

Regional Workshop
on
Healthy Ageing

LOGISTICS NOTE



Hotel Moxy Tbilisi

**Tbilisi, Georgia
November 28-29, 2019**

Dear Participants,

Welcome to Tbilisi, Georgia! We are pleased to host participants of the Regional Conference on *Healthy Ageing Centers in Eastern Europe and Central Asia Region* to be held on November 28-29, 2019 in Tbilisi, Georgia. The present note aims to make your stay in Tbilisi pleasant and memorable.

VENUE OF THE MEETING:

Hotel Moxy Tbilisi

Address: Saarbrucken Square, Tbilisi, 0102, Georgia

Tel: + 995 32 277 92 77

For more information please visit:

<https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/tbsox-moxy-tbilisi/>

LANGUAGE

The workshop's main working language is English. Simultaneous translation service will be provided **in English, Georgian and Russian.**

ACCOMMODATION:

A block reservation is made for all the travelling participants at the Moxy Tbilisi Hotel. All participants are required to register for the training as the information will also be used for booking at the hotel. Please fill in the [registration form](#) and submit latest by COB **November 12, 2019.**

Please kindly note that staying at Moxy hotel is mandatory for all participants and the negotiated price is **USD60 for B&B** per person/per day.

Check in time: 15:00

Check out time: 12:00

All kind of bankcards are acceptable; all payments are converted in local currency (GEL.)

MEETING PACKAGE:

Lunch and 2 Coffee breaks will be provided to all participants for the days of workshop on November 28 and 29, 2019.

Participants with special Dietary requirements should kindly indicate them to Ms. Tata Bakhtadze, Admin Assistant, UNFPA Georgia Office at bakhtadze@unfpa.org

DSA:

The DSA shall be administered by each UNFPA CO for each members of their respective Country delegation.

The COA to be used is as follows:

- **Fund Code:** FPA80
- **Department:** 19000
- **Project:** RECA8PD2
- **Activity:** ACT4207
- **Impl. Agency:** PU0074

The DSA for the participants shall be issued as follows:

Participants that are attending the **1st day of the workshop only- on November 28, 2019**

date	DSA % and rate	Note
November 27, 2019 (arrival)	100% -196 USD	Accommodation to be paid by the participants
November 28, 2019	88% - 172, 48 USD*	*as per Travel Policy, depending on departure date & Time
November 29, 2019	No DSA	Departure date

Participants that are attending the **both days of the workshop, i.e. On November 28 and 29, 2019**

date	DSA % and rate	Note
November 27, 2019 (arrival)	100% -196 USD	Accommodation to be paid by the participants
November 28, 2019	88% - 172, 48 USD	Accommodation to be paid by the participants, Lunch provided
November 29, 2019	88%- 172.48 USD*	*as per Travel Policy, depending on departure date & Time
November 30, 2019	No DSA	Departure date

Thus, it is expected that arrival date is November 27, 2019, while the departure can be any time after 21:00 on November 29, 2019.

AIRPORT TRANSFERS

Taxi service at Tbilisi International Airport is available outside the terminal, *just at the curbside of the Arrival Hall* and provides 24/7 service to the passengers. The journey time to the city center takes 20-30 minutes dependent on traffic. Taxi fee is 35-40 GEL (aprox.12-15USD) from the airport to the city center.

Airport shuttle service can also be ordered from the hotel, though the price is 100Gel +VAT 18%per sedan car (max 3 persons +luggage). Should you opt for hotel transfer service, please communicate

with the hotel directly: moxy.tbsox.hotel@moxyhotels.com to organize the service yourself and include it in your hotel cost.

In any case, participants are expected to pay for the transportation from/to Airport by themselves.

GEORGIAN VISA

Foreign nationals who are **holders of the UNO's or its specialized agencies' travel documents (Laissez-Passer)**, can enter or stay on the territory of Georgia without visa up to 90 days.

