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Global Training on Chairing Meetings of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions, Minamata Convention and SAICM

Berlin, Germany, 1-3 February 2017

PRACTICAL NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS

I. Getting to Berlin

Berlin is the capital city of Germany, located about two hours South-East of Hamburg and about three hours north of Dresden. The city has two main airports: the **Tegel Airport** and the **Schönefeld Airport**.

Participants arriving at **Berlin Tegel Airport** can reach the city's central station by taxi in about 16 minutes travel time (the fare from the airport to the central station is approximately €25.00), or by bus BVG TXL, departing from the bus stop located near the entrance to Tegel Airport to the central station. A "Day Ticket ABC" can be purchased for €7.60, which can be used for all local transport methods including bus, tram, and U-Bahn / S-Bahn transit systems.

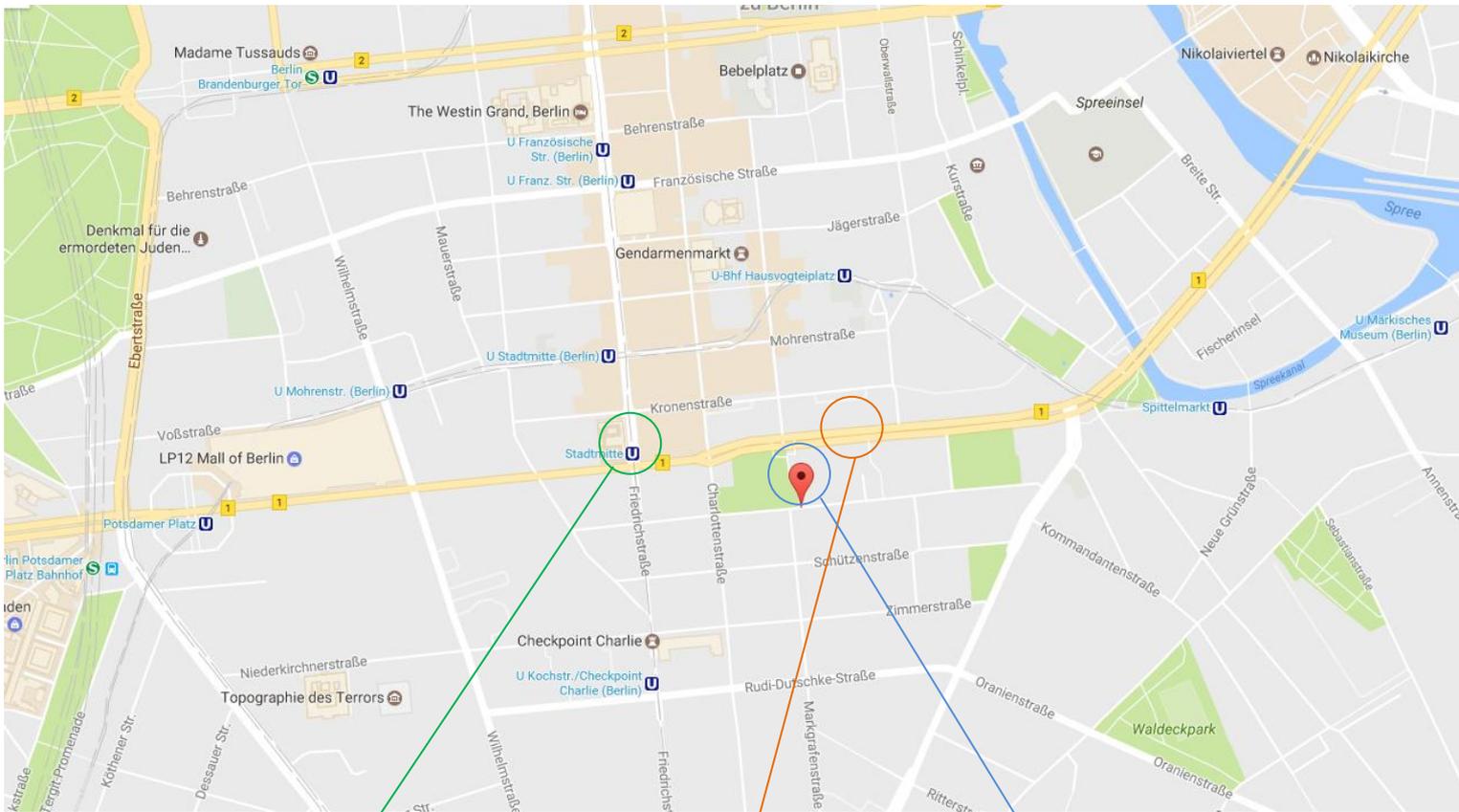
Participants arriving at **Berlin Schönefeld Airport** can reach the city centre by taxi in about 31 minutes travel time (the fare from the airport to city centre is approximately €60.00). Alternatively, participants can also take the S-Bahn RB, with the closest stop located at a four minute walking distance from the entrance to Schönefeld Airport.

