

Regional Training Workshop on the System of Environmental-Economic Accounting- Ecosystem Accounting (SEEA-EA)

05 to 08 June 2023

Park Inn by Radisson North EDSA
Quezon City, Metro Manila, Philippines

INFORMATION NOTE FOR THE PARTICIPANTS

I. Workshop-related information

Venue and opening session

1. The **Regional Training Workshop on the System of Environmental-Economic Accounting-Ecosystem Accounting (SEEA-EA)** will be conducted at Park Inn by Radisson North EDSA in Quezon City, Metro Manila, Philippines, during the period between 05 and 08 June 2023.

Park Inn by Radisson North EDSA
SM City North EDSA Complex, EDSA cor. North Avenue
Barangay Bagong Pag-Asa, Quezon City, 1105
Landline: +(632) 7944 1888
Website: <https://www.radissonhotels.com/en-us/hotels/park-inn-edsa-quezon>

2. The opening session will be held at 09:00 hours on Monday, 05 June 2023 at Conference Rooms Banahaw 1 and 2 where all subsequent sessions will also be held.
3. Lunch and coffee breaks will be provided to participants during the workshop.

Working language of the workshop

4. The workshop will be conducted in English and all communication will be in English. No translation/interpretation services will be provided.

Secretariat of the workshop

5. The United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD) and the United Nations Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific (SIAP), with the support of the Environment and Natural Resources Accounts Division (ENRAD) of the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) are organizing a Regional Training Workshop on the SEEA-EA.
6. Contact details of focal points at PSA:

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II. Travel

6. Per IATF Resolution No. 2, pre-departure testing for fully vaccinated inbound travelers, whether Filipinos or foreign nationals, shall no longer be required. More information on this can be accessed through this link: <https://www.officialgazette.gov.ph/downloads/2022/10oct/20221004-IATF-RESO-2-FRM.pdf>. Likewise, travelers will be required to provide their arrival information and health declaration through the eTravel portal at <https://etravel.gov.ph/>.

Note: It is advisable to always wear your facemask in public areas and when using public transportation.

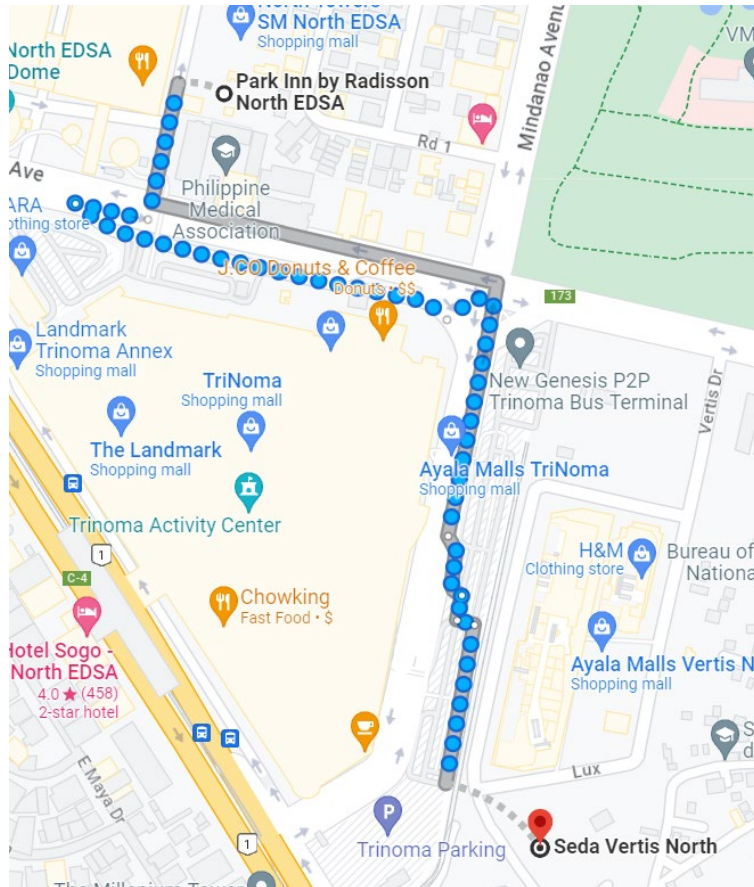
Hotel Accommodation

7. Participants are requested to make their own reservations either at Park Inn by Radisson North EDSA or nearby hotels.
 - For reservations at Park Inn by Radisson North EDSA the hotel has offered a rate per night of PHP 5,000.00 . This rate is inclusive of 10% service charge and applicable government taxes and it also includes:
 - Buffet breakfast at Casa – Urban Table, the all-day dining restaurant of the hotel
 - Free usage of our fitness area and fitness equipment, and outdoor swimming pool
 - Fast wireless internet access.