Citizens of most Eastern European and Central Asian countries do not require visas for stays up to 90 days as a minimum, but it is HIGHLY RECOMMENDED to check the updated information on the page of the Consular Department of the MFA by following the link:

<https://www.geoconsul.gov.ge/HtmlPage/Html/View?id=956&lang=Eng>

Participants traveling from abroad are responsible for securing their entry visa (if applicable) before departing their home country. To avoid delays and any inconvenience, please verify as early as possible if you require an entry visa to Georgia and would like to be supported by an invitation letter.

UNLPs, Diplomatic Passports or Service Passports provide visa-free entry mode for travel to Georgia. However, while entering the territory of the Republic of Georgia, you will be requested to show your National Passport at the checkpoint, regardless the availability of UNLP, Diplomatic Passport or Service Passport with a valid entry visa. Therefore, please always carry your National Passport with you when travelling to Georgia.

STANDARD TIME ZONE:

The time zone in Georgia is UTC/GMT +4 hours

Time zone abbreviation: GET - Georgia Standard Time;

WEATHER CONDITION:

The climate of Tbilisi can be classified as moderately humid subtropical with considerable continental influences. Tbilisi experiences relatively cold winters and hot summers. Tbilisi has a relatively mild micro-climate compared to other cities that possess a similar continental climate along the same latitudes.

In November the temperature might vary from 5 °C to 15°C with minor rainy days. It is highly advisable to check some global weather channels closer to departure dates.

SECURITY CLEARANCES (SC):

Please, note that we have security Level 2 in Tbilisi;

UN Staff members are kindly requested to obtain the **security clearance** available online through UNDSS Travel Advisory site, i.e. TRIP system. [<https://dss.un.org>]

All non-UN participants who's travel is funded by UN should be security cleared. Respective UNFPA offices will assist.

UN/UNDSS Security duty officers

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HEALTH:

No vaccinations are required to enter Georgia from any country.

Hospitals

- 1) High Technology Medical center, 9 Tsinandali st Tbilisi, Georgia; Tel +995599581991
- 2) M. Iashvili Pediatric Central Hospital 26 Ljubljana st Tbilisi, Georgia
Tel: +995577100900

UN doctor / clinic

- 1) Dr. Natalie Gogvadze; MEDI Club Georgia 22A Tashkent st mob: +995 599581991
- 2) Dr. George Lolashvili CITO 40 Paliashvili st Mob: +995599551911
- 3) Dr. Mike McCarthy IMSS 10 Bakhtrioni st. Mob:+995599100311; +995599266669

COMMUNICATIONS:

There are three GSM operator companies in Georgia: **GEOCELL, MAGTI GSM and BEELINE.**

Almost all the public areas, including main streets of Tbilisi are equipped with Wi-Fi networks.

CALLING RULES:

1. **Roaming Mobile to Local Mobile:** Country code(+995) + operator's code + tel. number (6 digits) _ OK (e.g. +995 599 XXXXXX OK)
2. **Roaming mobile to Local landline:** Country Code, city code, tel. number (7 digits), OK (e.g. +995 -32 2XX XX XX -OK)
3. **Local Landline to Local Mobile:** 0+operator's code+ number _ OK (e.g. 0 599 XXXXXX OK)
4. **Local Landline to Roaming Mobile and for any other international calls from landline -** please seek for advice at the hotel reception desk.

EATING OUT:

- **OLD Tbilisi:** - offers numerous cafes and restaurants.
 - Shardeni Street
 - Erekle II street

○ Area around Sulfar Baths

- **So called “New Aghmashenebeli” ave**- the walking street adjacent to the Saarbrucken Square, where the Moxy hotel is located.

For more information, please visit: <http://info-tbilisi.com/guide/>

SHOPPING:

Galleria Tbilisi – Shopping Center offers the wide range of foreign brand shops, entertainment and food-court.

Address: 2/4 Rustaveli Ave (Close to Freedom Square)
Open from 10:00-10:00

Merani Mall – a small shopping center offers the wide range of foreign brand shops and cafes.