II. Meeting Venue

The Global training on chairing meetings of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions, Minamata Convention and SAICM will be held at the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety:

Krausenstraße 17-18
10117 Berlin
Germany
Meeting room 2.101

Map showing the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety (in Blue):



Tram M10 > U-Bahn U6
Stadtmitte

Bus M85 > M48
Jerusalem Str.

**Federal Ministry for Environment,
Nature Conservation, Building and
Nuclear Safety**
Krausenstraße 17-18

How to get to the meeting venue:

>By Tram and U-Bahn:

From the central station (Hauptbahnhof) in the city centre: take tram M10 to the stop called Naturkundemuseum, which is in the direction of Warschauer Str. Next, take the U-Bahn U6 to **Stadtmitte**, which is in the direction of Alt-Marienhof. From **Stadtmitte**, the **Federal**

Ministry can be reached within a four minute walking distance.

➤ **By bus:**

From the central station (Hauptbahnhof) in the city centre: take Bus M85 to the stop called Varian-Fry Str., which is in the direction of Lichterfelde Sud via Hindenburgdamm. Next, take the bus M48 to the stop called **Jerusalem Str.**, which is in the direction of Alexanderplatz. From **Jerusalem Str.**, the **Federal Ministry** can be reached within a three minute walking distance.

➤ **By taxi:**

The fare for a taxi ride to the **Federal Ministry** from the central station (Hauptbahnhof) is around €14.00 and is estimated to take around 8 minutes travel time.

III. Registration

The meeting will open at 9 a.m., on Wednesday, 1 February 2017. **Registration will start the same day at 8:15 a.m.**

IV. Hotel accommodation

1. Hotel information for funded participants:

The participants will receive full DSA and are asked to make their own hotel reservations.

2. Hotel addresses and their websites near the workshop venue for all participants:

2.1. Hotel Gendarm nouveau

Charlottenstraße 61, 10117 Berlin

Tel: +49 30 2060660

E-mail: info@hotel-gendarm-berlin.de

Website: <http://www.motel-one.com/en/hotels/berlin/hotel-berlin-hauptbahnhof/>

Rate: €94.00 per night

2.2. Hotel NH Berlin Mitte Leipziger Strasse

Leipziger Str. 106-111, 10117 Berlin

Tel: +41 31 5208011 / +49 30 203760

E-mail: nhberlinmitte@nh-hotels.com

Website: http://www.nh-hotels.com/hotel/nh-berlin-mitte-leipziger-strasse?_ga=1.236324489.904714576.1481629932

Rate: €89.00 per night

2.3. Cityhotel am Gendarmenmarkt

Leipziger Str. 65, 10117 Berlin

Tel: +49 (0) 30 / 2 06 34 - 0

E-mail: info@cityhotel-am-gendarmenmarkt.de

Website: http://www.cityhotel-am-gendarmenmarkt.de/index_en.html

Rate: €104.00 per night

2.4. Maritim proArte Hotel Berlin

Friedrichstraße 151, 10117 Berlin

Tel: +49 (0) 30 2033-5

E-mail: info.bpa@maritim.de

Website: <https://www.maritim.com/en/hotels/germany/proarte-hotel-berlin/hotel-overview#>

Rate: €97.86 per night

The list of the hotels above is suggested as they are located close to the venue. All participants, however, may choose any other type of hotels.

V. Weather

The month of February is expected to have daily high temperatures ranging from 0°C to 8°C, mostly overcast with occasional rain and sleet. Daily low temperatures can go as low as -3°C throughout the month. Do not forget to bring your umbrella and a jacket since it can be very cold and wet.

VI. Currency

Germany's currency is the Euro (€). As of 7th December 2016, the exchange rate was €0.93 for 1 USD. Credit cards are accepted in hotels and in most restaurants in Berlin, but not in many shops.

VII. Visas

Upon request, a note verbale can be sent to participants by the Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions. This can be attached to the German visa application. Visas can be obtained from your nearest German embassy or consulate. Addresses can be downloaded from the website of the: < [German Foreign Office](#) >. If you have any difficulties obtaining a visa, please contact the Secretariat.

VIII. Working language of the meeting

The working language of the meeting is English.

IX. Identification badges

Participants should have an ID or national passports with them to facilitate the access to the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety.

X. Time zone

Germany is in the Central European Time zone. GMT +1 hour

XI. Information about Berlin

For more information about Berlin and its region please refer to:

< <http://www.local-life.com/berlin/guide/info> >

Below is also a two minute video in English on how to reach various destinations in Berlin from the airport.

< <http://www.berlin-airport.de/en/travellers-txl/to-and-from/buses-and-trains/> >

XII. Useful Numbers

Country dialling code: +49

City dialling code: (0)30

Emergency: 112

Police: 110

Fire: 112