



Forty-eighth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer

Sixth Extraordinary Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol

Seventy-sixth meeting of the Implementation Committee under the Non-Compliance Procedure for the Montreal Protocol

Bangkok, 13–19 July 2026

Information note for participants – Updated 16 June 2026

I. Venue

1. The forty-eighth meeting of the Open-ended Working Group of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer (OEWG48) will be held in Bangkok from **Monday, 13 July to Friday, 17 July 2026**. The Sixth Extraordinary Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol (ExMOP6) will be held on **Tuesday, 14 July 2026** and the seventy-sixth meeting of the Implementation Committee under the Non-Compliance Procedure for the Montreal Protocol (ImpCom76), will be held **on Saturday, 18 July and Sunday, 19 July 2026**.

2. OEWG48 and ExMOP6 will be held at the following venue:

United Nations Conference Centre (UNCC)
Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)
United Nations Building
Rajadamnern Nok Avenue
Bangkok, Thailand
<https://www.unescap.org/uncc>

ImpCom76 will be held at the following venue:

Royal Princess Larn Luang Hotel
269 Larn Luang Road,
Pomprab,
Bangkok, Thailand
www.royalprincesslarnluang.com

3. To enhance accessibility, provisions are in place at UNCC for persons with limited physical mobility, as well as for persons with visual, hearing and speech impairments. Assistive devices are available upon request from the Accessibility Centre, located on level 1 of UNCC. To reserve devices or for more information, see the [Accessibility Centre's web pages](#).

4. In line with the [Environmental Management System](#) adopted in 2022, the Ozone Secretariat is committed to upholding and improving the sustainability of its meetings. For more information click [here](#). All greenhouse gas emissions associated with the meetings will be measured, reported and offset through the purchase of carbon emission reduction credits from certified emission reduction projects.

5. Participation in the meetings is governed by the relevant guidelines and policies, including the [Code of Conduct to prevent harassment, including sexual harassment](#) at United Nations system events, which applies to all participants in OEWG48, ExMOP6 and ImpCom76. The Ozone Secretariat is committed to enabling events at which everyone can participate in an inclusive, respectful and safe environment. Participants may reach out to the Secretariat (Pablo.Moscodelacuba@un.org) with any questions about the Code of Conduct.

II. Timing of the meetings¹

6. OEWG48 will begin at **10 a.m.** on **Monday, 13 July 2026** and is expected to conclude at **6 p.m.** on **Friday, 17 July 2026**.
7. ExMOP6 will begin at **10 a.m.** on **Tuesday, 14 July 2026**.
8. ImpCom76 will begin at **10 a.m.** on **Saturday, 18 July 2026** and will conclude on **Sunday, 19 July 2026**. Participation in the meeting is limited to members of the Implementation Committee, invited representatives of the secretariat of the Multilateral Fund for the Implementation of the Montreal Protocol, representatives of the implementing agencies of the Multilateral Fund, and other invited observers.
9. The morning sessions of the meetings will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the afternoon sessions from 3 to 6 p.m., unless otherwise specified during the meeting.
10. Livestreaming of the plenary proceedings of OEWG48 and ExMOP6 will be provided **for viewing purposes only**.

