



## PRACTICAL INFORMATION



### CONFERENCE DETAILS

#### DOCUMENTATION

##### **Provisional organization of work:**

The meeting will start at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, 10 October 2018 and will end at 6 p.m. on Friday, 12 October 2018.

All official sessions will be organised in the form of a plenary. To allow as many speakers as possible under each agenda item, interventions from the floor should last not more than 2 minutes. Delegations are encouraged to submit to the secretariat ([water.convention@un.org](mailto:water.convention@un.org)) text of their statements in electronic form prior to the meeting, especially for the high/level segment.

Documentation, detailed programme and other practical information can be found at:

[www.unece.org/env/water/mop8](http://www.unece.org/env/water/mop8)

General information of the 8th Meeting of the Parties is available on following the host country website:

[www.8mop.waterconvention.org](http://www.8mop.waterconvention.org)

##### **Working language:**

Simultaneous interpretation in Arabic, English, French, Russian and Spanish will be provided during all plenary sessions.

All official and unofficial documents for the meeting will be made available on the website of the [8<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Parties](#).

The Meeting of the Parties will follow a PaperSmart model. Therefore, delegates are asked to bring their own copies of documents or laptops.

Internet access to documents will be provided during the meeting. Limited paper copies of documents will be available in the meeting room.

Participants may distribute additional information material of direct relevance to the agenda ensuring availability of the required copies. Participants wishing to do so are invited to contact the secretariat for the practical arrangements.



## SIDE EVENTS

A programme of side events will complement the official agenda. A detailed schedule will be made available on the website of the meeting in September.

Side events will last 75 minutes. There will be 15 slots available, namely 3 parallel side events in the lunch breaks of 10-12 October, respectively, and 3 parallel side events in the morning of Thursday and Friday, respectively.

Participating countries and organizations are invited to organize or contribute to side events. The deadline for submitting proposals for side-events is **15 August 2018**. Proposals should be submitted through the link below:

[SUBMIT A PROPOSAL FOR A SIDE EVENT](#)



## CREDENTIALS

In accordance with the rules of procedures for the sessions of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention, credentials of all representatives of **Parties** and the names of alternate representatives and advisers shall be submitted to the secretariat. To facilitate the procedure of verification of credentials, **Parties to the Convention** are invited to send a copy of their credentials by 1 October to the secretariat ([water.convention@un.org](mailto:water.convention@un.org)). Those Parties that submitted a copy of the credentials should present their originals to the secretariat at the eighth session of the Meeting of the Parties upon arrival at the meeting in Astana.

Credentials, which are normally issued either by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, should indicate the composition of the delegation, including the Head of delegation, and should state that the respective delegation is empowered to participate in the meeting and take decisions on behalf of the respective Government, following the applicable rules of procedure (see an example of a delegation's credentials on the meeting website).

**Non-Parties do not need to submit credentials.**



## MEETING VENUE AND REGISTRATION

### Meeting venue:

EXPO Congress Center  
55/k3, Mangilik El avenue  
Astana, Kazakhstan  
Web: [https://expo2017astana.com/en/page\\_id=65](https://expo2017astana.com/en/page_id=65)





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**Important notice:** Access to the meeting venue will only be granted to registered participants who bring along a personal identification document.

## **Registration of participants:**

Delegates attending the meeting are requested to register using the following link:

<https://uncdb.unece.org/app/ext/meeting-registration?id=QiWYQM>

Registered participants are kindly requested to be at the Congress Centre at the latest by 8:00 am on 10 October 2018 to collect their badges. Badge can also be collected on 9 October 2018 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. We encourage delegations to collect their badges as early as possible. Conference badges will be delivered upon presentation of valid ID or passport.

For assistance with registration, please see the instructions on the meeting's web page or contact the secretariat by e-mail ([mayola.lidome@un.org](mailto:mayola.lidome@un.org)).



## **FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

Some funds are available to support participation of some nominated representatives from developing countries and countries with economies in transition, eligible for financial support. Requests for financial support should be submitted **together with the financial support request form (available on the meeting website) duly signed by the authorized high-level official and registration in the abovementioned system** to the UNECE secretariat ([mayola.lidome@un.org](mailto:mayola.lidome@un.org)) as soon as possible **but not later than 15 August 2018**. Due to the limitation of funds available delegates are encouraged to request financial support as soon as possible and well before the deadline.



## **VISA**

Participants requiring entry visas to Kazakhstan should indicate it clearly in the registration form and initiate visa procedures at least five weeks before the meeting. The host country will provide participants with an invitation letter, which should be used to apply for a visa at the nearest consular office of the Republic of Kazakhstan. For a full list with contact information of the consular offices of the Republic of Kazakhstan please check: <http://mfa.gov.kz/files/593d8bed31d77.pdf>

For nationals arriving from a country without a consular office of the Republic of Kazakhstan visa can be obtained on arrival at the International Airports in Astana and Almaty cities. In this case, visa support will be provided to the registered participants by the host country. For more detailed information, please check the website or contact the secretariat ([Tolganay.rysbekova@un.org](mailto:Tolganay.rysbekova@un.org)).



