LOGISTIC NOTE



HUMAN RIGHTS DIALOGUE ON

RIGHTS-BASED PATHWAYS TO CLIMATE MITIGATION & JUST ENERGY TRANSITION **IN ASIA-PACIFIC**

22 - 23 SEPTEMBER 2024

THIS DIALOGUE IS AN INVITATION-ONLY EVENT

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Venue	Sukosol Hotel in Bangkok, Thailand, and online via Zoom.
Date and time	22 September 2024 (Sunday) - 23 September 2024 (Monday) 9:00 am to 5:00 pm (Bangkok time)
Format	The Human Rights Dialogue will be a discussion-based event featuring scene-setting panel discussions and break-out group sessions. It will serve as a safe space for civil society organizations (CSOs) and environmental human rights defenders (EHRDs) Participation in this dialogue is by invitation only.

Venue	The Sukosol Hotel, Bangkok Address: 477 Thanon Si Ayutthaya, Thanon Phaya Thai, Ratchathewi, Bangkok 10400 Tel: + 662 247 0123 Website: https://www.thesukosol.com/th/ Email: thesukosol@sukosolhotels.com Map: https://maps.app.goo.gl/RvP8XH6Zb5DqLsLu7		
Visa and entry requirements	Participants will be responsible for processing VISA. Participants are REQUIRED to obtain an appropriate entry visa from the Royal Thai Embassy or the Royal Thai Consulate-General before entering Thailand, EXCEPT for those nationals listed on the at List of Countries entitled for Visa Exemption and Visa on Arrival . To apply for an appropriate entry visa to Thailand, participants are required to contact their nearest Royal Thai Embassy or Consulate-General for the most updated information regarding visa application procedures and required documents. The list of Royal Thai Embassy/Consulate-General can be found at https://www.thaiembassy.org .		
Accommodation	Participants are responsible for booking their own rooms and are requested to contact the hotel well in advance. Any cancellations, postponements or other changes should be reported to the hotel. Rooms not occupied may be charged to the participants as per the hotel's policies. Before departure from Bangkok, participants should settle directly with the respective hotels all accounts, including room charges and other expenses, such as for local and long-distance telephone calls, Internet usage, business center usage, laundry, room and hotel transportation services, mini-bar items, as well as restaurant and bar services. Participants are also responsible for any charges incurred with respect to rooms remaining vacant owing to late arrival or rescheduled departure for which inadequate prior notice is given.		
Catering	Catering services are available at the meeting venue. The Organizer will provide lunch and tea/coffee breaks at the meeting venue from 22-23 September 2024.		
Dress code	Smart casual. Light tropical clothing would be appropriate.		
Transport from and to airport	Participants need to make their own transportation arrangements from Suvarnabhumi International Airport or Don Mueang International Airport to their respective hotels. For the Airport Rail Link, an express and commuter rail connecting to Makkasan Station (MRT subway Petchaburi Station) and Phayathai Station (BTS Skytrain), passengers should go to Level B. Detailed information can be found at https://www.srtet.co.th/index.php/en/ . Electric taxis (EVsociety/VIP) are currently available at the Suvarnabhumi International Airport. The counter is located next to the main taxi area. The service is available 24 hours and can be pre-booked via: • Line ID: @evsociety • Phone: +66 2039 8888 • Email: taxivip@evsociety.co.th • EV Society Facebook		

Metered taxi and bus services are readily available at the airport. More information is available at https://www.bangkokairportonline.com

To use the airport limousine service, participants should only contact the authorized officials at the counters located in the airport arrival zone. These officials will issue a ticket for the assignment of a limousine for transporting passengers to the desired destination, upon request. The Suvarnabhumi International Airport limousine service counters are located on Level 2 at Baggage Claim and Arrival Hall exits, channels A, B and C.

For public taxis, participants are advised to proceed to the Level 1 of the Passenger Terminal, between exit doors 4 and 7, outdoor area, where they will find automatic dispensing machines from which they can collect a queuing ticket for a public taxi. In addition to toll fees, there is a THB 50 surcharge to be added to the meter charge from the airport to the city. Please refer to the airport website noted above for details.

Transport to attend meetings

Participants need to make their own transport arrangements to and from the meeting venue. Metered taxis are readily available in the city, and you may also book your transportation via applications such as Grab and Bolt. The meeting venue is also close to Phayathai Station (BTS Skytrain) where you can consider taking BTS Skytrain.

Other useful information

Travel advisory

Visitors are advised to be respectful of Thai customs at all times. Please note the Lèse-majesté law in Thailand, which forbids the insult of the monarchy. Whoever defames, insults, or threatens the King, the Queen, the Heir-apparent or the Regent shall be punished with imprisonment. It is not aimed at restricting the legitimate right to freedom of expression but respecting the cultural aspect of Thailand with a respect of Thai royal family. Such laws are strictly enforced and are applicable to spoken, written, gestures and electronic communication, including social media.

Air pollution and health

Bangkok, like many metropolitan Asian cities, is periodically affected by high levels of air pollution, with haze and high concentrations of PM2.5 particularly of concern for sensitive groups. The Tourism Authority of Thailand advises tourists to monitor Bangkok's air pollution and take precautions when necessary. People who have existing asthma or are particularly vulnerable to the effects of air pollution should consult their treating physician as to whether a trip to Bangkok is advisable at this time. Information on the Air pollution can be found <u>Air4Thai website</u>, maintained by the government of Thailand with daily information on air pollution.

Insurance and emergency services

Participants are strongly encouraged to subscribe to a travel or health insurance which is valid in the Kingdom of Thailand, in order to cover any medical bills or hospitalization fees.

Electric plug and socket	The electric power in Thailand is 230V running at 50Hz and the plug types used are either Type A, Type B, or Type C. A hybrid socket is almost universally found, which accepts a combination of the above plug types. Participants are strongly encouraged to carry their own adapters for use with laptops and other electrical appliances as the Human Rights Dialogue organizer will not be able to provide these. In case of need, adapters can be purchased from shops in the city dealing in electronic and electrical items.	
Foreign currency declaration	Any person who brings or takes an aggregate amount of foreign currency exceeding USD 20,000 or its equivalent into or out of the Kingdom of Thailand shall declare such amount of foreign currency to a Customs Official. Failure to make such a declaration or making any false declaration to a Customs official is a criminal offence. For reference, participants may use – at their discretion – online currency conversion tool, such as https://freecurrencyrates.com for indicative currency conversion rates.	
Thai emergency telephone numbers	 Police/general emergency call: 191 Fire brigade: 199 Emergency doctor/ ambulance: 1669/1554 Tourism police: 1155 	

Note from the organizers

Travel for eligible funded participants will be based on the lowest cost and most direct economy fare. The Human Rights Dialogue organizer will not be responsible for costs associated with any changes that the funded participants may wish to make to their tickets, for example upgrading, re-routing or stopovers.

The Human Rights Dialogue organizer shall not be responsible for the provision of or expenses relating to any medical or travel insurance for the Human Rights Dialogue. In addition, the organizers shall not be liable for any loss or damage whatsoever that may be incurred during or in the context of your travel to or from the Human Rights Dialogue or your participation therein, including but not limited to any compensation in the event of injury, illness, death or disability or for any loss or damage to your personal property.

	For agenda and other technical issues:	For administrative and logistic arrangements:
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