

## **Second meeting of the WMO RA VI Working Group on Climate and Hydrology**

**Date:** 14-16 November 2011

**Venue:** Ani Plaza Hotel (4\*)  
19 Sayat-Nova Avenue  
Yerevan 0010, Armenia

### **USEFUL AND PRACTICAL INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS**

#### **Venue of the meeting and arrangements**

The seminar will be held at the Ani Plaza Hotel in Yerevan – the Capital of Armenia, which is one of the oldest cities in the world with rich history and many tourist attractions. Meeting arrangements comprise conference facilities, coffee breaks, lunch, a reception/dinner hosted by the PR, other social events (city tour, sightseeing in the vicinity etc.).

#### **Accommodation**

Block reservation was made at the Ani Plaza Hotel, where the seminar will take place. Located in the Business and Entertainment center of Yerevan, Ani Plaza Hotel is only a five minutes walk from the House of Opera and Ballet, Historical Museum, Museum of Ancient Manuscripts - Matenadaran, National Art Gallery and other sightseeing places. It takes only 15 minutes to get there from the Zvartnots International Airport.

#### **Visa Information**

Entry visas are required for all visitors to Armenia, except for citizens of the CIS countries. No visas are required for diplomatic and business visitors for the citizens of China and Iran. The Armenian entry Visa can be obtained in the Embassies and/or Consulates of the Republic of Armenia (RA) abroad. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) of RA offers the easy procedure – obtaining e-Visa through the Internet (<http://www.mfa.am/eVisa/index.htm>).

It will be possible to get Armenian visa **directly at the Zvartnots International airport upon arrival** to Yerevan. It's very easy and without any difficulties. The participants can also obtain a Visitor, single entry visa, up to 21 days of stay for 3000 AMD (about 6 EUR, or 8 USD). No letter of invitation is required to obtain visa for European citizens. You need to complete an application form at the airport, present one recent, color, passport-size photo.

More information can be found at the link <http://www.mfa.am/en/visa/>

#### **Transportation**

Traveling by air you will arrive at Zvartnots International Airport. Transportation of participants from and to the Airport will be provided by the local organizers of the event, according to the flight schedule and arrival/departure time of each participant. With this purpose all flights details should be provided to the local secretariat.

**The national currency** is the Armenian Dram (AMD). The major foreign currencies can be easily exchanged in the banks, at the numerous exchange offices in the city, as well as at the airport and the hotel.

The information on the exchange rates is accessible at the web site of the Central Bank of Armenia (<http://www.cba.am/en/sitepages/default.aspx>).

VISA, MAESTRO and MasterCard are widely accepted.

### **Climate conditions**

Climate in November is rather mild in Yerevan. The beginning of the month is still warm, but sometimes the temperatures are fairly cool and you might need to bring a coat. The average daily temperatures for the days of the meeting vary between +6.3 and +7.8<sup>0</sup>C. The monthly maximum temperature record is 23.5, the minimum is -7.3<sup>0</sup> C. Monthly total precipitation is about 30mm, the number of rainy days is 7-8.

### **Time zone**

Armenia is GMT/UTC + 4h during Standard Time and GMT/UTC + 5h during Daylight Saving Time. Current time zone offset: UTC/GMT + 5hours.

Armenia ends Daylight Saving Time on Sunday October 30, 2011 at 3:00 AM local daylight time. So during the Meeting Armenia will be at the Standard time zone.

### **Electricity**

The electrical current in Armenia is 220 V, 50 Hz. Electrical sockets (outlets) in Armenia are one of the two European standard electrical socket types: The "Type C" Europlug and the "Type F" Schuko



Type C



Type F

If your appliance's plug doesn't match the shape of these sockets, you will need a travel plug adapter in order to plug in.

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