

NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2025/088

Geneva, 3 July 2025

CONCERNING:

Twentieth meeting of the Conference of the Parties

Additional information

1. Further to the Notification to the Parties [No. 2025/058](#), this Notification serves to provide updated and additional logistical information regarding the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP20) to be held in Samarkand, Uzbekistan, from Monday 24 November to Friday 5 December 2025.

2. **Venue:** [Silk Road Samarkand Expo Center](#)
Rowing canal, Konigil massif
Samarkand, Uzbekistan

3. **Hotel reservations**

The Host Country has provided a list of recommended hotels in Annex 1 to this document, with indicative price range and approximate distance from the venue. Delegates, including sponsored delegates, are responsible for making their own hotel reservations through official hotel websites or commercial booking platforms, and should do so as soon as possible.

For accommodation-related queries, please contact a dedicated hotline created by the Host Country, at cites.cop20.hotels@gmail.com.

4. **Visas**

Participants are responsible for obtaining their own visas and should initiate the process as early as possible.

Information on visa requirements, including a list of countries eligible for visa on arrival, is provided by the Host Country in Annex 2 to this Notification. Please note that, as there has been recent changes in the visa exemptions for some countries, Parties are requested to review the information carefully to determine the appropriate steps based on your country of origin. If a visa is required to enter Uzbekistan, participants are encouraged to register early to receive a visa assistance letter from the Secretariat and to start the application process promptly.

Kindly note that there are two ways to apply for Visas online, with different processes and conditions:

Link	Eligibility	Cost	Process	Timing
https://visa.mfa.uz/info-travel/create	All countries	free of charge	Submit the application form, along with the visa letter generated by the CITES CoP20 registration system (KRONOS) by email to samarkandvisa@gmail.com	Processing time of up to 10 business days. Available until 23 October 2025.
https://e-visa.gov.uz/main	eVisa eligible countries only	USD 20	Submit the application online.	Typically processed within 3 business days.

5. Office space & Exhibition space

The Host Country has informed that no exhibition space will be available, considering the small number of expressions of interest received from participants.

6. Side events

In order to recover extra staff costs associated with the organisation of side events, a flat fee of USD 500 will be charged for each side event, payable at the CoP20 venue. Special equipment and catering will be charged in addition to the flat fee. The CITES Secretariat will confirm the side events schedule **by 18 August 2025**. Once confirmed, the organizers will receive the contact details for any specific IT or catering requests.

7. Reminder of the deadlines

Thursday, 31 July 2025: deadline for submitting side event request

Thursday 25 September 2025: registration deadline for observers (non-Parties, United Nations and its specialized agencies, intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations and private sector). Enquiries about registration should be sent to registration@cites.org, and about participation charges to elizabeth.warui@un.org.

Monday 17 November 2025: deadline for submission of all credentials to credentials@cites.org with a copy to penelope.benn@cites.org. The original credential letter must be handed over to the Secretariat at the venue of the meeting of the Conference of the Parties. See [Guidance for submission of credentials of representatives of Parties to CoP meetings](#) for details.

**List of recommended hotels for the CITES CoP20
provided by the Tourism Committee, Ministry of Ecology,
Environmental Protection and Climate Change of Uzbekistan**