III. Visa information

11. All participants are **required** to obtain an appropriate entry visa from their nearest Royal Thai Embassy (RTE) or Royal Thai Consulate-General (RTCG) with jurisdiction over their country of residence before travelling to Thailand, **except** nationals of countries that are eligible for a visa on arrival and those of countries exempted from the visa requirement.
12. Participants must possess a passport that is valid for at least six months beyond the travel date and a valid return ticket with a departure date within 15 days of the arrival date.
13. Participants who are **required** to obtain an entry visa before entering Thailand should:
 - (a) Use the e-visa application system to submit applications at [official website of Thailand electronic visa](#) and follow instructions prompted by the system. The e-Visa application guide for meeting participants can be accessed at [ESCAP](#).
 - (b) Initiate the application process well in advance and not less than five weeks before their planned travel date. Please note that, for security reasons, relevant Thai authorities may carry out security background checks, which may take additional processing time to grant visa.
 - (c) Participants may contact the Secretariat (<https://forms.office.com/e/udJ0bLMajj>), **at least four weeks before the planned travel date**, should they require any support in the visa application process.
14. Participants who are eligible for a visa on arrival should contact the relevant embassy/consulate-general before leaving their country to avoid denial of entry on arrival at the airport in Bangkok. At the airport, they will fill out an application form available at the visa-on-arrival counter. They will be required to supply one recent passport-sized photograph and must pay the applicable fee. Alternatively, participants may apply online (<https://evisa.govt.in.th/official/en-us/>) and obtain a QR code. Upon presentation of the printed QR code the visa can be obtained at the Visa-on-Arrival counter before proceeding to immigration.
15. Holders of a United Nations laissez-passer travelling on official business are also **required** to obtain an appropriate visa before entering Thailand.
16. All participants are encouraged to consult the embassy/consulate-general in their respective countries or jurisdictions and their chosen airlines regarding the latest applicable entry requirements, **especially in light of the changes made in May to the visa requirements**. Information on visa issuance and the locations of Royal Thai embassies and consulates worldwide is available at <https://www.thaiembassy.org/>
17. All visitors to Thailand must apply online (<https://tdac.immigration.go.th/arrival-card/#/home>) for a Thailand Digital Arrival Card (TDAC). The application for the card must be completed **no later than 3 days, including date of arrival, in advance of arriving in Thailand**. Upon submission of the application form, a QR code along with a document will be sent to the email address that was provided by the traveler in the TDAC form. The QR code and the document should be presented to the immigration officer at the airport. The TDAC is free of charge.

¹ All times are indicated as Bangkok standard time (UTC + 7 hours).

18. For information about health-related visa requirements, please see section V.B below.

IV. Hotel accommodation

19. Participants are responsible for making their own accommodation arrangements and are advised to do so well in advance. When selecting hotels, participants may wish to take into account emissions from local travel and exposure to traffic delays. Click [here](#) for the list of hotels with indicative prices. The list is purely for information purposes and for ease of reference for participants. The special discount rates provided are subject to change without notice. Please confirm the room rates directly with the hotel.

V. Health requirements and medical facilities

A. General information

20. The health and safety of participants during the meetings is a key priority of the United Nations and the host country. All participants should ensure that they have appropriate medical insurance to cover the cost of any medical assistance or hospitalization, should it be required during their stay in Thailand. Medical costs incurred in Thailand will be borne directly by the participant.

21. Participants can contact the Thai Department of Disease Control hotline (1422) or visit <https://ddc.moph.go.th> for more information on diseases and the related control mechanisms in place in Thailand.

22. Thailand has instituted public-health measures for persons travelling from or through the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Uganda, which are designated as infected areas for Ebola. Such persons may be subject to isolation or quarantine upon arrival at the ports of entry for at least 21 days. For latest applicable measures, please check the Department of Disease Control website (<https://ddc.moph.go.th>) before making travel arrangements.

23. The Thai Department of Disease Control has implemented mpox-related monitoring measures at all international airports in Thailand for those travelling from the following six countries: Burundi, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Kenya, Rwanda and Uganda. Travellers from these countries will be required to register in the Ministry of Public Health's system at the Health Control Office at the airport, upon arrival in Thailand.

24. The Zika virus disease is endemic in Thailand and cases have been reported among tourists. All travellers are advised to take measures to protect themselves from mosquito bites while in Thailand. Given the possibility of transmission of the disease to unborn babies, pregnant women should consider postponing travel to Thailand or consult their doctor about the implications of travelling to Thailand.

25. In addition to the above, the Healthcare Management and Occupational Safety and Health Division at United Nations Headquarters advises pregnant United Nations personnel not to undertake duty travel or relocate to countries/areas where local transmission of the Zika virus disease is known to occur. Women planning a pregnancy should consult their medical practitioner to obtain individualized advice on risk management regarding travel to an affected area. For further information, please refer to the Zika virus disease [information leaflet](#).

