAM

220 Petchaburi Road, Ratchathewi

10400 Bangkok, Thailand

Phone: (+66) 02 209 1700

Fax: (+66) 02 160 7200

Website: <https://novotelbangkokplatinum.com/>

3. Working language of the meeting

The meeting will be held in English.

4. Documents

Documents will be made available at <https://www.cbd.int/meetings/ECR-OM-2025-01>.

In order to minimize the environmental footprint of the meeting and in line with the UN policy towards greener meetings, participants are kindly reminded to bring their own copies of the documents, or to use paperless versions, as there will be no extra copies made available on site during the meeting. WIFI access will be provided.

5. General information on access to Bangkok

Bangkok is serviced by the Suvarnabhumi Airport - New Bangkok International Airport (BKK) (the airport is about 35 km outside of the city centre of Bangkok).

You have six ways to get from Bangkok Airport to the city center: taxi, train, local bus, public minivan, private airport shuttle, or a Bangkok Airport transfer. Taxis are available from the passenger building, first floor only, and pay by the meter. The fee will be about THB 450 (toll fee excluded). The fare will be charged according to the distance plus a fee of about THB 50 for the driver.

6. Visa information



As of May 2025, **the Thai government requires that all passengers submit a Thai Digital Arrival Card (TDAC)**. It can be completed online from three days before the arrival or just before passing Immigration Counter in Thailand airport. The process takes about 5 minutes and requires passport information, travel details, and address in Thailand. There are a few computer terminals

available at Suvarnabhumi International Airport (BKK) just before Immigration for passengers that had not had a chance to submit before landing, but it might be crowded at peak hours. Once submitted, a QR code is generated (screenshot possible) and an email with a PDF of the declaration form and QR code is sent to the applicant. It is best to show the QR code at Immigration but there is no need to print it. The TDAC is available here: [Thailand Digital Arrival Card](#)

Participants requiring a visa for Thailand and are strongly advised to contact the nearest Thailand diplomatic or consular mission **as soon as possible** in order to secure the required entry visa in a timely manner, prior to departure. A list of countries that may receive a visa upon arrival in Thailand can be found on the web site of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Thailand, (<https://www.mfa.go.th/en/index>), the visa information and procedures are at the following links:

How to apply for a visa:

https://image.mfa.go.th/mfa/0/zE6021nSnu/General_Information.pdf.

Application for eVisa: <https://www.thaievisa.go.th/>

Types of tourism visas:

https://image.mfa.go.th/mfa/0/zE6021nSnu/3_Types_of_Visa_Tourist_Visa.pdf

A list of relevant Thai diplomatic/consular missions abroad, is available on the following web site at: <https://www.thaiembassy.org/>

A **Visa on Arrival (VOA)** is available for nationals from 31 eligible countries and territories, the visa application can be made at any Thai immigration checkpoint upon arrival for tourism purposes at a cost of about THB 2,000 which is valid for a maximum of 15 days.

Armenia, Belarus, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bulgaria, China, Costa Rica, Cyprus, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Fiji, Georgia, India, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Malta, Mexico, Namibia, Nauru, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Romania, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Seychelles, Tunisia, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Venezuela

Thailand requires that your passport be valid for 6 months following the date of your arrival in Thailand. Even if you do not require a visa to enter Thailand, you are advised to bring the invitation letter with you.

To facilitate the issuance of visas, the Secretariat will issue invitation letters to be attached to the visa applications when requested.

7. SIM Cards

Getting a SIM card in Bangkok is simple and convenient. The top providers are AIS and True DTAC, both offering reliable 4G/5G coverage and tourist-friendly plans. You can buy SIM cards at Suvarnabhumi and Don Mueang airports, convenience stores like 7-Eleven, or mobile shops in malls. Don't forget your passport for registration/purchase, and check for promotions before purchasing. For added convenience, eSIMs are also available, allowing you to activate a plan online before arrival, making it easier to stay connected.

8. Transportation

Upon arrival, we recommend taking an authorized airport taxi which costs about THB 300-500 (approximately USD 10–15), including airport and toll fees. You can find the official taxi stand at the airport, where staff will assist you. Using ride-hailing apps is also a convenient option. Be prepared for heavy traffic, especially during rush hour, please allow extra travel time to arrive at the venue or airport.

The Airport Rail Link is another means of going from Suvarnabhumi Airport to the rest of Bangkok. It is an express and commuter rail line that connects to the Phaya Thai BTS station and Makkasan station (Phetchaburi MRT subway) in central Bangkok. The fare for the Suvarnabhumi Airport Rail Link ranges from THB 15 to 45, depending on the distance travelled. For example, the fare from the airport to Phaya Thai Station is THB 45, while to Makkasan Station it is THB 35.