№	Hotel name	Distance to CoP20 venue (km)	Total number of rooms	Standard		Junor suite	
				Number of rooms	Price category 1	Number of rooms	Price category
1	MOVENPICK	13	166	147	****	15	****
2	HILTON GARDEN INN	8.7	163	154	***	4	****
3	GRAND SOGDIANA	15.5	102	71	**	22	**
4	ALEXANDER	11.4	85	50	**	24	**
5	ASIA SAMARKAND	6.8	85	84	**	-	-
6	KONSTANTIN PLAZA	11.7	82	66	**	7	**
7	EMIR HAN	6.9	75	72	**	1	**
8	GRAND SAMARKAND SUPERIOR A	13	68	52	**	10	**
9	KHAN	5.1	68	68	**	-	-
10	ZILOL-BAXT	9.1	66	58	***	7	***
11	CONTINENTAL	8.6	64	56	***	6	****
12	DILIMAH PREMIUM LUXURY	12.7	62	47	***	10	***
13	BUYUK HUMO	10.5	61	57	**	3	**
14	CITY HOTEL	9.2	58	57	**	-	-
15	ZARAFSHON PARKSIDE	9.9	55	33	***	15	****
16	MAROKAND SPA HOTEL	6.3	55	51	**	-	-
17	ORIENT STAR	7.7	55	51	**	-	-
18	GRAND PLAZA	8.6	54	48	**	2	***
19	MEDINA	7	54	54	**	-	-
20	ROYAL	10.2	50	-	-	45	***
21	KOHINUR PLAZA	6.2	50	40	**	10	***
22	RAYYAN	11	50	44	**	4	***
23	IDEAL	5.4	49	20	**	29	**
24	BOG'ISHAMOL	4.5	46	40	**	6	***
25	KO'K SAROY PLAZA	8.1	41	38	**	3	**
26	AMETIST	9.7	40	30	***	6	***
27	SIAB	8.1	48	40	**	6	***
28	KONSTANTIN	12.9	40	40	**	-	-
29	SHAXZODA ELITE	10	40	16	**	18	**
30	GOLDEN SAMARQAND	18.7	40	32	**	6	**
31	DIYORA	3.8	40	40	**	-	-
32	ARBA	9.7	39	26	**	10	**
33	MARJON	11.5	36	33	**	2	**
34	JAHON PALACE	13.9	36	36	**	-	-
35	COMFORT	12.9	36	36	**	-	-
36	ULUG'BEK GRAND	2.7	34	32	**	2	**
37	SAMARIA	7.4	33	27	**	4	***
38	SHOHJAHON	7.9	32	24	**	7	**
39	KOSH HAVUZ	6.9	32	30	**	2	***
40	SANGZOR	6.1	32	28	**	2	**
41	GUR EMIR PALACE	8.7	32	28	**	4	**
42	BEK SAMARQAND	7.8	31	20	**	10	**
43	KARVON SAMARQAND	7.2	31	28	**	3	**
44	"SULTAN PALACE"	6.3	31	30	**	-	-

¹ The price categories are as follows:

- 0\$-50\$ --*
- 50\$-100\$--**
- 100\$-200\$--***
- 200\$-300\$--****
- More than 300\$--*****