B. Vaccinations

26. Participants who have travelled from or through countries in which there is a risk of yellow fever transmission are required to provide a valid international certificate of vaccination or prophylaxis proving that they have received a vaccination against yellow fever. The international health certificate must be submitted together with the visa application form. Upon arrival, applicants must present the relevant international health certificate at the Health Control Office at the airport before proceeding to immigration. For a vaccination certificate to be valid, the vaccine must have been administered at least 10 days before travel to Thailand. Information on requirements for yellow fever vaccination can be found at <https://www.mfa.go.th/en/page/list-of-countries-which?menu=5e1ff729c4281a00c95bd753>.

27. Participants are advised to get vaccinated against diseases such as hepatitis A, tetanus and typhoid fever before travelling to Thailand.

C. Smoking policy

28. United Nations buildings are smoke-free areas. Smoking is allowed only in designated areas outside the buildings.

D. Medical facilities at the United Nations Conference Centre and surrounding areas

29. If you feel unwell during the meetings, call ESCAP medical services (extensions 1352, 1353 or 1761) during business hours for further guidance. After business hours, call the United Nations medical officer (+66 2 288 1353) for advice. In case of a medical emergency on ESCAP premises, call extension 1699 or the United Nations Department of Safety and Security (+66 2 288 1102/1120) for assistance in calling an ambulance. The hospital nearest to UNCC is Mission Hospital, which has English-speaking medical staff (+66 2 282 1100).

VI. Registration and meeting badges

30. Focal points for each party to the Montreal Protocol and focal points for each organization are required to register all members of their delegation using the link provided in the cover email accompanying the invitation to the meetings. **The registration system contains participant information from previous meetings of the parties to the Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer and the Montreal Protocol which can be updated and used to register for the upcoming meetings.** The Secretariat is committed to and supports broad regional and gender-balanced participation.

31. Following approval of their registration, each registered participant will receive a notification via email. **A copy of the notification, either printed or on a handheld device, must be presented, along with a valid photo identification card, to gain entry to the venue and to be allowed to proceed to the registration counter.**

32. Registered participants can collect their meeting badges at the venue anytime **between 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. from Monday, 13 July to Friday, 17 July 2026.** On **Sunday, 12 July 2026**, the registration counter will open **from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.** Please allow ample time for security clearance and registration. **Participants should bring their own lanyards, as the Secretariat will not provide any lanyards for the meetings.**

33. Badges must be worn at all times at the meeting venue. For security reasons, badges must be displayed to gain admission both to UNCC and to the meeting rooms. Only participants with authorized badges will be allowed access to the conference rooms. The loss of a badge must be communicated immediately to the registration desk staff so that a replacement can be issued.

34. Organizations that wish to send observers to the meetings but have not received an invitation are requested to contact the Secretariat (mea-ozoneinfo@un.org) as soon as possible.

35. For any questions regarding registration for the meetings, please contact the Secretariat (Betty.Kamanga@un.org or Jacqueline.Gitau@un.org).

VII. Financial assistance to parties operating under paragraph 1 of Article 5 and countries with economies in transition

A. Financial assistance

36. Limited funds are available to facilitate the participation of representatives of parties operating under paragraph 1 of Article 5 and countries with economies in transition in the meetings. Should your Government require such assistance, please email an official request to the Secretariat (mea-ozoneinfo@un.org- details of the representative) providing details of the representative nominated for assistance, by **Friday, 15 May 2026. The request for funding must be signed by an officer in your Government at a higher grade than the nominee.**

37. The financial assistance includes a return air ticket using the most appropriate and economical fare to be issued by the official United Nations travel agency in Nairobi, and a daily subsistence allowance (DSA) for Bangkok. **As at 1 June 2026, the DSA rate for Bangkok is \$282 per day;** that rate is, however, subject to change. For further information regarding the financial assistance that may be provided to representatives of eligible countries, please contact the Secretariat (Ann.Gachingiri@un.org).

