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Sixth International Forum on Energy for Sustainable Development

Co-organizers: Government of Armenia, United Nations Regional Commissions, United Nations Development Programme Office in Armenia, United Nations Industrial Development Organization, Copenhagen Centre on Energy Efficiency, Climate Technology Centre and Network, Habitat for Humanity International

Forum languages: English and Russian with simultaneous interpretation

For some sessions Armenian interpretation will be provided

INFORMATION NOTE

MEETING VENUE

The Sixth International Forum on Energy for Sustainable Development will be held from 29 September to 2 October 2015 at:

Armenia Marriott Hotel

1 Amiryan Street, Republic Square, Yerevan 0010, Armenia

Tel.: (+374 10) 599 000

Fax: (+374 10) 599 001

Website: www.marriottarmenia.am

For further information on the venue of the meeting, please visit the website of the hotel.

REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS

Registration of the participants will take place on Tuesday, September 29, 2015, from 8:30 to 9:00 am at the Armenia Marriott Hotel. Identification badges will be issued to participants at registration. Please present your international passport (or ID) for registration.

VISA

It is the responsibility of the participant to obtain the visa to enter Armenia (if required).

The list of countries, nationals of which are unilaterally exempted from the requirement of obtaining a visa for the Republic of Armenia: http://www.mfa.am/u_files/file/consulate/Visa/visafreelisteng1.pdf.

The list of countries, which have a visa-free regime with Armenia according to bilateral and multilateral agreements: http://www.mfa.am/u_files/file/consulate/Visa/whoneedsvisa_eng.pdf.

Holders of all other national passports and travel documents, including UN Laissez-Passer, are required to obtain an entry visa.

List of countries, nationals of which could apply for visitor visa only with invitation: http://www.mfa.am/u_files/file/consulate/Visa/invitation_only_eng.pdf.

For the list of documents required for issuing a visa and more information, please visit the site of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia at <http://www.mfa.am/en/visa/>

Should you need a visa support, please inform the Forum secretariat at your earliest convenience but **not later than 5 August 2015**. Please contact **Mr. Hovhannes Abrahamyan (+374 11) 521 695** E-mail: h.abrahamyan@minenergy.am (External Relations Department at the Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources of the Republic of Armenia).

TRANSPORTATION

- **From airport**

Zvartnots International Airport, EVN, www.zvartnots.am, is about 10 km (6 miles) from Yerevan. Free Wi-Fi is available in the departure terminal. Facilities: ATMs, duty free, currency exchange, car rental, information center and cafes.

Taxis are available to the city center such as **Aero taxi**, www.aerotaxi.am, charging 250 AMD (approximately \$0.55) per kilometer and service fee of 400 AMD (journey time: about 15 minutes); shuttle buses run regularly (journey time: about 30 minutes). Alternatively, you can request a pick-up service from your hotel, which is usually more expensive.

- **Getting to the city:**

The following means of public transportation are available in Armenia:

Metro: Yerevan subway system has one line stretching from the north to the Railroad Station in the southern edge of the city. There are 10 stations. The fare is 100 AMD (approximately \$0.22).

Buses: There are buses running in major directions. The fare is 100 AMD.

Minibuses: These small vans seating 12-14 people are available everywhere in the city. They run until late at night. The fare is 100 AMD.

- **Taxi Services:** There are many taxi services, which accept orders by phone, such as:

GG Taxi, ggtaxi.am, tel.: (+374 94) 302300 also via (+374 95) or (+374 96), mobile application available;

City Cab, tel.: (+374 10) 247999, 287999, 248999,

Taxi Tour, tel.: (+374 10) 544444,

Taxi Voyage, tel.: (+374 10) 545405, 545406, 577840, 555840.

They offer very clean, comfortable cars with polite and skillful drivers. The fare varies from 100 AMD (\$0.22) to 150 AMD (\$0.33) per km. For more options, please visit *Getting Around in Yerevan* page at www.armeniainfo.am web-site.

- **Regular taxi:** There are taxi stands at major city intersections. Fares are according to counter (please ensure that taxi has a counter before getting in).

Participants can directly coordinate with the hotel where they are staying regarding the airport transfers.

ACCOMMODATION

Participants are responsible for their own hotel bookings.

Upon receiving this Note, please arrange for your accommodation in Yerevan during the meeting. A list of hotels, located at a walking distance from the workshop venue, is provided below. Please contact the preferred hotel at the given email address for reservation, indicating your participation in the “**The Sixth**

International Forum on Energy for Sustainable Development” to obtain the below-mentioned special UN corporate rates.

