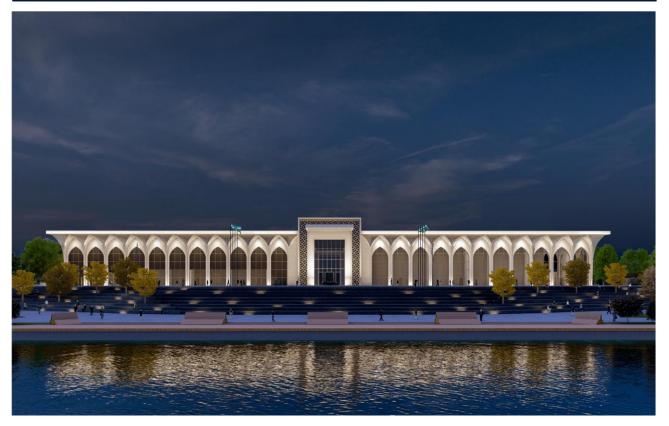


INFORMATION NOTE

23-25 June 2025 Silk Road Resort Samarkand, Uzbekistan

VENUE



The 2025 United Nations Public Service Forum will be held at the Congress Centre, Silk Road Resort, Samarkand, Uzbekistan from 23 to 25 June 2025.

Address: **Congress Centre**

Silk Road Resort Samarkand

tel:+998 55 705 55 55

VISA REQUIREMENTS

Obtaining a visa is the responsibility of the participant. Please check the visa requirements for your nationality at the official website: <u>https://e-visa.gov.uz/main</u>.

You can apply for an e-visa to Uzbekistan through the official electronic visa portal. The application process includes completing the online form in English, uploading a passportstyle photo and a scanned copy of your passport, and paying a consular fee of USD 20 (single entry). The visa is valid for **30 days**, and the processing time is **3 working days**, excluding weekends and public holidays.

For participants of UNPSF2025 from countries not covered by the e-visa system, a **one-time** visa on arrival will be available. This visa can be obtained upon arrival at Tashkent and Samarkand International Airports. A special document confirming eligibility for the visa on arrival will be provided to participants.

CHECKLIST FOR FOREIGNERS TRAVELLING TO THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN

Covid-19 travel restrictions in Uzbekistan have been eased for international visitors. There are no quarantine requirements for people entering Uzbekistan, including unvaccinated people. Vaccination is NOT a requirement for entry into Uzbekistan.

No Covid-19 testing is required for pre-departure and on arrival.

HEALTH INSURANCE

All participants are strongly encouraged to have health travel insurance before travelling. Emergency and hospital claims are not covered by the United Nations, the Government of Uzbekistan or the public Uzbekistan health system. Again, the cost of medical treatment is solely covered by the participant. Please contact your insurance provider or travel agency well in advance.

Below are some medical centers available in Samarkand:

- 1. Zarmed Medical Center: Isayev St 16, Samarkand +99855 702 10 63
- 2. <u>Multidisciplinary Clinic of Samarkand State Medical University</u>: Amir Timur Street, 18A, Samarkand +99866 235 48 46
- 3. <u>Royalmed Medical Center</u>: Maxmud Koshqariy St 84, Samarkand +99878 113 74 04

ACCOMMODATION

Participants are responsible for making their own accommodation arrangements. Reservations should be made directly with the preferred hotel as soon as possible and must be booked with a credit card. You can refer to the 2025 UNPSF website for price estimates and discount details (where eligible) on some of the recommended hotels listed below:

- 1. <u>Lia! by Minyoun Stars of Ulugbek</u> (4+star hotel, 5-minute walking distance)
- 2. <u>Wellness Park Hotel Turon</u> (3+star hotel, 5-minute journey by shuttle bus)
- 3. <u>Savitsky Plaza</u> (4★star hotel, 5-minute walking distance)
- 4. <u>Hilton Garden Inn Samarkand Afrosiyob</u> (3★star hotel, 3-minute journey by shuttle bus)
- 5. <u>Wellness Park Hotel Bactria</u> (3+star hotel, 3-minute journey by shuttle bus)
- 6. <u>Hilton Garden Inn Samarkand Sogd</u> (3+star hotel, 5-minute journey by shuttle bus)
- 7. <u>Hilton Regency Samarkand</u> (5+star hotel, 3-minute walking distance)
- 8. <u>Silk Road by Minyoun</u> (5+star hotel, 3-minute walking distance)















TRANSPORTATION

Airport ↔ Hotels in Silk Road Resort

Transportation between Samarkand International Airport, Samarkand Railway Station, and the official Forum hotels will be provided for all participants. For added convenience, an official Forum information kiosk will be located at both the airport and the railway station to assist arriving guests.