B. Daily subsistence allowance

38. The Secretariat will pay DSA at the venue to eligible OEWG48 and ExMOP6 participants, **and to eligible members of ImpCom76 from Monday, 13 July 2026, during the lunch break.**

VIII. Meeting documents and presentations

39. Consistent with established practice, during the meetings, the Secretariat will post the meeting documents and conference room papers and provide other general information on the Secretariat's website and mobile application. The Secretariat, in cooperation with UNCC, will provide a stable and fast Internet connection at the meeting venue.

40. The daily schedule, the livestream, conference room locations and other important updates will be provided via the mobile application². Participants are requested to download the application **in advance of the meetings** from the App Store (iOS), at <https://rb.gy/npcc93>, or the Google Play Store (Android), at <https://rb.gy/w22gzz>.

A. Meeting portals

41. Pre-session documents will be available on the meeting portal at the following links:

- (a) OEWG48: <https://ozone.unep.org/meetings/48th-meeting-open-ended-working-group-parties>;
 - (b) ExMOP67: <https://ozone.unep.org/meetings/sixth-extraordinary-meeting-parties>
42. ImpCom76: <https://ozone.unep.org/meetings/76th-meeting-implementation-committee> (the password required to access the portal will be included in the invitation letter sent to ImpCom76 meeting participants).

B. Conference room papers

43. Conference room papers and draft meeting reports will be accessible via the meeting portal. Parties wishing to submit conference room papers should email them to the Secretariat (mea-ozoneinfo@un.org).

C. Meeting rooms

44. To reserve rooms for regional and bilateral consultations before the start of the meetings, kindly send an email to the Secretariat (Esther.Nginyo@un.org with a copy to Sandeep.Bhambra@un.org) indicating the desired date, time and duration of the event and the number of participants. Owing to the limited availability of rooms at UNCC, the Secretariat may not be able to fulfil all requests. Priority will be given to requests from parties.

45. Requests to reserve rooms once the meetings have started should be emailed to the Conference Management team (escap-uncc@un.org).

IX. List of participants

46. A preliminary list of participants will be made available, on the meeting portal and will also be sent to registered parties via official channel of communication, before the closure of the meeting for verification of participants' contact details. Participants are requested to verify the accuracy of the information on the list, including names, designations, contact information and the order in which the names of delegation members are presented. Corrections should be sent to the Secretariat (Betty.Kamanga@un.org and Jacqueline.Gitau@un.org) by **Wednesday, 22 July 2026**. The final list of participants will be made available on the meeting portal as soon as possible after the closure of the meeting.

X. Side events, exhibitions and promotional material

47. Owing to the limited number of rooms available at UNCC, the number of side events will be limited to three during the lunch break (between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.) and three in the evening (between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.) for the duration of the meetings.

48. Requests for side events and exhibitions should be made by completing the online request form available at <http://ozone.unep.org/en/side-events-and-exhibitions-request-form>. The deadline for submission of applications is **Friday, 5 June 2026**. Late applications will not be considered. All costs related to the rental of equipment for side events and exhibitions will be borne by the requesting organization.

² The meetings information will be available in the mobile application by Friday, 26 June 2026.

49. With regard to side events, the Secretariat reserves the right to alter bookings, in consultation with organizers, to accommodate meetings of contact groups and regional groups. The Secretariat will not be responsible for any loss resulting from the cancellation or alteration of bookings. For information regarding side events and exhibitions, please contact the Secretariat (Stephanie.Haysmith@un.org with a copy to Jacqueline.Gitau@un.org).

50. Delegations with an approved request to set up an exhibition should ship promotional material and publications, clearly marking them “No commercial value. For conference distribution only”, to the following address:

For the attention of: Ms. Sunhye Park
Chief, Conference Management Unit (for UNEP/OEWG48)
Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)
c/o United Nations Conference Centre (UNCC)
United Nations Building
Rajadamnern Nok Avenue
Bangkok 10200
Thailand
Email: Sunhye.park@un.org
Tel.: +66 2 288 1600

51. Please note that the Secretariat promotes paperless meetings and requests side-event organizers and exhibitors to minimize the use of brochures and other marketing materials and gift items. Please refer to the Secretariat’s [guidelines for exhibitors](#).