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## Visa-free regime

Citizens of the following countries have the right to entry to the Republic of Kazakhstan without visa for up to thirty days:

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| 1. Australia;      | 17. Iceland;     | 33. Portugal;  |
| 2. Austria;        | 18. Ireland;     | 34. Republic of Korea;                                       |
| 3. Belgium;        | 19. Israel;      | 35. Romania;   |
| 4. Bulgaria;       | 20. Italy;       | 36. Singapore;   |
| 5. Canada;         | 21. Japan;       | 37. Slovakia;  |
| 6. Chile;          | 22. Latvia;      | 38. Slovenia;  |
| 7. Croatia;        | 23. Lithuania;   | 39. Spain;   |
| 8. Cyprus;         | 24. Luxembourg;  | 40. Sweden;  |
| 9. Czech Republic; | 25. Malaysia;    | 41. Switzerland;   |
| 10. Denmark;       | 26. Malta;       | 42. Turkey;  |
| 11. Estonia;       | 27. Mexico;      | 43. United Arab Emirates;                                    |
| 12. Finland;       | 28. Monaco;      | 44. United Kingdom of Great<br>Britain and Northern Ireland. |
| 13. France;        | 29. Netherlands; | 45. United States of America;                                |
| 14. Germany;       | 30. New Zealand; |  |
| 15. Greece;        | 31. Norway;      |  |
| 16. Hungary;       | 32. Poland;      |  |

## Visa free entry

Citizens of the following countries are exempted from visa requirements:

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| 1. Argentina (up to 30 days);  | 10. Republic of Korea (up to 30 days);   |
| 2. Armenia (up to 90 days);    | 11. Republic of Moldova (up to 90 days); |
| 3. Azerbaijan (up to 30 days); | 12. Russian Federation (up to 90 days);  |
| 4. Belarus (up to 90 days);    | 13. Serbia (up to 30 days);              |
| 5. Brazil (up to 30 days);     | 14. Tajikistan (up to 30 days);          |
| 6. Ecuador (up to 30 days).    | 15. Turkey (up to 30 days);              |
| 7. Georgia (up to 90 days);    | 16. Ukraine (up to 90 days);             |
| 8. Kyrgyzstan (up to 90 days); | 17. United Arab Emirates (up to 30 days) |
| 9. Mongolia (up to 90 days);   | 18. Uzbekistan (up to 30 days);          |



## MEALS

During the meeting on 10-12 October, the host country will offer **coffee breaks and lunches** at the meeting venue.



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## CONFERENCE FACILITIES



Wi-fi will be available in the EXPO Congress centre and in recommended hotels.



Headphones will be available to all participants upon presentation of a valid passport/ID. Participants are kindly requested to return headphone devices at the end of the day. Headphones will operate in all rooms (including plenary and side event rooms)



## ACCOMMODATION

The participants of the event are recommended to book hotel rooms in Astana in advance. The list of recommended hotels for the participants of the 8<sup>th</sup> Session of the Meeting of the Parties, as well as detailed information on the terms of booking and accommodation are available on the following websites: [www.8mop.waterconvention.org](http://www.8mop.waterconvention.org) and [www.unece.org/env/water/mop8](http://www.unece.org/env/water/mop8).

A number of rooms have been pre-reserved at preferential rates in the recommended hotels. Shuttle bus to and from the airport and the meeting venue will be arranged by the host country for the recommended hotels.

To take advantage of the block booking and preferential rates, please make your own arrangements **not later than 10 September 2018** using **the respective booking form** (available on the meeting websites mentioned above).

***Accommodation should be paid to the hotel directly.***



## AIRPORT

**Location:** Nursultan Nazarbayev International Airport (Astana, Kabanbay batyr ave.,119)

**Kazakhstan name:** Нұрсұлтан Назарбаев Халықаралық әуежайы

Telephone: +7 (7172) 702 999

IATA Airport Code TSE

Web: <http://astanaairport.kz/>

**See the following website to find flights information for reaching Astana:**

<http://astanaairport.kz/flight-route>





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## TRANSFER FROM THE AIRPORT

Transfer by shuttlebus from Nursultan Nazarbayev International Airport to the recommended hotels will be provided to participants.

Individual transfer to the above hotels and to other main hotels in Astana can also be arranged directly by the hotel at a cost of approximately 10-15 \$. Please contact directly the hotel to his end.

Taxi are also available at the airport. For more information refer to <http://astanaairport.kz/pages/taxi>

Passengers can take bus number 10 from Airport to reach *Nazarbayev University* bus station. It is 10 minutes (800 m) walking distance from bus station to the conference venue "EXPO Congress Hall".



## ABOUT KAZAKHSTAN

You can find more information about Kazakhstan at <https://www.kazakhstan.com/>

You can find more information about Astana at <http://astana.gov.kz/en/>

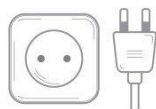
**Time zone** GMT + 6 hour

**Currency** Kazakhstan Tenge (KZT)

1 EUR = 400 KZT

1 USD = 340 KZT

**Electricity** The voltage in Kazakhstan is 220 volts, 50 Hz



type C



type F

**Weather** <https://weather.com/weather/5day/l/KZXX0002:1:KZ>



## CONTACTS

**For issues related to financial support, registration and visa:**

E-mail: [Mayola.lidome@un.org](mailto:Mayola.lidome@un.org) and [Tolganay.rysbekova@un.org](mailto:Tolganay.rysbekova@un.org)

**For advice on substantive matters:**

[Water.convention@un.org](mailto:Water.convention@un.org)



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**USEFUL MAP – ASTANA**

