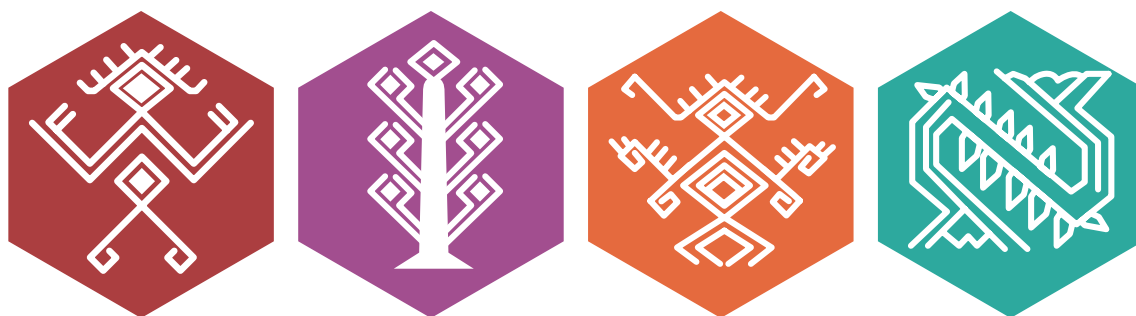


2017 Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction



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The 2017 Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction will be the first to be held since the adoption of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 in March 2015. The 2017 Global Platform will be an important opportunity for States, the United Nations system, international organizations, civil society, the private sector, the science and technology community and many other stakeholders to monitor progress and identify measures to advance the implementation of the Sendai Framework.

The 2017 Global Platform aims to build on previous Global Platform and to encourage sustained efforts from all actors to reduce disaster risks and reinforce resilience.

The 2017 Global Platform will take place from Monday 22 to Friday 26 May 2017 in Cancun, Mexico. Monday 22 May and Tuesday 23 May will be reserved for preparation and consultations. The official agenda will start on Wednesday 24 May.



Venue

The 2017 Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction will be convened at the Moon Palace Arena located in Cancun, Mexico.

Moon Palace Arena

Moon Palace Resort, Carretera Cancun-Chetumal, Km36.5, Riviera Maya

77500 Cancun, Quintana Roo, Mexico

Tel: +1 800-635-1836

moonpalacecancun.com



Registration and accreditation

On-line registration

Participants are invited to register online through the link: [unisdr.org/go/gp2017/register](https://www.unisdr.org/go/gp2017/register)

An automated email with an ID reference number will be sent confirming receipt of the request. All applications are reviewed according to the guidelines and criteria for accredited delegations. A confirmation of successful registration will be sent to approved delegates. The review process may take up to four weeks.

On-site Registration and badging

Participants will be invited to pick-up their badges at the on-site registration desk with a national passport or national ID card. Photo badges must be worn at all times to gain access to the conference venue and meeting rooms.

Longer lines should be anticipated on Wednesday 24 May. Therefore, early registration and badge pick-up on Monday 22 May and Tuesday 23 May will be strongly encouraged.

The registration desk at the conference venue will open at 10:00 on Monday 22 May 2017.

Fees

No conference fees will be charged. Participants will need to cover their own lodging and travel expenses.

Visas

Participants must complete all formalities to visit Mexico and all foreign citizens should hold a valid passport. Please note that Mexico does not issue visas at any Mexican port of entry.

A detailed note about visas to Mexico is available in the following document: [unisdr.org/go/gp2017/visa-info](https://www.unisdr.org/go/gp2017/visa-info)

Participants are strongly encouraged to read this document before registration.

Remote participation

If physical attendance is not possible, the 2017 Global Platform will provide opportunities to remotely attend via telepresence technologies. More information about remote participation is available at the following address: [unisdr.org/go/gp2017/remote-participation](https://www.unisdr.org/go/gp2017/remote-participation)

Press and media accreditation

The UN Press Corps will be automatically accredited on presentation of their UN badge. Other journalists must provide proof of credentials to receive a badge to attend the conference.

In order to avoid delays entering the conference, journalists are strongly advised to register in advance.

Additional requests about media can be sent to Ms. Brigitte Leoni at the following address: leonib@un.org



Transportation and accommodation

Access from the airport

The Moon Palace Arena is ten kilometers away from Cancun International Airport. A welcome and information desk will be available for participants at the Cancun Airport from 22 to 26 May 2017. In addition to the 2017 Global Platform specific transportation services, taxis and private transportation services are available at the airport.