52. Catering for side events can be arranged by contacting Ms. Kasama Vidhayasai (Vidhayasai@un.org, tel.: +66 2 288 1181). Information on catering is available at <https://unescap.org/uncc/social-functions-and-catering>.

XI. Local transportation

53. Participants should make their own arrangements for transport from the airport to their respective hotels. Limousine cars, metered taxis, electric taxis, express and commuter rail and bus services are readily available at both of the city’s airports. Detailed information about these services can be found at <https://www.bangkokairportonline.com>.

54. Participants should make their own arrangements for transport to and from UNCC. Metered taxis are readily available in the city. Some hotels close to UNCC provide complimentary transport to and from the Conference Centre according to fixed schedules.

55. Movement within the city is facilitated by metered taxis, electric taxis, tuk-tuks and the rail system; all are safe and readily available outside most hotels.

XII. Safety and security

56. The contact information for the United Nations Department of Safety and Security in Bangkok is:

- Security Control Centre (24/7): +66 2 288 1102
- Emergency: +66 2 288 1100
- Mobile: +66 81 807 8471

57. The Thailand emergency numbers are:

- Police general emergency: 191
- Fire: 199
- Ambulance and rescue: 1669/1554
- Tourism police: 1155

XIII. Local currency

58. Participants may bring foreign currency into Thailand in the form of cash, travellers’ cheques, bank drafts, letters of credit and other banking instruments, which may be exchanged for Thai currency at the prevailing exchange rates. However, depending upon the threshold of the foreign currency allowed to enter the country, participants may be required to declare the value of the currency in their possession on arrival at the airport. Failure to make such a declaration or making a false declaration to a customs official is a criminal offence.

59. Currency exchange facilities are available at hotels and at Siam Commercial Bank, United Nations Branch, located on the first floor of the Service Building (telephone extensions 2168 and 2169) at the venue. Opening hours are from 8.30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m., Monday to Friday.
60. ATMs are available throughout Bangkok, and credit cards such as American Express, Mastercard and Visa are accepted at major hotels and shopping malls.

XIV. Local weather and time

61. The temperature in Bangkok in July averages from 26°C to 33°C (78°F to 92°F). Light clothing will be appropriate, although the evenings can be cooler. Participants may wish to bring an umbrella for unexpected showers.
62. The conference rooms are air-conditioned and the temperature is maintained in the range of 23°C to 24°C (73°F to 75°F).
63. The standard time zone in Thailand is UTC + 7 hours.

XV. Language

64. Thai is the main language in Thailand. Other languages spoken include Chinese, Lao, Malay and Mon-Khmer, while English is more prevalent in government and commercial settings. English is also taught as a second language at secondary schools and universities, which may enable the English-speaking visitor in Thailand to converse. However, taxi and tuk-tuk drivers often have very limited knowledge of English. Participants are therefore encouraged to carry the address of their hotel in Thai script.

XVI. Other practical information

A. Travel advisory

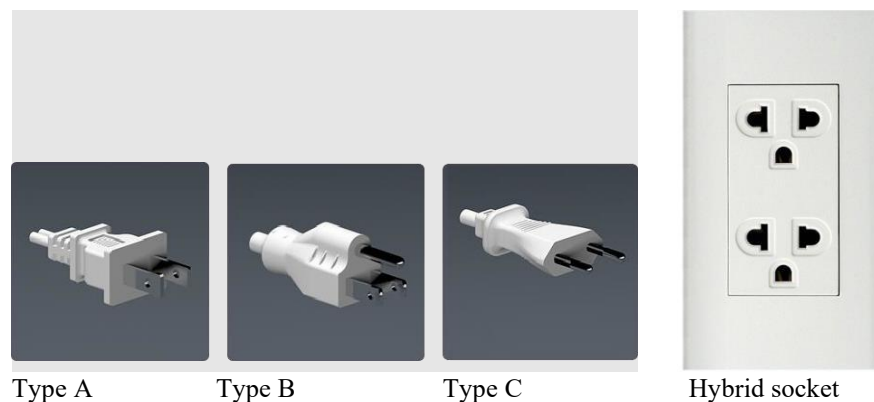
65. Visitors are advised to always respect Thai customs. Kindly note that Thailand has laws against making negative comments about the institution of the monarchy. Such laws are strictly enforced and are applicable to spoken and written language, gestures, and electronic communications, including via social media.