Please note that the Forum period is a high season in Yerevan, so you are strongly advised to reach the hotels the soonest possible.

Please note that UN rates are not applied if you use online booking. You are advised to contact hotels at the given emails or telephone numbers.

#	Hotel	Current Room Rates in USD *		Contacts	Website
		Standard	Suite		
1	Marriott Hotel	130	155	1 Amiryan Street, Republic Square, Yerevan, 0010 Tel.: (+374 10) 599 000 Fax: (+374 10) 599 001 E-mail: armenia.marriott@marriott.com	www.marriottarmenia.am
2	Royal Tulip Grand Hotel Yerevan	130	160	14 Abovyan Str., Yerevan, 0001 Tel.: (+374 10) 591 600 Email: sales@hotelyerevan.com	www.royaltulipgrandhotelyerevan.com
3	Ani Plaza Hotel	60	80	19 Sayat Nova Avenue, Yerevan, 0001 Tel.: (+374 10) 589 500 or 589 700 Fax: (+374 10) 565 343 E-mail: reservation@anihotel.am sales@anihotel.am	www.anihotel.com
4	Hyatt Place Yerevan Hotel	110	140	26/1, V. Sargsyan Str., Yerevan, 0010 Tel.: (+374 11) 221 234 Fax: (+374 11) 221 235 Email: yerevan.place@hyatt.com	www.yerevan.place.hyatt.com
5	Europe Hotel	95	115	38 Hanrapetutyun Str., Yerevan, 0010 Tel.: (+374 10) 546 060 Fax: (+374 10) 546 050 E-mail: sales@europehotel.am	www.europehotel.am/us
6	Aviatrans Hotel	80	110	4 Abovyan Str., Yerevan, 0010 Tel.: (+374 60) 484 444 or 484484 Fax: (+374 60) 484 442 E-mail: reservation@hotelaviatrans.am sales@hotelaviatrans.am	www.aviatrans.am
7	Erebuni Hotel	80	110	26/1 Nalbandyan Str., Republic Square, Yerevan, 0010 Tel.: (+374 10) 580 505 Fax: (+374 10) 580 330 E-mail: info@erebunihotel.am	www.erebunihotel.am
8	Congress Hotel	65	80	1 Italy St., Yerevan, 0010 Tel.: (+374-10) 591 199 E-mail: sales@hotelcongressyerevan.com	www.congresshotelyerevan.com
9	Park Hotel Yerevan	60	65	Yeznik Koghbatsi st 20, Yerevan, 0002 Tel.: (+374 11) 716 717 Email: reception@citycentre.am	www.parkhotelyerevan.am

* These are negotiated rates without VAT for the participants provided by the Forum organizers.

For other options you can visit <http://www.hotels.am/>

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR YOUR STAY IN ARMENIA

- **Local Customs:** Armenians are much like any other Europeans in their manners and lifestyle.
- **Time Zone:** Time difference between Armenia and Europe is +2 hours; with the United Kingdom +3 hours; with East Coast of the United States +8 hours; and with the West Coast of the United States +11 hours.
- **Language:** Armenian is the official language in Armenia, which forms its own language group in the Indo-European language family. However, almost all Armenians can speak quite good Russian because Armenia was part of the Soviet Union. English is becoming more widely spoken, particularly in Yerevan; however, outside the capital, very few people speak any English.
- **Currency:** The Armenian currency is known as the “dram”, and the currency is abbreviated as AMD (Armenian Dram). The dram is accepted everywhere. Dollars, Euros and Rubles can be exchanged almost anywhere in the country, with other major currencies also easy to exchange. Exchange booths do not charge a commission and rates are almost always competitive.
- **ATMs (Bankomats):** are widely available in larger towns. However outside Yerevan you should have a major system such as Visa Electron on your card for it to work.

Credit cards are not widely accepted, however in hotels, big commercial centers, restaurants and cafes the credit cards are usually accepted.

The Armenian banking system consists of 21 commercial banks, which are supervised by the Central Bank of Republic of Armenia. The banks in Yerevan are open from 10 am to 4 pm on weekdays and from 10 am to 1 pm on Saturdays. No lunch breaks! The ATMs can be found on all the major streets.

Exchange offices are open until midnight and operate at weekends and on public holidays. There are 24/7 currency exchange booths with good rates in all big supermarkets.