Accommodation

After having finalized registration process, participants are requested to visit the following website for hotel booking: unisdr.org/go/gp2017/practical

Early booking of accommodation is strongly advised.

The list of hotels indicated on next page will offer specific rates for Global Platform participants as well as free transportation service. There is also a large range of hotels available in a ten kilometre radius and accessible with public transportation or taxis.

Self-booking of accommodation will not give access to the rates negotiated for Global Platform participants.

News items about transportation and accommodation will be regularly published on the Global Platform homepage. unisdr.org/conferences/2017/globalplatform/

Transportation

A free transportation service will be provided for Global Platform participants, from the airport and from selected hotels to the conference venue. (Details about itineraries and schedule will be released later).

Taxis can be easily found in the main avenues and hotels can provide specific services. It is recommended to agree to the fare with the driver before the travel.

Public bus travel the main avenue of Cancun (Kukulcan Ave) and many places in the touristic and commercials areas.

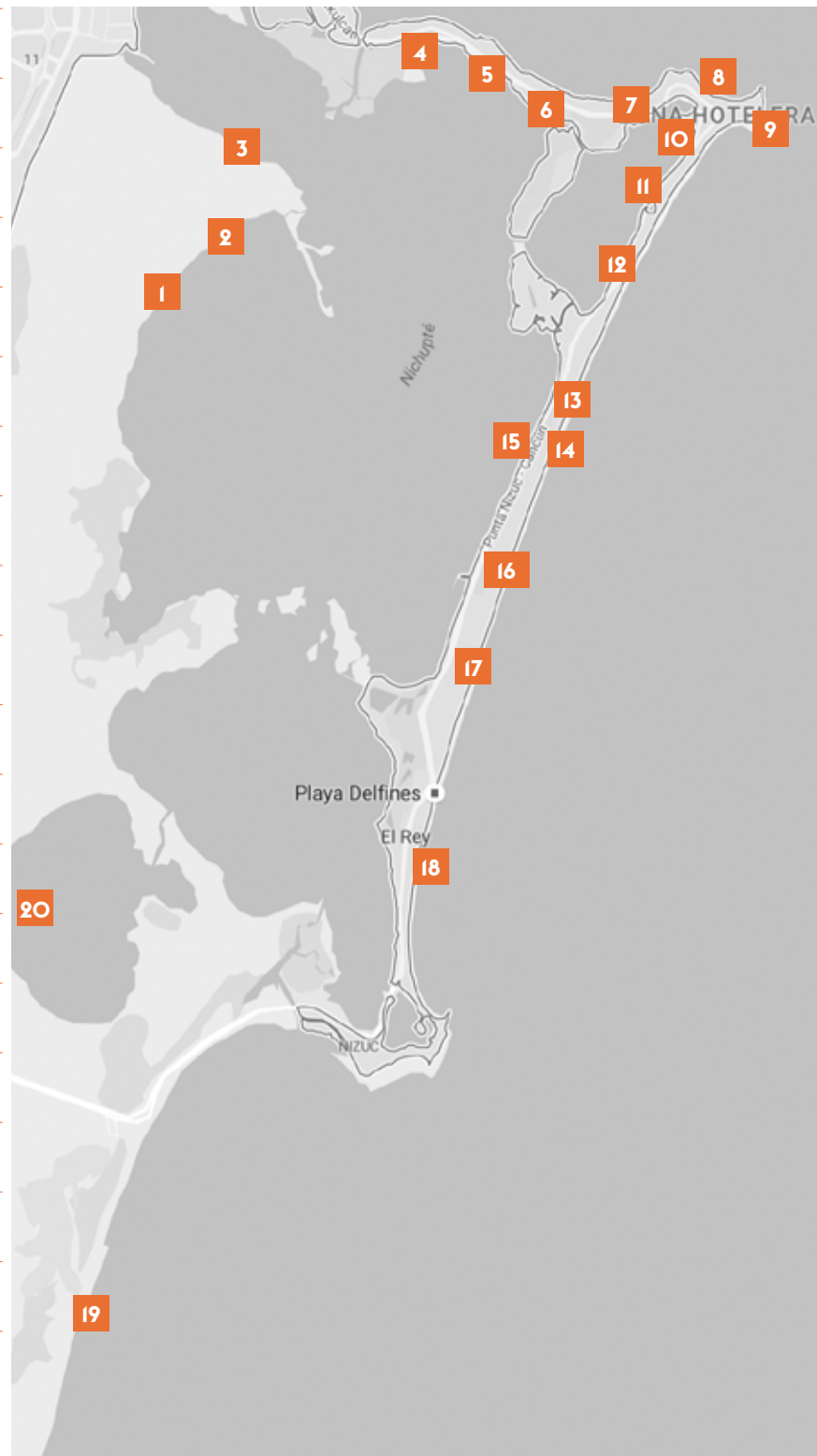
Private transportation services are also available from the airport and hotels.