№	Hotel name	Distance to CoP20 venue (km)	Total number of rooms	Standard		Junior suite	
				Number of rooms	Price category ¹	Number of rooms	Price category
45	AL-MADINA	10.6	30	25	**	3	**
46	CINZANO COMPLEX	10.9	30	25	**	5	**
47	ALIZ BOULEVARD	10.1	30	29	**	-	-
48	BAGIZAGAN	12.1	29	20	**	9	**
49	SHAHDIL	9.9	28	26	**	-	-
50	DE VILLA	14	28	28	***	-	-
51	SILK ROAD EMPIRE	10.5	27	25	**	2	**
52	WELLFORT	11	26	18	**	-	-
53	EAST STAR	11.1	23	16	**	4	***
54	MALIKA PRIME	8.6	22	22	**	-	*
55	AMIR PLAZA	1.9	16	15	**	1	**
56	SHODLIK	2.7	40	40	*	-	-
57	SHARK	18.2	31	31	*	-	-
58	MALIKA BY WELLFORT	14	26	26	*	-	-
59	EURO ASIA	14	26	26	*	-	-
60	AFROSIYOB PALACE	13.8	26	26	*	-	-
61	HAYAT PLAZA	7.7	25	19	*	4	**
62	SULTANAT	10	24	24	*	-	-
63	UZBEGIM PLAZA	10.6	24	24	*	-	-
64	ARKA	13.5	23	21	**	-	-
65	BILLURI SITORA	9.9	22	22	**	-	-
66	IZUMRUD PALACE	12.5	22	17	**	-	-
67	MAROQANDA	10.5	22	22	*	-	-
68	SUMAYA	16.2	22	17	*	-	-
69	STARAYA ARBA	12.8	22	22	*	-	-
70	SAMARABONU	7.9	21	19	*	-	-
71	MARAKANDA	12.4	21	15	*	-	-
72	ARHAN PALACE PREMIUM	5	21	21	**	-	-
73	BIBIKHANUM	1	21	21	**	-	-
74	AYNIY	3	21	20	**	1	**
75	BRAVO	7	21	11	**	-	-
76	ZARINA	5	20	18	**	-	-
77	EL EMIR	6	20	15	**	5	**
78	GALA OSIYO	8	20	20	**	-	-
79	SAND HILL	4	20	10	**	5	**
80	SAMARKAND DREAM	4	20	20	**	-	-
81	REGISTON SAROY	3	20	20	**	-	-
82	OSIA PLAZA	10	20	20	*	-	-
83	THE ROYAL	10.5	19	19	*	-	-
84	ROYAL PALACE	13.5	19	9	*	-	-
85	REIKARTZ AMAR SAMARKAND	13	19	13	**	-	-
86	BEX SUENO	16	19	17	*	-	-
87	AL BUHORIIY	11.4	19	19	*	-	-
88	AMINA	12.7	18	18	*	-	-
89	THE AFROSIYOB	8.3	18	18	**	-	-
90	BOULEVARD PALACE	12.4	18	18	*	-	-
91	SULTAN BOUTIQUE	13	17	10	**	4	***
92	YANGI-SHARQ	13	17	17	*	-	-
93	DIYOR	10	17	16	*	-	-
94	MEROS BOUTIQUE	13	16	13	*	-	-
95	MINOR	11	16	16	*	-	-
96	TURON LUX	15	16	16	*	-	-
97	HAYAT SAMARKAND	11	16	10	**	4	**
98	DALI SAMARKAND	12	15	-	*	15	**
99	OSIYO	8	15	15	*	-	-
100	ASTOR	17	15	10	*	-	-
101	PANORAMA	18	14	14	*	-	-
102	CARAVAN SERAIL	11	14	14	*	-	-
103	ZUHRO-N	14	13	13	*	-	-

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104	ABDUSALOM OTA	11	13	13	**	-	-
105	AL-MARYAM	13.7	13	10	*	3	**
106	PLATAN	13.2	12	6	***	6	***
107	LIKE INN	13.6	12	7	*	5	**
108	RENAISSANCE BOUTIQUE	13.5	12	6	*	6	**
109	VOSTOK	15.5	11	6	*	5	**
110	DILSHODA-PRIME	12	10	10	*	-	-
111	DILSHODA	12	10	10	*	-	-
112	MEVLANA	10.8	10	5	**	5	**
113	STARAYA ARBA	12.6	10	10	**	-	-
114	MARVARID	14.4	10	10	*	-	-
115	ISHONCH	11.8	10	10	*	-	-
116	ISHONCH 1	11.8	10	10	*	-	-
117	ASTORIYA	12.1	30	30	-	-	-
118	EMILY GRAND	15	43	43	-	-	-
119	OLD CITY AFROSIYAB	5.1	15	15	-	-	-
120	NOBLE	13	25	25	-	-	-
121	VOLIDAM	8.5	40	40	**	-	-
122	JAXONGIR PREMIUM	9	19	19	*	-	-
123	CHOPON OTA	5.5	16	16	*	-	-
124	DIPLOMAT	11	16	16	*	-	-
125	KARVONSAROY	4	18	18	*	-	-
126	FAMILY HOSTEL REGISTAN	8.5	24	24	*	-	-
127	NAXSAROY	9	24	24	*	-	-
128	AFRUZA	5	28	28	*	-	-
129	LEV TOLSTOY	10	10	10	*	-	-
130	POLAR BEAR	13	20	20	*	-	-
131	HILTON SAMARKAND REGENCY	0.7	232	158	*****	48	*****
132	SAVITSKY PLAZA	1.7	175	148	****	9	*****
133	SILK ROAD BY MINYOUN	0.85	241	191	****	24	*****
134	LIA! BY MINYOUN STARS OF ULUGBEK	1.9	170	147	****	7	*****
135	HILTON GARDEN INN AFROSIYOB	2.1	91	73	***	11	****
136	HILTON GARDEN INN SOGD	3.4	92	70	***	16	*****
137	WELLNESS PARK HOTEL BACTRIA	3.4	92	70	***	14	*****
138	WELLNESS PARK HOTEL TURON	2.4	83	65	***	11	*****

PASSPORT AND VISA REQUIREMENTS

Below is the list of countries and territories with the respective visa requirements.

