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**Subcommission on Illicit Drug Traffic and
Related Matters in the Near and Middle East
Fifty-fourth session**

Tashkent, 23–27 September 2019

Information for participants

The Fifty-fourth session of the Subcommission on Illicit Drug Traffic and Related Matters in the Near and Middle East is being organized in Tashkent from 23 to 27 September 2019 hosted by the Government of Uzbekistan and co-organized in partnership with the Secretariat to the Governing Bodies of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime.

Conference venue

The Fifty-fourth session of the Subcommission on Illicit Drug Traffic and Related Matters in the Near and Middle East will be held from 23 to 27 September 2019 in Wyndham Tashkent Hotel, Tashkent, Uzbekistan.

Address: 7/8, C4, Amir Temur Street, Tashkent
Telephone: (+998) 78 12 03 700
Website: www.wyndhamtashkent.com

Coordination

International coordination of the event will be undertaken by the Secretariat to the Governing Bodies of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (SGB/UNODC), Vienna, through:

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National coordination of the event will be undertaken by the National Information-Analytical Centre on Drug Control under the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan. The following persons are responsible for coordination and logistics:

* Available only in Arabic, English and Russian, which are the working languages of the subsidiary body.



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Registration of participants

Registration of participants will take place at the venue of the meeting on Monday, 23 September 2019 from 8.30 a.m.

Participants are requested to fill in the attached registration form (Annex A) and return it to the Secretariat to the Governing Bodies, as soon as possible and not later than 16 September 2019, by email: unodc-sgb@un.org and simone.rupprich@un.org, fax: +431 26060 5885.

Participants are required to wear their identity passes at all times during the meeting in order to gain admittance to meeting premises and activities.

Inaugural ceremony/opening of the meeting

The opening of the meeting will be held at 10:00 am on Monday, 23 September 2019 at the venue of the meeting.

Languages

The official languages of the meeting are Arabic, English and Russian. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided.

Transfers from and to the airport

The Islam Karimov Tashkent International Airport is located in Tashkent, and depending on traffic 10–30 minutes-drive from city centre.

The Government of Uzbekistan is making arrangements to provide transport for participants from the airport to the hotels, and from hotels¹ to the conference centre. All confirmed participants will be met at the airport's arrivals hall by drivers holding a "54th Subcommission" sign. The representatives of the National Information-Analytical Centre on Drug Control under the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan and UNODC Regional Officer for Central Asia will meet the heads of delegations in the arrivals hall of the airport. For this purpose, you may contact:

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Participants may also wish to request an airport pick-up through their respective hotel by providing their full name, arrival date and time, and flight number. Transportation cost from the airport to Tashkent hotels is around US\$ 5–10 per car.

¹ Transfer from hotels to the meeting venue (one way only) would be arranged only from the list of recommended hotels.

Health care

Medical staff will be available at the meeting venue.

Visa

Please consult with <https://mfa.uz/en/consular/visa/> to check the visa requirements for your country. In case you need to obtain a visa, the above link explains the required steps to be taken. In case of additional support or information, contact the National Information-Analytical Centre on Drug Control under the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Accommodation

Accommodation is at participant's cost. Every participant is responsible for his/her own hotel booking. Participants are advised that special rates have been negotiated for the proposed hotel/s below. The amount will be payable to travel agency "KAY – Tourist Services" (<http://kay.uz/>).

All booking requests should be sent directly to travel agency "KAY – Tourist Services", email: info@kay.uz or via tel.: +998 78 122 14 04, with subject-line "54th Subcommittee meeting".

At additional cost, the travel agency can also arrange private city tours, or weekend tours to historical cities of Uzbekistan upon request of participants.

Organizers have recommended the following hotels:

WYNDHAM TASHKENT HOTEL 5*

Rate/night: Single Standard Room – 135 US\$
Single Deluxe Room – 165 US\$
Address: 7/8, C4, Amir Temur Street
Telephone: (+998) 78 120 37 00
Website: www.wyndhamtashkent.com

PRAGA TASHKENT HOTEL 3*

Rate/night: Single Standard Room – 100 US\$
Address: 21 Akramkhodjaev Street
Telephone: (+998) 71 253 00 27
Website: <http://doloreshotels.uz/hotels/tashkent/687>

ORIENT STAR HOTEL TASHKENT

Rate/night: Single Standard Room – 70 US\$
Address: 47a, 1A Mirabad Street, Tashkent 100015
Telephone: (+998) 99 027 88 99
Website: N/A

Note: Above-mentioned prices include all related taxes, breakfast, wireless internet, and also transfer from the hotel to the meeting venue (one way only).

Meals

Lunch, two coffee breaks are provided throughout the meeting by the Government of Uzbekistan at the meeting venue. A reception is also planned. All meals provided during the meeting are Halal.

Currency

The local currency is the Uzbekistani Som (UZS) and the current exchange rate of 1 USD is approximately 8,578 (as of 12 July 2019). For updated information, please check at <http://cbu.uz/en/>.

Climate

The temperature in Tashkent in September ranges from 15 to 35 C.

Local time

The local standard time is: UTC/GMT +5 hours.

Electrical current

In Uzbekistan, the electric current is 220 volts.

Country code

The country code for Uzbekistan is: (+998) (plus a nine-digit number).

Gratuities

There is no standard or expected rate for gratuities which are left to the discretion of the individual. However, most restaurants apply mandatory 0–20 per cent service charge the final bill. Tips are not included anywhere, but appreciated.

General information about Uzbekistan

The Republic of Uzbekistan is located in Central Asia, and situated between the rivers Amu Darya and Syr Darya, and covers an area of 448.9 thousand sq. km. The length of the territory of the Republic from west to east is 1,425 km from north to south – 930 km.

The territory in the north and north-east of the Republic of Uzbekistan borders with Kazakhstan, in the east and south-east with Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan in the west with Turkmenistan, in the south with Afghanistan. Most of the territory of Uzbekistan is occupied by plains (about four-fifths of the territory). One of the main is Turanian plain. The east and northeast of the country are situated spurs of the Tien Shan and the Pamir mountains, here is the highest point in the country (4,643 m). In the north central part of the territory of Uzbekistan is one of the largest deserts in the world – the Kyzyl Kum, west – the Karakum.

Tashkent is the capital and the largest city of the Republic of Uzbekistan. More information about the city, sightseeing and interesting places could be obtained at <https://www.tashkent.uz/en/menu/gorod>.

Annex A

Fifty-fourth session of the Subcommittee on Illicit Drug Traffic and Related Matters in the Near and Middle East

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REGISTRATION FORM

NAME	
MEMBER STATE/ORGANIZATION	
RANK/TITLE/POSITION	
INSTITUTION	
ADDRESS	
CITY, COUNTRY	
TELEPHONE	
EMAIL	
DATE AND TIME OF ARRIVAL	
AIRLINE/FLIGHT NUMBER	
DATE AND TIME OF DEPARTURE	
AIRLINE/FLIGHT NUMBER	
HOTEL	

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