

Local Information for participants Rome, Italy

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Location

The meeting will be held at the headquarters of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations in Rome, Italy. The FAO headquarters complex is located on Viale delle Terme di Caracalla, located directly above the Circo Massimo metro station. It is also serviced by buses 3, 60, 75, 160 271 (for additional information on transit see <http://atac.roma.it>).

A building pass is required to enter the FAO Headquarters. Please bring a valid identity document to the registration centre at the main entrance, building A, in order to register and receive a visitor's pass.

Transportation to and from the airport

Rome has two major airports: Fiumicino/Leonardo da Vinci (FCO), and Ciampino (CIA). Fiumicino is the main airport, and is served by taxis, trains, and shuttle services. The fixed taxi rates are 45-55 euro from Fiumicino to the centre of Rome, and 30-40 euro from Ciampino to the centre of Rome. The [Leonardo express train](#) from Fiumicino airport to the Termini train station (14 euro) departs the airport every half hour between 06:35 and 23:35. The local trains (8 euros) stop at Ostiense station (end station is Fara Sabina), a 15 minute walk from FAO headquarters and depart approximately every 15 minutes. Tickets may be purchased from vending machines or at the Tabacchi (newspaper stand / kiosk) at the train station in the airport.

Public Transportation

Tickets for public transport should be purchased in advance and are available from underground stations, tobacco shops and newspaper kiosks as well as from the News Stand at FAO Headquarters (Ground Floor, Building B, across from the *Banca Intesa* Bank). Tickets cost 1,5 Euro and may be used once for underground transport and unlimited bus travel within the ticket validation time of 75 minutes. Tickets should be validated upon entering buses and trams.

Accommodation in Rome

The last page of this document includes a list of some of the hotels used by past IPPC meeting participants. Their locations can be viewed on an [online map](#).

Banking and Currency

The currency of Italy is the EURO. There are two banks in FAO Headquarters: *Banca Intesa* and *Banca Sondrino*. Both are located on the Ground Floor, Building B. Opening hours are from 08.35 to 16.35 hours.

Internationally-recognized travelers' cheques and credit cards are accepted in many hotels, major shops and restaurants. Most smaller stores and restaurants, however, accept cash only.

Daily subsistence allowance (DSA) from FAO

Participants who will receive DSA from FAO should collect the DSA, upon showing ID, from the Banca Intesa, B-building ground floor. Note that DSA is paid in USD but that the bank can change currency as desired.

Protecting Your Valuables

A word of caution. While Rome is generally a safe city, theft can be a problem, in particular on public transportation and crowded streets. Participants are reminded to carry their valuables safely, and to keep photocopies of identification documents in a safe place in case they need to have them replaced. Also, if collecting DSA from FAO, be very careful of persons posing as police officers outside of FAO, who have been known to steal and pickpocket.

Lost building passes should be reported without delay to the FAO Office of Security. The FAO Office of Security operates from 07.30 a.m. to 17.30 from Room B062 (extension 55159); after 17:30 contact the Security Guards in Building A (extension 53145, 06-5705-3145 from outside FAO).

Medical Service

The Medical Services Division provides emergency medical assistance to participants. For medical emergencies, delegates may dial 30 from telephones within FAO headquarters. For all other medical services, call extension 53577 from in-house telephones or 06-5705-3577 from outside the FAO Headquarters Complex. The Medical Service is located on the first floor of building B.

Access and Facilities for Disabled Persons

All entrances at the FAO Headquarters Complex are accessible to disabled persons with wheelchairs. A lift is especially provided in Building A, and a ramp is provided in Building D. All lifts throughout the FAO Headquarters Complex have wheelchair access.

Emergency Telephone Numbers in Rome

The following numbers may be useful in case of emergency:

- Medical Emergencies 118
- General Emergencies 113
- Fire 115
- Ambulance (Red Cross) 06-5510
- City Physician on Call 06-58201030

No Smoking

Please note that FAO, in line with most other UN agencies, is now a NO SMOKING area. Smoking is not permitted anywhere inside the premises of FAO.

Catering Facilities

The main dining facilities are located on the Eighth Floor:

- The FAO Cafeteria, located on the Eighth Floor of Building B, is open for lunch from 12.00 to 14.30.
- The FAO Restaurant, located on the Eighth Floor, Building C, offers a daily menu and “à la carte” service. Please telephone ext. 56823 (06-5705-6823 from outside the FAO Headquarters) for bookings.