Citizens of the **eVisa eligible countries** can apply for a e-visa here: <https://e-visa.gov.uz/main> or request for a visa in the consular offices of Uzbekistan in a simplified manner. This normally takes 3 days for processing and would incur a cost of USD 20.

All participants are eligible to apply for **visa on arrival**. Please follow the steps below. These visas are issued free of charge, but it normally takes 10 working days for processing and is a limited service provided by the Host Country, accepted until 23 October 2025.

1. Fill an application in this link (<https://visa.mfa.uz/info-travel/create>) and download the file.
 - For *Purpose of visit*, write “**Attend CITES CoP20 as representative of [name of Party or organization]**”
 - For *Inviting Party*, write “**Ministry of Ecology, Environmental Protection & Climate Change, Uzbekistan, and CITES Secretariat**”
 - For *Duration of visa procedure*, select **Urgent**
 - For *Residence in Uzbekistan*, indicate the name and address of your hotel.
2. Submit the application, along with the visa letter generated by the CITES CoP20 registration system (KRONOS) by email to samarkandvisa@gmail.com

More information and instructions can be found here: <https://www.mfa.uz/en/pages/visa-republic-uzb> and <https://e-visa.gov.uz/what-you-need-to-know>

Applying for an Uzbek visa will require that the applicant's passport be valid for six months beyond the applicant's date of departure. The passport must have two blank visa pages.

Party	Do you need a visa for Uzbekistan?		How can you apply for a visa?		
	Visa free (for up to 10, 30 and 60 days) or exempt	No exemption (visa is required)	eVisa eligible*	At the local Uzbekistan embassy/consulate**	Visa on arrival only
Afghanistan		x		x	
Albania		x	x		
Algeria		x	x		
Andorra	30 days				
Angola		x	x		
Antigua and Barbuda	30 days				
Argentina	30 days				
Armenia	exempt		n/a	n/a	n/a
Australia	30 days				
Austria	30 days				
Azerbaijan	exempt		n/a	n/a	n/a
Bahamas	30 days				
Bahrain	10-30 days		x		
Bangladesh		x	x		
Barbados	30 days				
Belarus	exempt		n/a	n/a	n/a
Belgium	30 days				
Belize	30 days				
Benin		x			x

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Bhutan		x	x		
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)		x	x		
Bosnia and Herzegovina	30 days				
Botswana		x			x
Brazil	30 days				
Brunei Darussalam	30 days				
Bulgaria	30 days				
Burkina Faso		x			x
Burundi		x			x
Cabo Verde		x	x		
Cambodia		x	x		
Cameroon		x	x		
Canada	30 days				
Central African Republic		x			x
Chad		x			x
Chile	30 days				
China	10 30 days		x		
Colombia		x	x		
Comoros		x			x
Congo		x			x
Costa Rica	30 days				
Côte d'Ivoire		x	x		
Croatia	30 days				
Cuba	30 days				
Cyprus	30 days				
Czech Republic	30 days				
Democratic Republic of the Congo		x			x
Denmark	30 days				
Djibouti		x			x
Dominica	30 days				
Dominican Republic	30 days				
Ecuador		x	x		
Egypt		x	x	x	
El Salvador	30 days				
Equatorial Guinea		x			x
Eritrea		x			x
Estonia	30 days				
Eswatini		x			x
Ethiopia		x			x
Fiji		x	x		
Finland	30 days				
France	30 days				
Gabon		x	x		
Gambia		x			x
Georgia	exempt				
Germany	30 days				
Ghana		x	x		
Greece	30 days				
Grenada	30 days				
Guatemala	30 days				
Guinea		x			x

