

Tashkent, 22 April 2008

GEO Capacity Building Committee – 7th Meeting
3-5 June, 2008
Tashkent, Uzbekistan

LOGISTICAL MODALITIES

I. VENUE:

POYTAHT HOTEL
4, Movuronahr street, Tashkent, Uzbekistan
Tel.: (99871) 1208660
Fax: (99871) 1208668

II. VISA:

Visa support for CBC7 Meeting participants will be provided by local organizers. For visa arrangements, please, send to the organizers as soon as possible request to make visa support to e-mail: nigmi@albatros.uz and enclose the following details: (i) copy of passport; (ii) position held; (iii) a place (city) where a participant would like to receive his/her visa; (iv) itinerary.

Please note that visa arrangement takes not less than two weeks.

Visa arrangements details can be found on site of the Ministry of International Affairs http://mfa.uz/eng/consular_issues/.

III. TRANSFERS AIRPORT - CITY:

Transfers between the airport and your hotel will be provided on arrival and departure. Information about the transfers will be available at the airport where meeting staff with a GEO sign will meet you.

Participants are kindly requested to inform organizers in advance in case of plane delay or any change in travel.

IV. HOTEL:

Rooms have been pre-booked for the conference participants at the Poytaht Hotel (workshop venue).

V. LUNCHES/COFFEE BREAKS

Lunches and coffee breaks will be provided free of charge to the participants on both days of the meeting.

VI. CONTACTS FOR LOGISTICAL QUERIES:

Ms. Natalya Shulgina - Tel: (99871) 2337140, 2331150, email:shulginata@yahoo.com

VII. FLIGHT INFORMATION :

The current schedule for flights to Tashkent from the cities most relevant for conference participants can be found on:

<http://www.visit-uzbekistan.com/uzbekistan/flights/index.php>

VIII. CUSTOMS REGULATIONS - IMPORT AND EXPORT OF CASH FOREIGN CURRENCY AND GOODS IN UZBEKISTAN:

The import of cash foreign currency is freely allowed to natural persons. The traveler will have to obligatory fill in the customs declarations.

The export of cash foreign currency is allowed:

- to the residents - within the limits of the sum equivalent \$1500. Amounts over \$1500 equivalent up to \$ 5000, including traveller's cheques will require an authorization of NBU.
- to non-residents - within the limits of imported currency, according to the customs declaration. All export cash foreign currency, irrespective of the sum, should be indicated in the customs declaration.

The goods forbidden to export are:

- grain, wheat, rye, barley, rice, corn, buckwheat, bakery product, cattle, bird, meat, tea, spirit, flour, groats, dry milk, sugar, vegetable oils;
- antiquities (by decision of the Ministry of cultural affairs);
- tanning, fur, including astrakhan raw material;
- breakage and waste of non-ferrous metal, cocoons of silkworm, filoselle, silk waste;

The goods forbidden to import are:

Products of press, manuscripts, cliché, drawings, photosnapshots, films, negatives, film- , video- and audio production, recordings, sound materials, directed on having undermined of the state and social order, transgression of territorial integrity, political independence and state sovereignty, propagandizing of war, terrorism, violence, national exclusiveness and religious hatred, racism and also obscene material.

IX. GENERAL INFORMATION:

Currency: The national currency is **Uzbek soum UZS** (1 EUR = UZS 2063 - rate April, 2008).

Bank facilities: Bank services and exchange operations can be done at exchange offices situated throughout the city. Some hotels and other locations have ATMs accepting foreign credit cards.

Electric current: The standard voltage in Tashkent is 220 V. Electric plugs may not correspond to plugs of your electric appliance; therefore the use of an adapter might be necessary.

Time: Tashkent time differs from Greenwich time by +5 hours.

Weather: The weather in Tashkent in June is expected serene, the daily temperature is usually between 25 - 30°C, but the actual weather conditions should be checked before departure.