In addition, several snack bars on the premises offer hot and cold beverages as well as pastries and sandwiches:

- Polish Bar – (Ground Floor, Building A)
- Blue Bar “C” – (Eighth Floor, Building C)
- Cafeteria Bar - (Eighth Floor, Building B)
- Casa Bar (Ground Floor, Building D)

Several vending machines with coffee and snacks are also located on the premises.

Slovak Business Centre

The Slovak Business Centre is located on the Ground Floor, Building B (B013), extension 57090 and comprises a reception area, Internet workstations, a lounge area, and a small meeting room. The Business Centre is a multi-functional workspace equipped with phone, fax and PC facilities. No food is permitted in this facility.

Wi-Fi access

The meeting room, as well as many other areas in FAO, has Wi-Fi access. To connect:

Step 1: Turn on your laptop or wireless device while in an area providing Wi-Fi services

Step 2: If your device has the Wi-Fi adapter enabled, a message should appear that says the Wi-Fi services "guest_internet" has been detected.

Step 3: Click connect and login with ID: visitor and Password: **wifi2internet**.

Additional local information

Restaurants, a supermarket, and other conveniences are located on Viale Aventino, the main street adjacent to FAO Headquarters. The local hardware store sells electrical adapters (when exiting FAO Headquarters, turn left and walk for approximately two blocks).

The voltage in Italy is 220V, and plug shapes vary between 2 and 3 round pins.

Local event listings are included in the English language magazine Wanted in Rome <http://www.wantedinrome.com/>, also available in hardcopy at many newsstands. Additional events may be found online on InRomeNow.com.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

The Secretariat does not arrange hotel accommodation for participants. However, we have compiled information on hotels in the area where meeting participants have stayed in the past. We encourage you to arrange hotel accommodation as soon as possible. A map displaying the locations of hotels listed below, as well as their contact information, [is available online](#).

Hotel Domus Maximi

Via S. Prisca 118
Tel: +39 06.574.6189

Via G. Giolitti, 433
00185 Roma
Tel: +39 06 70451520 / 41
Fax: +39 06 70451531

Hotel Souvenir

Via delle Terme Deciane 3
Tel: +39 06.575.0958

Hotel Center 2 (3 stars)
Via G. Giolitti, 441 – 443
00185 Roma
Tel: +39 06 7027743
Fax: +39 06 7004642

Hotel Lancelot

Via Capo d'Africa 47
Tel: +39 06 704.50615
info@lancelothotel.com
<http://www.lancelothotel.com/>

Hotel Center 3 (3 stars)
Via A. Grandi, 7
00185 Roma
Tel: +39 06 70300058
Fax: +39 06 70300059

Hotel S. Anselmo

Piazza S Anselmo 2
Tel: +39 06.574.3547

Hotel S. Prisca

Largo dei Gelsomini 35
Tel: +39 06.575.0469

Hotel Donatello (3 stars)
Via di Porta Maggiore, 83
00185 Roma
Via di Porta Maggiore, 83
Tel: +39 06 7010833
Fax: +39 06 7011656

Hotel Grifo

Via Boschetto 144
Tel: +39 06.474.23.23

Residence Lodi (3 stars)

Via Fanfulla da Lodi, 35
00176 Roma
Reception/Booking with Hotel Center 1

Hotel Royal Home

Via Ostiense 263/E
(Opposite Basilica di S. Paolo - 3 minutes from metro station)
Tel: 0039.06.54.10.290 / 0039.06.54.23.0455

Hotel Pyramid (ABC) (2 stars)

Via dei Magazzini Generali, 4
00154 Roma

Hotel Center 1 (3 stars)

Tel: +39 06 5780009 / 5748029

Fax: +39 06 5758261

Hotel Center (2 stars)

Via G. Giolitti, 413

00185 Roma

Tel: +39 06 70451520 / 41

Fax: +39 06 7041531

Hotel Manzoni (2 stars)

Via Balilla, 1

00185 Roma

Tel and Fax: +39 06 70451626

Convento Suore Oblate al Divino Amore

Via Marruvio, 4, 00183, Roma

Tel: 390670475611 (contact sister Ivonne)

Tel: 39067004884 (contact sister Rosa del Carmen,
Marta and Sor Virginia).

Hotel Aventino

Via di San Domenico, 10

00153 Rome RM, Italy

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