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	Visa free (for up to 10, 30 and 60 days) or exempt	No exemption (visa is required)	eVisa eligible*	At the local Uzbekistan embassy/consulate**	Visa on arrival only
Guinea-Bissau		x			x
Guyana		x	x		
Honduras	30 days				
Hungary	30 days			x	
Iceland	30 days				
India		x	x	x	
Indonesia	30 days				
Iran (Islamic Republic of)		x	x	x	
Iraq		x			x
Ireland	30 days				
Israel	30 days				
Italy	30 days				
Jamaica	30 days				
Japan	30 days				
Jordan		x	x		
Kazakhstan	exempt		n/a	n/a	n/a
Kenya		x			x
Kuwait	10-30 days		x	x	
Kyrgyzstan	60 days				
Lao People's Democratic Republic		x	x		
Latvia	30 days				
Lebanon		x	x		
Lesotho		x			x
Liberia		x			x
Libya		x			x
Liechtenstein	30 days				
Lithuania	30 days				
Luxembourg	30 days				
Madagascar		x			x
Malawi		x			x
Malaysia	30 days				
Maldives		x	x		
Mali		x			x
Malta	30 days				
Mauritania		x			x
Mauritius		x	x		
Mexico	30 days				
Monaco	30 days				
Mongolia	30 days				
Montenegro	30 days				
Morocco		x	x		
Mozambique		x			x
Myanmar		x			x
Namibia		x			x
Nepal		x	x		
Netherlands	30 days				
New Zealand	30 days				
Nicaragua	30 days				
Niger		x			x
Nigeria		x			x
North Macedonia		x			x

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	Visa free (for up to 10, 30 and 60 days) or exempt	No exemption (visa is required)	eVisa eligible*	At the local Uzbekistan embassy/consulate**	Visa on arrival only
Norway	30 days				
Oman	10 30 days		x	x	
Pakistan		x		x	
Palau		x	x		
Panama	30 days				
Papua New Guinea		x			x
Paraguay		x	x		
Peru		x	x		
Philippines		x	x		
Poland	30 days				
Portugal	30 days				
Qatar	30 days		(x)		
Republic of Korea	30 days				
Republic of Moldova	exempt		n/a	n/a	n/a
Romania	30 days				
Russian Federation	exempt		n/a	n/a	n/a
Rwanda		x			x
Saint Kitts and Nevis	30 days				
Saint Lucia	30 days				
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	30 days				
Samoa		x	x		
San Marino	30 days				
Sao Tome and Principe		x			x
Saudi Arabia		x	x	x	
Senegal		x	x		
Serbia	30 days				
Seychelles		x	x		
Sierra Leone		x			x
Singapore	30 days				
Slovakia	30 days				
Slovenia	30 days				
Solomon Islands		x	x		
Somalia		x			x
South Africa		x	x		
Spain	30 days				
Sri Lanka		x	x		
Sudan		x			x
Suriname		x	x		
Sweden	30 days				
Switzerland	30 days				
Syrian Arab Republic		x			x
Tajikistan	30 days				
Thailand		x	x	x	
Togo		x			x
Tonga		x	x		
Trinidad and Tobago	30 days				
Tunisia		x	x		
Türkiye	30 days				
Turkmenistan		x		x	
Uganda		x			x
Ukraine	exempt		n/a	n/a	n/a

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United Arab Emirates	30 days				
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	30 days				
United Republic of Tanzania		X			X
United States of America		X	X	X	
Uruguay		X	X		
Vanuatu		X	X		
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)		X	X		
Viet Nam		X	X		
Yemen		X			X
Zambia		X			X
Zimbabwe		X			X

* eVisa eligible country citizens can also apply for visa on arrival or at the local Uzbekistan embassy/consulate.

** Uzbekistan has an embassy/consulate in the following countries: Afghanistan, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Canada, Egypt, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Malaysia, Oman, Pakistan, Poland, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Thailand, Türkiye, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and United States of America.