Logistics information

WMO-ITU Training Workshop on Use and management of Radio Spectrum for Meteorology Singapore city, Singapore, on 3 and 4 March 2025

1 Seminar venue

The training will be held in the Centre for Climate Research Singapore where the WMO Regional Office for Asia and the South-West Pacific is co-located.

Address: 36 Kim Chuan Road, Singapore 537054

2 Travel

By train/By Bus:

Singapore's has a comprehensive rail system, known as the MRT (Mass Rapid Transit). Alternatively, you may utilize Singapore's extensive bus network.

You may use the following options to pay for MRT/Bus journeys:

- I) Get a Singapore Tourist Pass (STP), a special EZ-Link stored value card which will allow you unlimited travel for one day (US\$ 17), two days (US\$ 24) or three days (US\$ 29). The Pass can be bought at the TransitLink Ticket Office at selected MRT stations. They are also available daily at the Automated STP Kiosks at Orchard station, HarbourFront station, and Changi Airport station (Terminal 2 and 3) near the Transitlink Ticket Office.
- 2) You can use your foreign-issued Mastercard® and Visa <u>contactless</u> bank cards issued outside of Singapore for the payment of public transport fares in Singapore. Do take note that admin fees apply for foreign-issued bank cards— you can check out the details at <u>TransitLink's SimplyGo website</u>.
- 3) Adult Stored Value Smartcard (EZ-link / Nets FlashPay): These cost US\$ 12 inclusive of card value and come with a stored value of US\$ 7 for you to use on your commutes. You will be able to purchase this card at any Transitlink Ticket Office or convenience stores.
- * When travelling by bus, do remember to tap your card again, on the reader located at the rear exit, when you alight. You can also opt to pay bus fares in cash, but ensure you have the exact amount.

By taxi:

Cabs in Singapore are metered. There may be surcharges depending on when, where and which company's taxi you board. To get a rough idea of the final fare, check with the driver on the surcharges and ask for a receipt at the end of the trip. You can hail a taxi by the roadside or at a taxi stand, which you will find at most malls, hotels and attractions.

By Private Hire transportation services:

An alternative to taxis in Singapore would be private hire transportation services. Popular ride hailing apps in Singapore include GRAB, Gojek etc. Key in your pick-up and drop off location to get an estimated fare, and the app will connect you to the nearest available driver. You may download the apps on App Store or Google Play.

3 Visa

Please visit the <u>Immigration and Checkpoint Authority Singapore website</u> for the latest requirements.

To enter Singapore, travellers must meet the following immigration requirements below. [Note: There are no longer any COVID-19 measures for travellers arriving in Singapore from 13 February 2023, regardless of vaccination status or traveller profile.]

General Entry Requirements				
Passport Validity	Have minimum 6-month passport validity if you are not a Singapore passport holder			
Visa	 Short term travellers holding a passport or travel document from a visa-required country/region must apply for a Visa Visa-required travellers can use the Visa-Free Transit Facility for stay of less than 96 hours in Singapore, if eligible. If you require visa support, please contact zandreeva@wmo.int, with a copy to rap@wmo.int 			
SG Arrival Card (SGAC)	All travellers must submit the <u>SGAC declaration</u> up to 3 days before arrival			
Security and Immigration Processes on Arrival	 Ensure that you do not bring prohibited items into Singapore. Familiarize yourself with immigration/customs clearance procedures, including whether you are eligible for automated clearance. Short Term travellers should have sufficient cash and proof of onward travel (tickets, visas), and ensure that you do not stay beyond your visit pass validity. You may retrieve your e-Pass after arrival using the e-Pass Enquiry Portal or check your visit pass validity using the visit pass validity tool. Visitors who wish to stay beyond the period of stay granted can apply for a visit pass extension online using the e-Service. Applications are subject to approval. 			

4 Accommodation

	Name of Hotel	Address	Website/Contact Details
Hotels within 3 km	Aqueen Hotel Paya Lebar	33 Jln Afifi, Singapore 409180	https://www.aqueenhotel s.com/en/hotels/singapor e/paya- lebar/
	Ibis Styles Singapore on Macpherson	401 MacPherson Rd, Corner of Macpherson And, Singapore 368125	https://www.ibisstylesma cpherson.com/

^{*} Participants are requested to make necessary arrangements for accommodation at the earliest as prices of accommodations usually surge when making bookings with short notice.

5 Currency exchange

The Singapore Dollar (SGD or S\$) is the unit of currency in Singapore. The exchange rates 1 as of 9 October 2024 are:

1 USD = 1.30 SGD

1 SGD = 0.77 USD

6 Local time zone

Local time in Singapore is (GMT +8).

7 Mains voltage

The standard electrical current used in Singapore is 220-240 volts AC (50 cycles) and you can use power plugs with three square prongs.



¹ Rate as per google. These rates may fluctuate and have only been shared as an indication.

8 Weather

Singapore is situated near the equator and has a tropical climate. There is abundant rainfall, high and uniform temperatures typically between 25 to 32 degrees, and high relative humidity between 64% to 93%. Rainfall is plentiful in Singapore and short duration showers/thunderstorms in the afternoon are common.

You can find the local weather forecast here: https://www.weather.gov.sg/home/

9 WiFi access

Wireless internet connection will be provided for the meeting.

10 Language

The training will be conducted in English.

11 Other useful travel information

For other useful information about Singapore, please visit the VisitSingapore website maintained by the Singapore Tourism Board, here: https://www.visitsingapore.com/travel-guide-tips/