Bangkok has a diverse public transportation system, including buses, the BTS Skytrain, the MRT subway, taxis, and ride-hailing services like Grab, Line Man, and MuvMi, which will allow you to explore the city in various vehicles, including electric tuk-tuks.

9. Health information

A yellow fever vaccination certificate is required from travellers arriving from or through countries with risk of yellow fever transmission.

For more information, please consult a medical professional with regard to the vaccination requirements for your travel.

10. Hotel information



Single-room accommodations have been arranged for all participants funded by the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity (ACB) at Novotel Bangkok Platinum Paratunam, which is also the venue of the meeting, for the duration of the activity.

Upon arrival, participants are requested to register at the hotel's front desk, where they will be informed of their room assignments. Standard check-in time is 14:00 hours (2:00 PM) and check-out time is 12:00 PM. Delegates arriving before 14:00 hours can store their luggage with the hotel concierge until their room becomes available.

Participants are reminded that personal expenses, including telephone charges, mini-bar consumption, additional meals, laundry services, and other incidental costs, are to be settled directly with the hotel. Should delegates wish to extend their stay beyond the official forum dates, any associated costs will be at their own expense.

Participants who are not funded by ACB are requested to make their own hotel reservations. A special rate has been negotiated for attendees of the Subregional Dialogue on Biodiversity Monitoring and Reporting at Novotel Bangkok Platinum Pratunam. The rate for single occupancy with breakfast is THB 3,600.00 per night.

For bookings, please contact Ms. Sasiphan Kajonphan (Namtan), Assistant Director of Sales, Sales & Marketing, directly at Sasiphan.KAJONPHAN@accor.com or via telephone at +66 (0)2 209 1700 / mobile +66 (0)62 953 6299.

When making your reservation, please indicate that you are a participant of the Subregional Dialogue on Biodiversity Monitoring and Reporting to avail of the special rate, which is subject to room availability.

11. Payment of the Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA)

Participants are kindly requested to bring their passports and boarding passes on the first day of the meeting. These will be copied and returned to participants during the meeting. It is advisable that participants have some cash at hand to cover expenses that may occur between their arrival and the moment at which they will access their DSA.

For ACB-funded participants, the daily subsistence allowance (DSA) will be disbursed in cash, in USD, on the first day of the meeting, upon submission of their boarding pass and local transportation receipts.

For CBD-funded participants, the DSA will be paid via bank transfer to the personal account of the delegate as provided in the HR Mini Master form after the workshop. Please note that the funds can take up to 2 months to be transferred.

12. Official language

The official language in Thailand is Thai: English is spoken in some hotels and restaurants.

13. Weather and time zone information



In September, temperatures in Bangkok usually range between a maximum of 35°C in the daytime and a minimum of 25°C at night. Current weather conditions can be found at: <https://worldweather.wmo.int/en/city.html?cityId=233>.

The standard time zone in Bangkok is ICT (Indochina Time) which is equal to GMT/UTC +7 Hours.

14. Electricity

The electrical currents in use are 220 volts, 50 Hertz. There are several types of plugs (A, B, C, F, and O) in use and are shown below.



15. Currency



The currency in Thailand is the Baht. The current exchange rate as of 5 August 2025 is US\$1 = THB 32.36 and €1 = THB 37.38 (source: www.xe.com, rates are subject to change). Currency exchange facilities are readily available in banks and hotels.

16. Disclaimer

The CBD Secretariat disclaims all responsibility for medical, accident and travel insurance, for compensation for death or disability compensation, for loss of or damage to personal property and for any other loss that may be incurred during travel time or the period of participation. In this context, it is strongly recommended to secure international medical, accident and travel insurance for the period of participation prior to departure.

Annex – Hotel list near venue

No .	Name of Hotel	Website	Distance
1	Amari Bangkok	www.amari.com	2 minutes by car
2	Centara Grand at Central World Hotel	https://www.centarahotelsresorts.com/centaragrand/cgcw	7 minutes by car
3	First House Hotel Bangkok	https://www.guestreservations.com/first-house-hotel-bangkok/booking?	7 minutes by car
4	Bangkok City Suite Hotel	https://www.bangkoksuite.com/	12 minutes by car
5	Baiyoke Sky Hotel	https://baiyokesky.baiyokehotel.com/?	13 minutes by car
