



GCOS/CBS Lead Centres Coordination Meeting

5-8 November 2007

ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN

INFORMATION FOR THE PARTICIPANTS



Official name:	Islamic Republic of Iran
Capital:	Tehran
Other large cities :	Mashad, 2,061,100; Isfahan, 1,378,600; Tabriz, 1,213,400
Area:	total: 1.648 million sq km land: 1.636 million sq km water: 12,000 sq km
Climate:	mostly arid or semiarid, subtropical along Caspian coast
Location:	Middle East, bordering the Gulf of Oman, the Persian Gulf, and the Caspian Sea, between Iraq and Pakistan
Geographic coordinates:	32 00 N, 53 00 E
Land boundaries:	Total Area : 636,296 sq mi (1,648,000 sq km) border countries: Afghanistan 936 km, Armenia 35 km, Azerbaijan-proper 432 km, Azerbaijan-Naxcivan exclave 179 km, Iraq 1,458 km, Pakistan 909 km, Turkey 499 km, Turkmenistan 992 km
Coastline:	2,440 km; note - Iran also borders the Caspian Sea (740 km)
Elevation extremes:	lowest point: Caspian Sea -28 m highest point: Kuh-e Damavand 5,671 m
Languages:	Persian and Persian dialects 58%, Turkic and Turkic dialects 26%, Kurdish 9%, Luri 2%, Balochi 1%, Arabic 1%, Turkish 1%, other 2%
Population (2006 est.):	68,688,433 (growth rate: 1.1%); birth rate: 17.0/1000; infant mortality rate: 40.3/1000; life expectancy: 70.3; density per sq mi: 109
Religions:	Islam 98% (Shi'a 89%, Sunni 9%); Zoroastrian, Jewish, Christian, and Baha'i 2%

Accommodation: At the kind invitation of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the GCOS/CBS Lead Centres Coordination Meeting will be held in Tehran, I.R. of Iran, from 5 to 8 November 2007. The Opening Ceremony will take place at 9:00 a.m. on 5 November at the I. R. of Iran Meteorological Organization (IRIMO) Head quarters, Tehran.

Meeting Venue: Islamic Republic of Iran Meteorological Organization

Airports: Imam Khomeini International Airport is located in Tehran, Iran. The airport is located about 30 kilometers south of the city and Mehrabad International Airport, which is in the west of the city, inside the city boundaries.

Visa Formality: Entry visas are required for all participants. Applications should therefore be done at the embassies / consulates in their respective country of residence. Personal data form is attached and should be completed by applicants and return to the GCOS secretariat.

Working languages: Working Language will be in English.

Currency exchange: You will probably have to change some money at the airport. The Bank Melli Branch just after the immigration counter at the International airport will change most major currencies in cash and travelers cheques. All major foreign currencies or traveler's cheques can be changed into Iran currency at local banks. The monetary of the Islamic Republic of Iran is Rial, current as coins of 50-100- and 250 Rials and banknotes of 100-200-500-1000-2000-5000 -10000 -20000 and 50000 Rials. *Rial – currency of Iran is equal to one- tenth of a Toman.* The current exchange rate is 1 US dollar \approx I R 9300.

Transportation: All local transportation for participants are provided by IRIMO. A map showing the location of IRIMO and the hotel will be provided upon arrival.

Insurance: The participants are insured during their stay in I.R of IRAN and the insurance certificate will be provided upon arrival.

Local Information: Weather Forecast for the period of the session in Tehran are listed below: (updated data will be provided)

Date	Temperature		Relative Humidity	
	Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.

Latitude: 35° 41 '
Longitude: 51° 19 '
Height: 1190.8

Population Estimate: 9.000.000
Area: about 1000 Km²

Hotel Accommodation

I.R. of Iran Meteorological Organization recommended the following Hotel for reservation. Participants will be picked up from the airport toward the Hotel.

Esteghlal Grand Hotel

Price List

ROOM TYPE	SINGLE	DOUBLE	J.SUITE	L. SUITE	EXTRA BED
West tower	117 US\$	146 US\$	175 US\$	431 US\$	29 US\$
East tower	158 US\$	203 US\$	228 US\$	659 US\$	38 US\$

Notes :

- 1) %15 Service & %2 Tax will be added to the room rate & Room rate is including breakfast.
- 2) Please inform your guests that the method of payment is only cash we can't accept any kind of credit cards or personal checks.
- 3) If the company is in charge of the guest's costs, please specify it in your letter so that we refer the case to the Credit Department.
- 4) In case you have a previous reservation number, please mention it in your letter.
- 5) Hotel pick up service is available. If you need to have a pickup, please inform us with the flight details. (Protocol Specific Cars are also available)
- 6) We would highly appreciate you contact us in case you don't receive any confirmation letter after 24 hours.
- 7) Please contact us through our direct reservation fax number(+98-21-22660031).
- 8) The earliest check in time is 7:00 A.M and check out time is 2:00 P.M

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