- **Cash:** US Dollars and Euros are usually not accepted.
- **Exchange rates as of 07.07.2015** by the Bank of Armenia, www.cba.am:

USD	1	473.18 AMD
GBP	1	744.79 AMD
EUR	1	529.58 AMD
RUB	1	8.58 AMD

- **Drinking Water:** The tap water is drinkable in Armenia. However mineral and/or still water bottles will be usually provided by the hotel.
- **Security:** Overall Yerevan is not a dangerous city. However, theft and pick pocketing are not unheard of, particularly targeting foreigners; utmost care is essential. Use common sense when walking on the street at night, especially after drinking. Female visitors should be aware that in the outskirts of the city, a single woman walking alone at night may attract attention.

- **Electrical Standard:**

The electricity in Armenia is 220 volt, 50 Hz. Electric outlets in Armenia use European plugs with 2 round pins. The outlet plug adaptors can be purchased at any electronic shop or supermarket in Yerevan.



- **Shopping:**

In **open markets bargaining** is a must!

Armenian carpets, cognac, fruits, handicrafts and Soviet memorabilia are some of the most popular things people take home from Armenia. Most of these are plentiful at “Vernissage”, a seemingly never-ending weekend flea market next to Republic Square with the more touristy stuff. Souvenir and craft shops are available in shopping plazas and hotels.

Business hours

Most shops/restaurants are open every day and offices and schools are open Monday to Saturday. Mornings are usually slow, and places do not tend to open early.

Shopping hours: Mon-Fri 9:00-20:00, there are 24 hour shops as well.

Dialing Code:

The international dialing code for the country is 374, Yerevan city code is 10.

Outgoing international calls can be made by dialing: “+” (or 00) followed by the country code, city code and the number.

Weather: The geographical location of Armenia and its unique topography creates as much weather contrasts as the country itself. The climate is unusually varied according to altitude and runs to extremes, but, as a whole, is defined as continental. The meteorological forecast for September:

Max Daytime Temperature (°C)	+27°C (81°F)
Min Night-time Temperature (°C)	+11°C (52°F)
Hours of Sunshine (Daily)	9 Hours per day
Hours of Daylight (Daily)	12 Hours per day
Heat and Humidity Discomfort	Low
Days with some Rainfall	5 Days
Monthly Rainfall (mm)	16 mm (0.6 inches)
UV Index (Maximum)	7 (High)

- **Tipping:** is increasingly common in Armenia, especially at cafes and restaurants. Many Armenians will simply round up their checks, or leave ten percent. Many restaurants have begun to charge a ten percent “service fee”. This fee is often not clearly stated on the menu, so you should ask if you want to know. Tipping is usually not expected in taxis, but again, rounding up is not uncommon.

INTERESTING PLACES TO VISIT IN ARMENIA

The tourist information will be provided at the workshop venue and can be consulted at the site: www.welcomearmenia.com/armenia_tourist_attractions/armenia_travel_guide

INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANT RECEIVING FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Information for participants receiving financial support in connection with their participation in the Forum will be provided separately by the respective supporting organizations.

HEALTH AND SAFETY RESPONSIBILITY

With respect to health requirements and precautions to be taken by participants travelling to Armenia, the Forum secretariat informs all participants that they should consult and seek medical advice from their physicians/doctors and take medical precautions as advised.

Please note that all participants are responsible for medical, accident and travel insurance, for death or disability compensation, for loss or damage to personal property and for any other costs or losses that may incur during travel time or the period of participation. In this context, it is strongly recommended that appropriate insurance be obtained for the period of participation until your return to your country of residence. This is solely the responsibility of each Forum participant.

The Forum secretariat bears no responsibility and will not be liable for medical accident and travel insurance, for compensation, death or disability, loss or damage to personal property and for any other costs or losses that may be incurred during travel time or the period of participation in the meeting.