Map / Hotels

1. ONE Cancun ***
2. Four Points ***
3. Fiesta Inn Cancun ***
4. Real Inn Cancun ***
5. Presidente Intercontinental ****
6. Fiesta Americana Villas ***
7. Aloft Cancun ***
8. Krystal Cancun ***
9. Krystal Gran Punta Cancun ****
10. Grand Fiesta Americana Coral Beach Cancun ****
11. Hyatt Ziva ****
12. Live Aqua ****
13. JW Marriott ****
14. Secrets the Vine Cancun *****
15. Paradisus Cancun ****
16. Casa Magna Marriott ****
17. Omni Hotels ****
18. Fiesta Americana Condesa ****
19. Moon Palace Resort ****
20. Courtyard Marriott ***



Programme at a glance

The main events will include

Opening and closing ceremonies

Official statements

Plenary sessions

Special sessions

Working sessions

Side events

Leader's forum (by invitation only)

Market place

Ignite Stage

Field visits

Special events and ceremonies

The official programme of the 2017 Global Platform, including additional practical information will be made available online in the six UN official languages by April 2017.

Security

Security in the conference venue of the 2017 Global Platform is the responsibility of the United Nations. Outside these premises, all external security related issues are the responsibility of the host country, Mexico.

All arriving high-level participants should alert their respective embassies for arrangements regarding security, transport, accommodation and other protocol matters.

The Mexican Permanent Mission in Geneva must be kept informed of the arrival in Mexico of all Heads of State including dates of arrival.

Official statements

Delegations wishing to deliver official statements are requested to inscribe to the list of speakers through the Global Platform website: [unisdr.org/go/gp2017/statements](https://www.unisdr.org/go/gp2017/statements)

The registration will open on 1st March 2017. The speaking order will follow the customary protocol order. Accordingly, precedence will be accorded to representatives at the Heads of State or Government and Ministerial levels followed by other head of delegation, the UN system, IGOs and NGOs. The time limit for statements will be three minutes. For further information please contact: gp-statements@un.org

Preparatory days

Monday 22 May and Tuesday 23 May will consist in a series of briefings and consultations organized by UNISDR or other stakeholders. Organizations which require a space for a consultation meeting during these days are invited to send a request including the following information: Title of the meeting, name of the organization responsible for the meeting, name and email address of a focal point, and number of participants expected. Requests can be sent to Mr. Sebastien Penzini at the following address: penzini@un.org

Side events

Side events will be held from 24 to 26 May 2017 in the Global Platform venue. Discussions during the sessions will be held in English only.

Applications for Side events are to be submitted online on the Global Platform Website. Official accreditation process for the 2017 Global Platform is necessary for organizing or participating in the Side events.

The selection criteria will take into consideration topic, regional balance and participation of all stakeholders. A UNISDR selection committee will decide on the events that will be chosen; similar topics may merge in one event to give the opportunity to more participants to discuss similar issues.

Additional information about Side events and registration process is available at the following address: [unisdr.org/go/gp2017/side-events](https://www.unisdr.org/go/gp2017/side-events)

Any further request can be sent to Ms. Ana Maria Castillo at the following address: castilloa@un.org

Field Visits

Mexico will organize a range of field visits during the conference. More information about Global Platform field visits in Cancun will be available on the Global Platform website.

Reservation process and details about itineraries will be also communicated later on the 2017 Global Platform website.

unisdr.org/go/gp2017/field-visits



Market Place & Ignite Stage

A Market Place with presentation booths and an Ignite Stage with dynamic ten minute briefings will take place from 24 to 26 May.

