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Global Symposium on Data and Digital Governance

INFORMATION NOTE

19-20 October 2024, Shanghai

21 October 2024, Deqing, Zhejiang Province

UN Geo Week

22 October 2024, Deqing, Zhejiang Province

The Global Symposium on Data and Digital Governance is organized by the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA), in collaboration with the Shanghai Data Bureau, Shanghai City IoT Operation Center, Zhejiang Provincial Government, Deqing County Government and Fudan University.

GENERAL

Data and digital data governance in the public sector have become increasingly important in Governments' modus operandi and real-world applicability. Data are now integral to every sector and function of government—as essential as physical assets and human resources. Much of the operational activity in government is now data-driven or data-centric, and many Governments would find it difficult, if not impossible, to function without data.

This Global Symposium seeks to address existing challenges and gaps in national digital data governance, data management and cooperation, focusing on enhancing the institutional

capacities of countries to utilize, manage and govern data in a comprehensive, objective and evidence-based manner, through regional and global cooperation. The aim is to build awareness and develop institutional capacities in building national data governance frameworks in developing countries, especially those in Africa and the Asia Pacific region.

In order to ensure your smooth participation, please read this note carefully. The information listed in this note is subject to change, please refer to the event webpage at <https://publicadministration.desa.un.org/events/global-symposium-data-and-digital-governance> for the latest updates.

VENUE

Day One: **19 October**, 9:00-21:00

Pudong Urban Planning and Public Art Center

Pudong New Area

Shanghai

Day Two: **20 October**, 9:30-11:30

Xuhui District Urban Operations Center

Xuhui District

Shanghai

Day Three and Four: **21-22 October**

Deqing International Conference Center

No.999-1000, South Quyuan Rd., Deqing County,

Huzhou Municipality, Zhejiang Province

China

Participants are provided with complementary roundtrip transportation between Kerry Hotel Pudong in Shanghai and the conference venue (20-minute drive to/from conference venue); while Novotel Deqing Moganshan Hotel is within walking distance to/from the conference venue in Deqing.

REGISTRATION

Personalized badges can be collected upon registration on 18-19 October 2024. Please wear your badge throughout the Forum.

Entry to conference venue:

Please bring your identification credentials to present during security check-in.

Meeting participants are expected to wear formal attire during the Global Symposium.

Phones must be set in silent or vibrate mode.

VISA

It is the responsibility of the individual participant to obtain an entry visa to China.

It is important to contact the nearest Consulate and/or Embassy of the People's Republic of China in your country to check entry visa requirements.

Payments can be made by credit card and set-up of electronic payment options.

- To check visa requirements and apply for a visa, please visit this link:
http://cs.mfa.gov.cn/wgrlh/lhqz/lhqzjjs/201311/t20131101_961583.shtml

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Arrival and Transportation to the Hotel

Airport pickup and drop-off services will be provided by the local host to/from airport to hotel, as well as hotel transfers from Shanghai to Deqing.

Hotel Accommodation and Meals

All meals and accommodation will be provided to funded and self-funded participants.

Kerry Hotel Pudong [Shanghai, 18-20 Oct]

1388 Hua Mu Rd, Pudong New Area,
Shanghai 201204 China

<https://www.shangri-la.com/shanghai/kerryhotelpudong/>

Email: shanghai@thekerryhotels.com

Phone: (86 21) 6169 8888

Meal hours:

18 Oct: 17:30-20:30: Buffet Dinner, Hotel Cafeteria (1st floor)

19 Oct: 6:30-8:30: Buffet Breakfast, Hotel Cafeteria (1st floor)
12:30-13:30: Buffet Lunch, Hotel Cafeteria (1st floor)
19:00-20:00: Cold Buffet, “The Light of Shanghai” Cruise ship

20 Oct: 6:30-8:30: Buffet Breakfast, Hotel Cafeteria (1st floor)
11:30-14:30: Buffet Lunch, Hotel Cafeteria (1st floor)

Novotel Deqing Moganshan Hotel [Deqing, 20-23 Oct]

No.707, South Quyuan Road, Deqing County,
Huzhou Municipality, Zhejiang Province

<https://all.accor.com/hotel/B1Y1/index.en.shtml>

Email: rsvn@novotel-deqing.com

Phone: +86-572-883-8888

Internet Service

Free Wi-Fi is available at the venue and designated hotel.

Foreign Currency Declaration and Exchange

The official currency of China is Chinese Yuan (CNY).

Foreign currency exchange services are available at airports, banks and many hotels in the city.
ATMs are widely available.

Major credit and debit cards are widely accepted.

Contact information:

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