CONTACTS IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

101 - fire department

102 - police department

103 - ambulance

911 - general emergency

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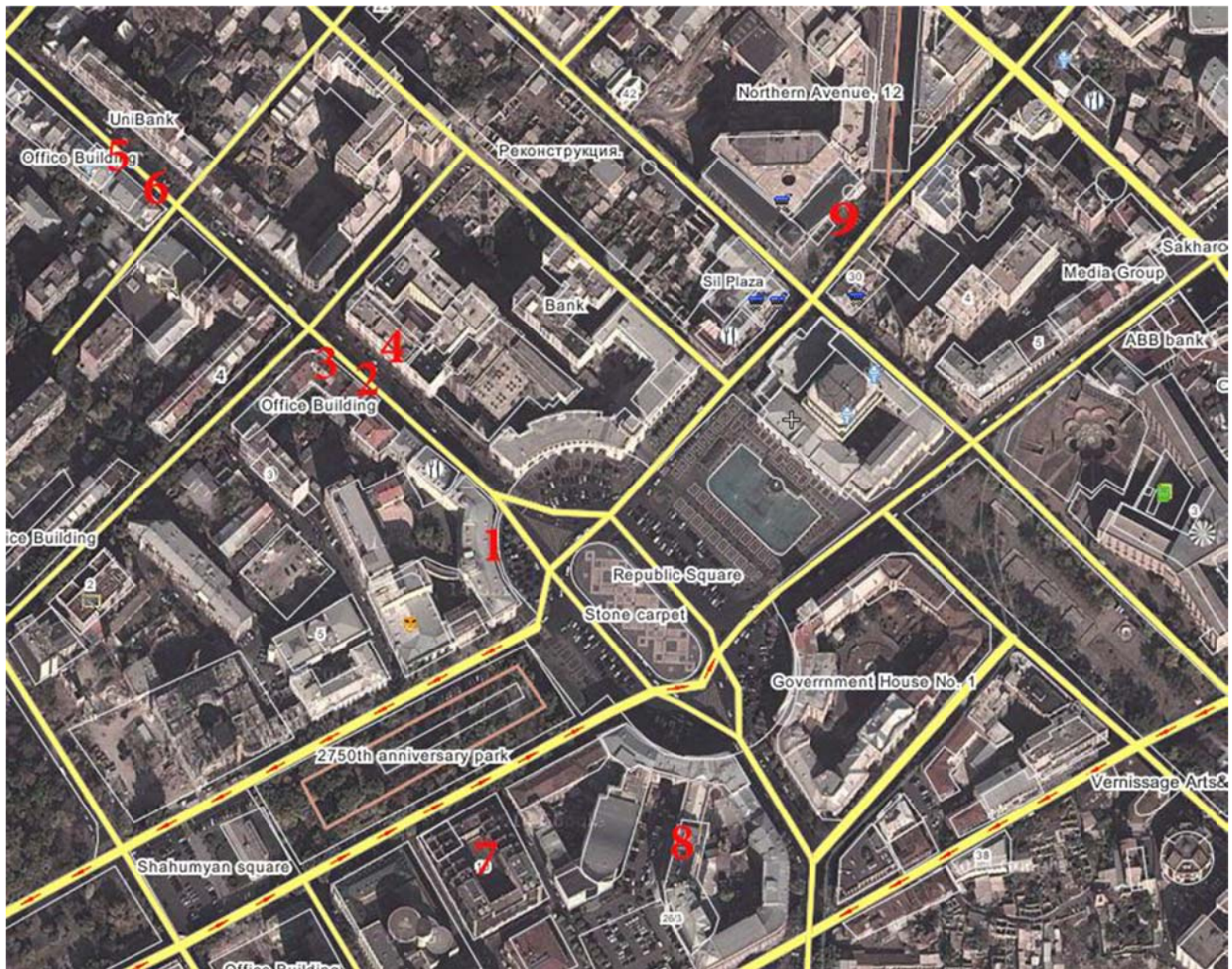
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List of restaurants near the workshop venue



#	Name of restaurant	Address / Link
1	Marriott Hotel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Armenia Brasserie • Cucina • Meeting Point 	1 Amiryan street http://www.marriott.com/hotels/hotel-information/restaurant/evnmc-armenia-marriott-hotel-yerevan/
2	Segafredo	3/37 Amiryan street
3	Yerevan Tavern	5 Amiryan street http://www.pandokyerevan.com/corporate/
4	Coffeeshop Company	4/7 Amiryan street
5	Louis Charden	11-19 Amiryan Street http://www.tripadvisor.com/Restaurant_Review-g293932-d5893472-Reviews-Louis_Charden-Yerevan.html
6	The Green Bean	10 Amiryan street http://thegreenbean.am/eng/01index.php
7	Tiziano	10 Vazgen Sargsyan street http://www.tripadvisor.com/Restaurant_Review-g293932-d5039505-Reviews-Tiziano-Yerevan.html
8	Hyatt Place Yerevan Hotel	26/1 Vazgen Sargsyan street http://www.yerevan.place.hyatt.com/en/hotel/dining.html
9	Marco Polo	1/3 Abovyan street http://www.tripadvisor.com/Restaurant_Review-g293932-d1100880-Reviews-Marco_Polo-Yerevan.html