Limousine buses will operate continuously, with vehicles arriving one after another to ensure timely and seamless transfers. Trained volunteers will be present at all arrival points to guide and accompany participants from their point of arrival directly to the designated limousine buses.

If you require specific accessibility accommodations, please inform us at the time of registration so that we can offer the necessary assistance.

Airport limousine bus from Samarkand International Airport and Samarkand Railway Station to Congress Centre



Taxis

1. **Yandex Taxi** is a widely recognized and popular taxi service in Samarkand, with competitive pricing and a range of vehicle options.

To download the **Yandex Taxi** app: (<u>Android & iOS</u>)

2. **Taxi OK** is another well-known and widely used taxi service in Samarkand. This service offers the convenience of ordering a taxi either through their dedicated mobile app or by calling their contact number +998782101111.

To download the Taxi OK app: (<u>Android</u> & <u>iOS</u>)

Estimated taxi fare from Samarkand International Airport to the city center is approximately 40,000 Sum, which is equivalent to around \$3.5 USD.

RESTAURANTS

During the Forum, the organizers will provide lunch and coffee at designated times. There will also be a Welcome Dinner for invited guests on Day 1.

There are many restaurants located on the first floor of Congress Centre, the Forum venue, for additional dining needs.

| Restaurant | Cuisine | Caters | Telephone |
|---|--------------------------|--------|------------------|
| <u>Ayvon</u> | Uzbek + International | 500 | +99855 705 55 55 |
| <u>Sky Bar</u> | Uzbek + International | 48 | +99855 705 55 55 |
| <u>Hilton Samarkand</u> Regency lobby bar | Uzbek + International | 112 | +99855 705 55 55 |
| <u>The Seasons</u> <u>Restaurant</u> | Uzbek + International | 272 | +99855 705 55 55 |
| Khmelnov beer factory | Uzbek + International | 142 | +99855 705 55 55 |
| <u>The Yi Palace Chinese</u> <u>Restaurant</u> | Uzbek + Chinese | 228 | +99899 705 70 40 |

Additional Restaurants in the area

| Restaurant | Cuisine | Caters | Telephone |
|----------------------|--------------------------|--------|------------------|
| Samarkand Restaurant | Uzbek + International | 160 | +99895 500 55 59 |
| Oasis Garden | Uzbek + International | 100 | +99897 926 22 29 |
| Platan | Uzbek + International | 50 | +99891 555 88 88 |
| Karimbek Restaurant | Uzbek + International | 180 | +99866 237 77 39 |
| Emirhan Restaurant | Uzbek + International | 100 | +99888 891 60 00 |

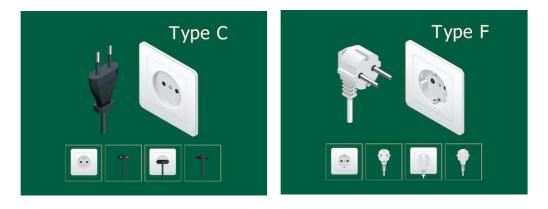
MISCELLANEOUS

Weather: June temperatures in Samarkand range between a low of 30°C and a high of 40°C. To find the current weather in Samarkand, please check your weather app in advance of travel.

Time Difference: Samarkand uses Uzbekistan Standard Time (UST), which is 5 hours ahead of GMT (Standard Time).

Attire: Professional or a business dress code, including those appropriate to your culture, is recommended for the Forum.

Electricity Supply: The voltage in Uzbekistan is 220 volts at 60Hz on the following outlets. Please carry the necessary outlets for your use. The organizer does not provide these electronic appliances.



Internet: Wi-Fi internet access will be available throughout the meeting.

Language: Uzbek is the official language in Uzbekistan, Russian is also widely spoken. Most airport and major hotel staff speak English, but this may not be common among all taxi drivers or restaurant workers – with the exception of downtown tourist areas. Participants can download a translator app to go around the city.

Currency: Uzbek Sum (UZS) 1 USD \approx 12,945 UZS, with normal market fluctuations

For Currency Exchange, participants can do so at the airport.

Cash advance service: If participants wish to withdraw cash, one should look for a 'global' ATM, Convenience stores have higher withdrawal fees. At the ATM, click on 'Foreign card' or 'English' (often at the bottom right-hand side of the screen) and insert your card to proceed.

CONTACTS

For further administrative information during the meeting, please contact: <u>info@unpsf2025.org</u>

112 is a central hotline emergency number for various urgent situations.

+99866 223 53 54 for the Tourist Police in Samarkand