

**Economic and Social Council
Special Meeting on International Cooperation in Tax Matters
(ECOSOC Chamber, 22 April 2015)**

INFORMATION NOTE

General

The special meeting of the Economic and Social Council on “International cooperation in tax matters” will be held on 22 April 2015, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and 3:00-6:00 p.m. at the United Nations Headquarters in New York.

Meeting Venue

The United Nations Headquarters is located in the heart of New York City (1st Avenue between 42nd & 48th Streets). The meeting will be held in ECOSOC Chamber, located on the 2nd Floor of the Conference Building.

How to get to the UN Headquarters

By subway: Take 4, 5, 6, 7, or S trains to Grand Central Station and walk east on 42nd Street to 1st Avenue.

New York City Subway Map: <http://www.mta.info/nyct/maps/submap.htm>

By bus: Take the UN - 1st Avenue-bound M42 bus and get off at East 42nd Street & 1st Avenue.

New York City Bus Map: <http://web.mta.info/nyct/maps/manbus.pdf>

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By taxi: NYC taxis are painted in yellow. Look for one with a lit light on the rooftop center panel and dark side panels, but no “off duty” sign. It is easy to hail a taxi on the street or from a cabstand in front of major hotels.

By car: Private parking garages are available from East 45th to 49th Streets, between 1st & 2nd Avenues.

Registration and Security

The UN Visitor’s entrance is located on 1st Avenue and 46th Street. Participants are advised to arrive at the Visitor’s Entrance by 9:15 a.m. to allow sufficient time to go through security screening. Registration will be at the gate, where a staff member from the Financing for Development Office will provide you with your UN Badge, upon presentation of a government issued photo ID (Passport, National ID or Driver’s license). For identification and security reasons, all participants are requested to wear their badges at all times during the meeting. Please note that UN will only issue badges to those who have confirmed their participation prior to the meeting. Participants will then go through security and once cleared, proceed to the ECOSOC Chamber on the 2nd Floor of the Conference Building.

Organization of the meeting

Tentative programme, concept note and other relevant materials are available on FfD website at: <http://www.un.org/esa/ffd/events/ie-2015-ictm.html>

Language and Interpretation

The working language of the meeting is English. Interpretation in the organization's six official languages (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish) will be provided.

Seating arrangements

Guests will be seated in the audience at the top section of the ECOSOC Chamber.

Special seating arrangements will be made for members of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters, invited speakers, invited international organizations and national participants of the workshop on "Tax Incentives and Base Protection" to be held on 23 – 24 April 2015. The Financing for Development Office will inform these participants accordingly.

Powerpoint Presentation

Presenters who will be making powerpoint presentations are kindly advised to submit an electronic copy of the presentation by e-mail (limchoc@un.org) on or before Friday, 17 April. In case the presenters would not be able to send their presentations, please be in conference room with the presentation on a flash drive at least 30 minutes before the start of the meeting, so that we could upload it to the computer before the meeting starts.

Other Facility

The UN Main Cafeteria is located in the southeast corner, ground floor of the Secretariat Building.

Hotel Accommodations

Participants are kindly advised to arrange for the booking of their own hotel accommodation. Attached is a list of hotels in the vicinity of the UN Headquarters, for reference.

Visa

Participants are advised to check if they need a visa to travel to the United States of America. If they do, please submit the visa application form, invitation letter, a valid passport and any accompanying documentation, to the nearest US Consulate in their country of departure.

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We hope that you have a pleasant stay in New York.