B. Phone access codes

66. The country code for Thailand is +66 and the area code for Bangkok is 2.

C. Electrical power supply

67. The voltage in Thailand is 230 V running at 50 Hz, and the plug types used are A, B and C, shown below. Hybrid sockets, which accept all three types, are found in most hotels. Participants are **strongly encouraged to carry their own adapters** for use with laptops and other electrical appliances, as **the Secretariat will not be able to provide adapters**. Adapters can be purchased from shops in the city dealing in electronic and electrical items.



D. SIM cards for cellular phones

68. Local SIM cards that can be used with unlocked phones are available from post offices, convenience stores, newspaper stands and at shops in the arrival terminal at the airport. In addition,

eSIMs can be purchased by downloading an eSIM cellular plan to the phone. Please visit the following links for more information: <https://www.ais.th/esim-traveller/#/mealDetail?areaId=56> and <https://www.truemoveh-thailandsim.com/>. A valid passport is required for the purchase of a SIM card or an eSIM.

E. Prayer and meditation rooms

69. The prayer and meditation rooms are located on the second floor of UNCC, by ESCAP Hall.

F. Post office

70. Postal services are available at the Post Office, United Nations Branch, on the ground floor of UNCC. Opening hours are from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday to Friday, except on official holidays. The Post Office can be contacted at extensions 1260 and 2911.

G. Souvenir shop

71. The United Nations souvenir shop located on the first floor of UNCC is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday to Friday. The shop can be contacted at extension 1295.

H. Restaurants and cafes

72. The catering services available at the venue on weekdays are listed below. Information on the availability of catering services during the weekend will be provided closer to the date of the meetings:

73. International Cafeteria, located on level 1 of UNCC, serves breakfast from 7.30 to 10 a.m. and lunch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday to Friday. The official lunch break at ESCAP is from noon to 1 p.m. **Participants are advised to visit the cafeteria after 1 p.m.** to avoid long queues and delayed services;

74. Rajapruek Lounge, on the ground floor of UNCC, serves light meals and beverages from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday to Friday;

75. Coffee Corner, located on level 1 of UNCC, serves sandwiches, pastries, coffee, tea and soft drinks from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday to Friday.

76. In line with Environmental Management System principles, single-use plastic containers and cutlery are not available within the ESCAP compound. For purchases of drinks in a cup, a deposit fee of 100 baht will apply in addition to the cost of the drink. The fee will be refunded once the cup is returned.

77. Restaurants, fast-food outlets and food stands can be found throughout the city, offering a wide variety of international and local culinary choices around the clock.

I. Lost and found

78. For security and safety reasons, all bags and packages brought to UNCC will be subject to security inspection and must not be left unattended at any given time. Unattended belongings found on UNCC premises may be removed and given to the help desk or the Security Operations Centre (24/7): +66 2 288 1102.

XVII. Tourism

79. The American Express Global Business Travel (AMEX-GBT) office is located on level 1 of UNCC and is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays. The office can be contacted at extensions 2820, 2821, 2822 and 2823.

80. For tourist information on Bangkok and Thailand, please visit the official website <http://www.tourismthailand.org/>.

81. Hotels may offer tourist information packages and should be able to advise participants about tourist attractions.

Looking forward to seeing you in Bangkok!
