

Logistical Modalities

1. Venues of the Conference & Side-Events

Yldyz Hotel

- Conference RECCA VII
- Working Group Meetings

Archabil Hotel

- Business Forum
- Meeting of Chambers of Commerce
- Matchmaking Event

Mizan Business Centre

- Exhibition

2. Participants

The meeting is open to +2 representatives of the participating and partner states as well as the regional and international organizations involved in Regional Economic Cooperation Conference on Afghanistan (RECCA).

Representatives of local diplomatic community of states involved in RECCA are also invited to participate in the meeting.

3. Objectives

Building on the outcomes of the previous RECCA meetings, RECCA VII will provide an opportunity to:

- Take stock of the progress made since RECCA VI in Kabul through a comprehensive review of the priority projects including the actions recommended in the RECCA 2016 review
 - Discuss the challenges and bottlenecks as well as the financing and investment needs with respect to the priority projects in key areas of energy; transport networks; trade and transit facilitation; communication; B2B and labor support
 - Build consensus around concrete steps that need to be taken in the context of ongoing projects
 - Present possible new projects between RECCA, the Heart of Asia-Istanbul Process and other regional cooperation platforms in the wider region
- Outline of the RECCA VII programme is attached

In case the participants have written materials they shall be submitted in advance to the organizer of the meeting.

Technical equipment for presentation of audio-video materials will be provided upon request.

4. Translation

Simultaneous translation will be provided during the meeting sessions in English, Russian and Dari

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5. Visa Requirements

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan will assist in issuing visas for international participants. Participants have to apply for visa at the appropriate embassy/consulate. In case of no diplomatic mission of Turkmenistan located in the respective country, participants are kindly asked to send their copy of passport to med_mfa@online.tm. Visa will be issued upon arrival at the Ashgabat International airport.

Please note that the holders of Diplomatic and Service passports from the following countries don't need visa:

Republic of Azerbaijan, People's Republic of China, Georgia, Islamic Republic of Iran, Republic of India, Republic of Korea, Kyrgyz Republic, Mongolian People's Republic, Russian Federation, Republic of Turkey, Republic of Tajikistan, Republic of Uzbekistan, Ukraine.

6. Accommodation

Rooms will be pre-booked at Yyldyz Hotel (information is provided below) for participants of the Meeting coming from abroad.

Yyldyz Hotel

Ashgabat, 172002/5 (Bagtyyalyk) Street

+993 12 390900

www.yyldyzhotel.com

yyldizhotel@gmail.com

reception@yyldyzhotel.com

The organizers will cover the hotel stay for two nights for the delegates at the Ministerial level/Heads of the regional and international organizations in the format 1+1 (for lower level delegation only 1).

Any other hotel associated expenses, e.g. mini-bar, spa, etc. and stays exceeding the maximum of 2 nights shall be covered by the participants themselves.

7. Lunches & Coffee Breaks

Lunch and coffee breaks will be provided to the participants during the events.

8. Transportation

Ashgabat International Airport-hotel, hotel-Ashgabat International Airport and to the venues of events.

Transfers from the airport to the hotel will be provided by the ministry **upon receipt of the precise arrival and departure information.**

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9. General Information

Internet and Communication

The local mobile phone networks: Altyn Asyr and MTS are available in the country. Long distance calls and WiFi internet are available at the hotel. Costs Associated with calls shall be covered by the participants.

Currency

The national currency is Turkmen Manat (TMT).
1 USD is 3.5 TMT; 1 EUR is approx. 4.1 TMT as of October 2017.
Money can be changed upon arrival at local banks.
For information on exchange rates visit www.cbt.tm

Insurance

The organizing committee is not responsible for the loss of property and personal injury, including insurance certificates for such cases.

Time

GMT+5

Weather

The weather in Ashgabat in November is 10°C to 20°C.
Actual weather conditions should be checked before departure.

10. Contacts

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To register your name to attend the meeting and to indicate your arrival/departure date and time (for participants coming from abroad) please contact either of the organizers.