Applications for a booth in the Market Place or a presentation on the Ignite Stage will be received online on the Global Platform website:

unisdr.org/go/gp2017/market-place

Official accreditation process for the 2017 Global Platform is necessary before applying for a booth or a presentation's slot.

Following its previous successes, Market Place and Ignite Stage will be organized as for the 2013 Global Platform. Examples are available at the following addresses:

unisdr.org/go/gp2013/market-place

unisdr.org/go/gp2013/ignite-stage

The set-up of the Market Place will take place from 22 to 23 May.

Bilateral meeting rooms

A number of rooms is dedicated to bilateral high level meetings and closed meetings for up to 20 participants. Bilateral meetings will be arranged on a basis of 25mn sessions from 24 to 26 May 2017, according to availability of rooms.

Requests for a bilateral meeting room will be opened from 1st March 2017 and can be sent to Mr. Sebastien Penzini:

penzini@un.org

Meeting rooms

All main events will be held in the meeting rooms of the Moon Palace Arena. All rooms are equipped with sound systems, tables or tablets and video displays.

Interpretation facilities

Opening and closing ceremonies, plenaries, special sessions, official statements and the Leader's Forum will be interpreted in the six UN official languages: Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish. The working sessions will be interpreted in three languages: English, French and Spanish. No interpretation services will be provided for the Side events and for preparation and consultations meetings on 22-23 May 2017.

Accessibility

All efforts are being made to ensure that the 2017 Global Platform will be as accessible as possible for persons with disabilities. Moon Palace Arena meeting rooms are wheelchair accessible. International sign language and closed captioning will be provided during some formal sessions including opening and closing ceremonies and plenaries. Assistance may be requested from the information desk.

Medical facilities

At the conference venue, medical assistance can be requested at information desk. An infirmary with medical staff will be also available inside the conference venue.

Internet

Free wireless Internet access will be available in the conference venue during opening hours of the 2017 Global Platform. Most of the hotels are also equipped with free Internet access.

Greening

UNISDR is promoting a "paper smart" Global Platform. To do this, UNISDR and Mexico will deploy an electronic delivery system of documents, in addition to providing access to all documents through the Global Platform website. UNISDR is also reducing paper use, publication and other document distribution by promoting electronic version use.

Practical information

Language

Cancun's official language is Spanish. Most Mexicans working in the tourist industry speak English and some speak French, Italian and German. Many local natives still communicate in Mayan language.

Time

Time in Mexico is -5 GMT during winter hours and -6 GMT during summer hours.

Phone

The country phone code to reach Mexico is +52. The prefix for calling a number in Cancun is +52 998 + 7digits of the phone number.

Electricity



Electricity in Mexico is 110 Volts, alternating at 60 cycles per second. Please note that a plug converter will be necessary. The diagram of the Mexican outlet is illustrated above.

Local rules

Smoking and drinking alcohol is prohibited for those under 18 years of age. Smoking is banned on public transportation as well as in some public areas.

Currency

The Mexican Peso is the official currency in Mexico. Banks, hotels, and airports provide change services. The average cost for a cup of coffee is around 30 pesos and a meal around 100 pesos (Ten USD).

Climate

Cancun has a tropical climate, specifically a tropical wet and dry climate (Köppen Aw) with few differences between seasons. The average climate is warm and rainy with an average annual temperature of 25.5° celcius.

During the summer, the area is affected by tropical storms and cyclones. The hurricane season begins in mid-June. Hardest hits occur in September and October.

Cancun

Cancun, comes from the mayan words kaan kun, which means «nest of snakes»; it is located in the State of Quintana Roo, in the municipality of Benito Juarez, 370 kilometers from the capital of the state, Chetumal, and 1668 kilometers from Mexico City.

Cancun is a renowned tourist destination on the Caribbean's coast resort band known as the Riviera Maya. Cancun is also surrounded by a number of Maya archaeological sites such as Coba, Muyil, Xcaret or Tulum.

Cancun is served by the Cancun International Airport which receives a lot of flights from North, Central and South America, Asia and Europe.



Cancun is the biggest city of the State of Quintana Roo with 628,306 citizens. The development of the city started in 1974.



Kukulcan Boulevard ("Feathered Snake" the greater god of the Mayan culture) is the main avenue of the Tourist area with a large range of malls and restaurants.



Cancun has the second biggest coral reel in the world, the Great Mayan Barrier.



The following website can be visited for further touristic information: www.visitmexico.com/en/cancun

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