Address: 42 Rustaveli Avenue, Tbilisi Georgia
Open from 10:00-10:00

Tbilisi Mall – Located in the west end of the city, Tbilisi Mall with more than 100 worldwide brand stores, such are: Zara, Massimo Dutti, Marks & Spencer, Banana Republic, GAP etc.

Address: 16th km Aghmashenebeli Alley, Tbilisi, Georgia
Open 10:00-10:00

East Point – Located in the East end of the city, Tbilisi Mall with more than 100 worldwide brand stores, such are: Zara, Massimo Dutti, H&M, etc.

Address: 2 Alexander Tvalchrelidze Street, Tbilisi, Georgia
Open 10:00-10:00

OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION:

TAXI:

Taxi usually is reliable transport in Tbilisi, you can just raise your hand standing at the edge of the pavement and stop the one. You can easily identify general Taxi as white car with TAXI top, though cars are not always clean and well maintained.

Recommended taxi services:

- Taxi service MAXIM called by dialing +995 32 260 60 60;
- TOYOTA Taxi called by dialing 511;
- TAXI -PRIUS +995 32 213 15 15 (all to be called from the local Georgian phones) have been assessed and approved by UN.

From Georgian mobile operator dial: 0, city code, number, OK (e.g. 0322 XXXXXX OK)

- From Roaming mobile phones dial: +995 32 260 60 60;

Money:

ATM machines are available in Tbilisi city as well as in the hotels. All internationally recognized bankcards are accepted.

Please note that the only acceptable cash-note in Georgia is National Currency - Georgian Lari.
The exchange rate – 1USD = around 2.75 GEL

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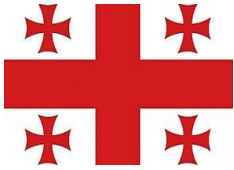
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COUNTRY PROFILE FACTS AND FIGURES



Official name:	Georgia
Local name:	Sakartvelo
Area:	69 700 sq. km
Population:	4 942 157 (2013 estimate)
Population density:	77 per sq. km
Capital:	Tbilisi
Main cities:	Kutaisi, Batumi, Rustavi, Telavi, Zugdidi, Ozurgeti, Poti
Neighbours	Georgia shares borders with Russia to the North, Azerbaijan to the South-East, Armenia to the South and Turkey to the South-West.
Country code:	GEO
Internet code:	.ge
Political structure:	Democratic Republic
Language:	Official language is Georgian, one of the ancient languages in the world that has its own script. It belongs to Iberia Caucasian language family. Georgian alphabet consists of 33 letters

Tbilisi is the capital and largest city of Georgia. It sits at the crossroads of Asia and Europe along the historic Silk Road. Today, it is a modern city with nearly 1.5 million residents.

According to an old legend, the present-day territory of Tbilisi was covered by forests as late as 458. The widely accepted version of the legend of Tbilisi's founding states that King Vakhtang I Gorgasali of Georgia went hunting in the heavily wooded region with a falcon. The King's falcon allegedly caught a pheasant during the hunt, after which both birds fell into a nearby hot spring and died from burns. King Vakhtang became so impressed with the hot springs that he decided to cut down the forest and build a city on the location. The name Tbilisi derives from the Old Georgian word "Tbili" (თბილი), meaning warm. The name 'Tbili' or 'Tbilisi' ('warm location') was therefore given to the city because of the area's numerous sulphuric hot springs that came out of the ground.

King Dachi I Ujarmeli, who was the successor of Vakhtang I Gorgasali, in 5th century moved the capital from Mtskheta to Tbilisi according to the will left by his father. Beginning from the 6th century, Tbilisi started to grow at a steady pace due to the region's favorable and strategic location which placed the city along important trade and travel routes between Europe and Asia.

Historically, Tbilisi has been home to people of diverse cultural, ethnic, and religious backgrounds, though the main religion remains to be Eastern Orthodox Christian.