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# Information for Participants

**3rd Session of the SERCOM and the Gender  
Conference**

**Bali, Indonesia**

**4-9 March 2024**

## I. INTRODUCTION

At the kind invitation of the Government of Indonesia, the third Session of the Commission for Weather, Climate, Hydrological, Marine and Related Environmental Services and Applications (SERCOM-3) and the Gender Conference, will take place at the Bali International Convention Center (BICC), the Westin Resort Nusa Dua in Bali, Indonesia, from 4 to 9 March 2024.

Bali is located in South-east Asia. Belonging to the Republic of Indonesia, Bali sits in the Lesser Sunda Islands, on the Java Sea. While the province of Bali includes the eponymous island, it consists of more islands that are smaller in size. Some well-known islands such as Nusa Lembongan, Nusa Ceningan and Nusa Penida are part of Bali. Considering the entire archipelago of the Lesser Sunda Islands as a whole, Bali falls in the western part of this region. Positioned in the southern hemisphere, this Indonesian province lies 8 degrees below the equator. Also known as the Land of the Gods, [Bali](#) appeals through its sheer natural beauty of looming volcanoes and lush terraced rice fields that exude peace and serenity. It is also famous as a surfers' paradise, Bali enchants with its [dramatic dances](#) and colourful ceremonies, its arts, and [crafts](#), its luxurious beach resorts and exciting nightlife. You will find everywhere intricately carved temples.

### REGISTRATION

The registration of participants to this meeting will open at the venue as follows:

3rd March: 16:00 – 18:00

4th March: 08:00 – 18:00

5 - 9th March: 09:00 – 16:00

In view of their official status with WMO, Permanent Representatives are kindly invited to act as focal points for the online registration of their delegation to the SERCOM-3. Please pre-register each designated participant no later than 26 February 2024 using the following link to the online [Event Registration System](#) (ERS), the username and password that were sent to the Permanent Representatives by emails, remain valid for all upcoming WMO meetings.

## II. VISITORS TO BALI

### 1. INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT IN BALI

Participants travelling to Bali arrive at Denpasar Ngurah Rai International Airport (DPS).

### 2. TRANSPORTATION

The host country will kindly provide transportation for participants upon arrival to the Ngurah Rai International Airport. Please follow the special direction line for delegates attending SERCOM-3 at the arrival area.

Please make sure that your flight and hotel details are transmitted on time to the host focal point no later than 20 February 2024 to the following email: [registration.sercom3@bmkg.go.id](mailto:registration.sercom3@bmkg.go.id)

Participants who prefer to use public transportation from the airport to their hotels are advised to use a taxi, preferably Ngurah Rai Taxi Bali, the official counter is located upon the arrival gate near the Information Service and Smartfren Counter, Time: 40 minutes, Cost Approximately 25 USD / IDR 350000 (pay at the counter).

Taxis from the official hotels to the venues should cost around Rp. 60,000 (USD 5).

Online taxi: GO-JEK and GRAB. Online taxi app needs to be downloaded via GPlay for IStore in advance. Registration is required in the app.

### 3. TIME ZONE

Bali time is one hour ahead of Jakarta. Bali shares the same time zone with Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, and Perth (AUS). Sydney is two hours ahead. The standard time zone for this region is **UTC+8**.

### 4. VISAS FOR TRAVEL TO INDONESIA

**Visa On Arrival (VOA)** is granted to foreigners who intend to visit Indonesia for tourism, social, culture, business, or government duties. *Visa On Arrival* is granted to foreign nationals who fulfil the requirements and conditions upon arrival in Indonesia. The *Visa On Arrival* is issued by the Immigration Officials at the Immigration checkpoints in Ngurah Rai Airport. 20 counters at arrival terminal are provided.

The official entry requirements for the issuance of a 30- or 7-day *Visa On Arrival*:

- (1) Passport must be from one of the countries listed below.
- (2) Passport must be valid for a minimum of 6 (six) months from the date of entry into Indonesia.
- (3) U.S. \$ 10 or U.S. \$ 25 must be paid at the gateway, depending on the length of the required visa.
- (4) Onward or return tickets are compulsory.
- (5) Visitors must enter and exit through one of the 15 airports or 21 seaports Officially approved as an "international gateway" by the Indonesian Immigration department.
- (6) The department of Justice and Human Rights has officially determined that as of August 2005:

The Indonesian Government had granted *Visa On Arrival* favor to some countries (Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cambodia, China, Cyprus, Denmark, Egypt, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, India, Ireland, Islamic Republic of Iran, Italy, Japan, Kuwait, Laos, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Maldives, Malta, Mexico, Monaco, New Zealand, Norway, Oman, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Russian Republic, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Spain, Switzerland, Sweden, Surinam, The Netherlands, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America) enabling them to purchase the visa upon their arrival into Indonesia's designed "International Gateway" at 15 airports and 21 seaports.

