

**UNECE Workshop and 8th Expert Meeting on Statistics for SDGs
15 – 17 October 2024
Tirana, Albania**

INFORMATION NOTE

16 August 2024

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

The UNECE Workshop and the 8th Expert Meeting on Statistics for Sustainable Development Goals will be held on 15-17 October 2024 in person in Tirana, Albania, kindly hosted by Institute of Statistics Albania (INSTAT).

The meeting is open to representatives of all Member States of the United Nations. Specialized agencies of the United Nations, other intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) may also participate in a consultative capacity, according to the terms of reference of UNECE (E/ECE/778/Rev.5, paras. 11, 12 and 13). All delegates must be accredited by the competent authority of their country or international organization. Representatives of academia and non-governmental organizations may be able to participate subject to available capacity.

II. DATE AND VENUE

The workshop will take place on Tuesday 15 October and start around 9 a.m. local time (GMT+2). The expert meeting will start around 9 a.m. local time on Wednesday, 16 October and is planned to finish around 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, 17 October. The exact timetable will be available in a separate file on the meeting webpage.

The Workshop and Expert Meeting will take place at the [Rogner Hotel Tirana](#):

Conference Room Antigonea 1
Rogner Hotel Tirana
Bulevardi Dëshmorët e Kombit, Tirana, 1001, Albania
Phone +355 (0) 422 350 35 - Fax +355 (0) 422 350 50
E-mail: info.tirana@rogner.com

III. INTERPRETATION AND DOCUMENTATION

The working languages of the workshop and expert meeting will be English and Russian. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided.

The documents for the meetings will be available at the following website: <https://unece.org/statistics/events/8th-expert-meeting-statistics-sustainable-development-goals>

IV. VISAS

Foreign citizens who have a valid permit of stay in one of the Schengen states, US or UK; a valid, multiple-entry Schengen, US or UK visa, which has been previously used in one of the Schengen states, UK or US; or who enter and stay without visa in the Schengen area, do not need for a visa to enter Albania.

In other cases, please consult the official website of the Ministry for European Affairs to verify your visa requirements: <https://punetejashtme.gov.al/en/regjimi-i-vizave-per-te-huajt/>

Participants requiring a visa, should apply using this link: <https://e-visa.al/apply> for an electronic visa, C visa type (business visa) and request an invitation letter for visa purposes from INSTAT (vsimoni@instat.gov.al; vjollcasimoni@gmail.com).

V. REGISTRATION

Participants are kindly requested to register for **both** the Workshop and the Expert Meeting at:

Workshop: <https://indico.un.org/event/1012839>

Expert Meeting: <https://indico.un.org/event/1012840/>

VI. TRANSPORTATION

To get from the Tirana International Airport to the city centre you can use a taxi or a shuttle service.

Taxi. The recommended taxi is Merr Taxi and it is advisable to book in advance to secure a rate of 1000 lek from the airport to the hotel (approximately 10 euros). Prices may be higher if you arrange transport upon arrival at the airport. The journey typically takes around 20 minutes.

Shuttle. The shuttle service departs every hour from airport to the city centre and vice versa. The rate for a single fare is 400 lek (4 euros). The journey takes 30 minutes.

VII. ACCOMMODATION

You can book your room at the Rogner Hotel via email at: reservation.tirana@rogner.com. Other hotels nearby Rogner hotel are:

- [MAK Albania Hotel](#) (preferential price of 105 euro for a single room and 125 euro for a double room including breakfast and taxes)
- [Xheko Imperial Hotel](#)
- [The Crown Hotel Boutique and SPA](#)
- [Sky Hotel Tirana](#)
- [Hotel Monarc](#)
- [Hotel Millennium](#)
- [Dynasty Hotel Tirana](#)
- [Arte Boutique Hotel](#)
- [Plaza Hotel Tirana](#)

VIII. GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT TIRANA, ALBANIA

Currency. Albania's national currency is the Albanian Lek (ALL), but you can pay in euros in most of the shops and restaurants, by card or cash.

If you want to exchange money, we recommend doing it in the city centre or in the arrival area of the airport (not inside in the luggage area). The recommended exchange point is <https://iliria98.com/>, but also the other exchange points have more or less the same rate.

Timezone. Albania is located in the Central European time zone.

Weather. October is still a nice time to visit Albania. The temperatures are around 22°C.

Places to visit in Tirana. Describing Tirana is no easy task, as it is a city that defies simple definitions. Terms like "vibrant" and "colourful" only scratch the surface of the rich culture, passion and enjoyment that characterize this city.

We sincerely hope that your time in Tirana is nothing short of fantastic. Please visit this link for some suggestions <http://www.visit-tirana.com/>.

IX. CORRESPONDENCE

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