11 countries and territories (Brunei Darussalam, Chile, Hong Kong, China, Macao, China, Malaysia, Morocco, Peru, Philippines, Thailand, Viet Nam, Singapore) are eligible for a "Visa Free" facility. Those holding valid passports from the following countries will be granted a non-extendable

30-day Visa-Free Short Visit Permit upon arrival at an Indonesian international gateway without charge. Please see the list [here](#).

Other nationals that are not eligible to be granted either *Visa On Arrival*, nor Visa Free from the Indonesia government may apply for a tourist visa at an Indonesia embassy abroad.

*Visa On Arrival* is given by affixing a stamp or visa sticker in the passport assuming all travel documents are legal and valid and in compliance with the *Visa On Arrival* requirements.

## **CUSTOMS**

Indonesian national laws govern the importation and exportation of prohibited or controlled items into or out of Indonesia, including medications. Participants are allowed to bring medication, strictly for personal use. However, drugs containing narcotics are prohibited from entering Indonesia. Those containing psychotropic substances are restricted and must be declared. In addition, participants must be able to present a letter from their physician and/or a copy of the original prescription stating the list of medication(s) and amount used per day. These documents are essential to prove the legality or prescribed medication, should there be questioning by the customs officer.

The Government exempts some excisable goods purchased abroad for personal use from import duties, excise duties, and taxes for every adult on every arrival with a limited amount:

- 18 years old or above: 200 cigarettes, 25 cigars, or 100 grams of sliced tobacco or other tobacco products, and/or
- 21 years old or above: 1 litre of alcoholic beverages.

Any excess of the excisable goods will be destroyed. Non-residents carrying cash more than USD 10 000 (or equivalent in other foreign currencies) or IDR 100 000 000 should declare so to customs

Please kindly find the link below for custom clearance official procedure:

<https://bcngurahrai.beacukai.go.id/barang-bawaan-penumpang/>

Please note that the current customs declaration filling can be done online at the [ecd.beacukai.go.id](http://ecd.beacukai.go.id) link which can be done 2 days before your scheduled arrival in Indonesia.

## **5. HEALTH REQUIREMENTS AND COVID-19-RELATED ISSUES**

Up-to-date information on international travel and health requirements are provided by the World Health Organization (WHO) at the following websites:

- <https://www.who.int/travel-advice>
- <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>

Please note that WMO shall not be held responsible for any health problems or accidents that the participants may have, nor will WMO be responsible for any quarantine costs following a positive COVID-19 test on arrival for those that require it. Participants shall make their own arrangements for life, health and other forms of insurance as they consider appropriate. Participants, when travelling, should ensure to have their insurance card or certificate with them as to international coverage.

In Indonesia, there are currently no restrictions in place related to COVID-19. Masks are not compulsory, including in public transport.

## 6. WEATHER

BMKG provides regular weather updates through its mobile phone applications namely info BKMKG and through its website at the following address: [www.bmkg.go.id](http://www.bmkg.go.id)

## 7. CURRENCY

The currency in Indonesia is the Indonesia Rupiah (IDR, Rp). Most transactions in the city are conducted in cash and credit cards. ATMs are widely available throughout the city.

## 8. ELECTRICITY

The standard voltage throughout Indonesia is normally 230 V and with a standard frequency of 50 Hz. Most power plugs and sockets in Indonesia are [type C](#) and [F](#). This plug is the 2-pin socket and plug design which is the standard European plug, Participants are advised to bring their own plug adapters to plug into Indonesia power sockets. Information on the appropriate plugs may be found on the Internet (for example, at: <https://www.worldstandards.eu/electricity/plugs-and-sockets/j/>).



Type C

Type F

## 9. HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Participants are responsible for making their own hotel arrangements and advised to book their hotel accommodation in the surrounding area of Nusa Dua, where the conference facility is located. Find below the links to some hotels:

### **Westin Nusa Dua**

IDR 2.500.000/ USD 165

[Resort in Bali | The Westin Resort Nusa Dua, Bali \(marriott.com\)](#)

Link reservation

[Westin Nusa Dua Reservation for SERCOM-3 and Gender Conference](#)

### **Courtyard Nusa Dua**

IDR/1.900.000/ USD 110

[Hotels near Nusa Dua Beach | Courtyard Bali Nusa Dua Resort \(marriott.com\)](#)

Link reservation

[Courtyard Nusa Dua Reservation for SERCOM-3 and Gender Conference](#)

### **Santika Hotel Nusa Dua**

IDR 850.000/ USD 54

[Hotel Santika Seminyak | Badung Hotel - Santika Indonesia Hotels and Resorts \(mysantika.com\)](#)

Link reservation

[Santika Hotel Nusa Dua Reservation for SERCOM-3 and Gender Conference](#)

## 10. INTERNET SERVICES

Wireless Internet connection (Wi-Fi) will be available in all buildings at the conference venue. The access is free and access details will be provided to all participants through hangers in the buildings.

## 11. WORKING LANGUAGES

During the session, simultaneous interpretation in the six UN official languages (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish) will be provided in the main conference room.

To pursue a sustainable pathway and to promote circularity, the host country kindly invites all delegates to bring their own individual water bottle to the conference venue.