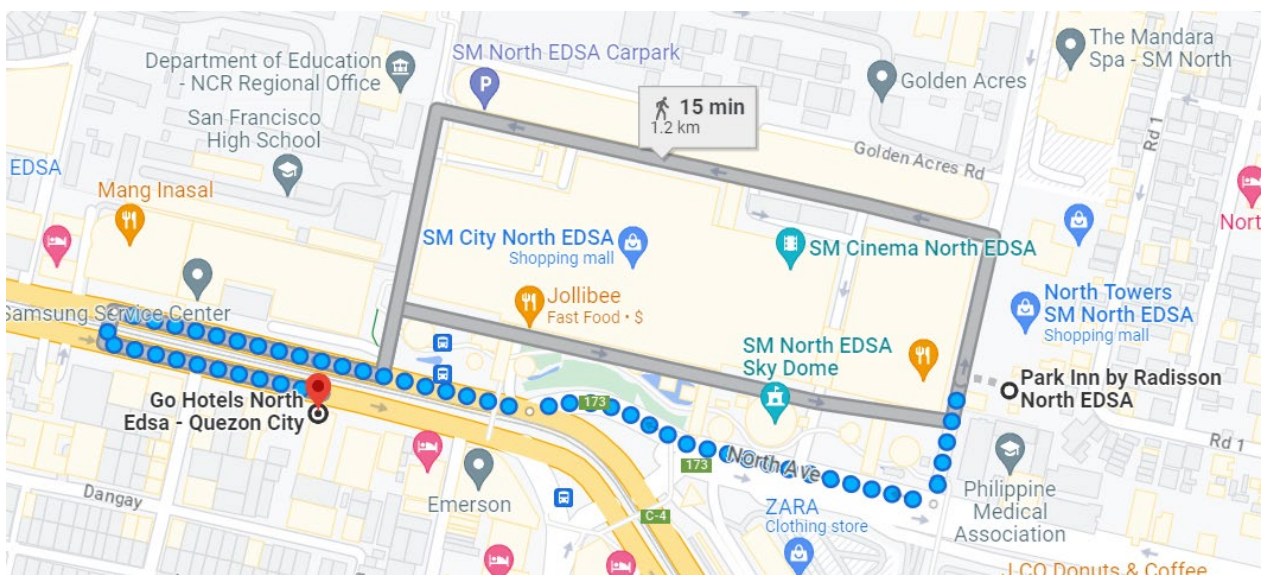
To arrange reservations please contact directly Ms. Rowena Pestaño at her email rpestano@parkinn.com mentioning that you are assisting to the UN Regional Training from 5-8 June 2023

Other hotels within the vicinity include:

- Seda Vertis North
Website: <https://vertisnorth.sedahotels.com/>
Email address: vertis@sedahotels.com
Distance: 1 kilometer away (12 minutes on foot)



- Go Hotels North Edsa (budget hotel)
- Website: <https://www.gohotels.ph/go-hotels/branch/north-edsa-quezon-city>
 Email address: reservations@gohotels.ph
 Distance: 1 kilometer away (12 minutes on foot)



Visa requirements

8. It is the responsibility of each participant to obtain a visa. Participants are requested to check with the Philippine Embassy/Consulate accredited to the country of residence IN PERSON on visa requirements and where required, promptly obtain an appropriate entry visa which allows to enter the Philippines and participate in the workshop.

Information on entry visa requirements can be found on the website of the Philippine Embassy/Consulate accredited to the country of residence as well as of the website of the Department of Foreign Affairs of the Philippines (<https://dfa-oca.ph/visa/visa-general-info/>).

Participants who need to stopover in other countries should also obtain appropriate transit visas. Please also note that the visa fees are to be borne by the participants; no reimbursement will be made by the Secretariat of the workshop in this regard.

Arrival at International Airports in the Philippines

9. Participants should make their own transportation arrangements from the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA), Manila to their hotel. Upon arrival at NAIA, proceed for immigration clearance, then to baggage claim, on to customs inspection, and reach the arrival lobby.

One of the ways to travel from the airport to the hotel is to take an airport taxi. You may visit this website <https://www.manila-airport.net/taxi.php> for information on yellow-metered airport taxis.

Participants may also book a ride with Grab. The local Grab app can be downloaded from Google Play for Android users and from the App Store for iPhone users. You may check the estimated Grab fare from the airport terminal to the hotel at this website: <https://www.grab.com/ph/fare-check/>.

In the morning of 05 June

10. On Monday 05 June 2023, participants are requested to arrive at the venue for registration, which will start at 8:30 and end shortly before 9:00. Participants are responsible for their transportation arrangements to the venue from the hotel of their choosing.

Local regulations on identity proof/evidence

11. Under local regulations of the Philippines, all foreign nationals are required to carry along with them recognized proof of identity. To comply with the regulations, participants are requested to carry along with them their passports when going out. However, great caution should be taken for safe keeping of the passports.

III. Other Information

12. Weather and clothing – The temperature in June in Quezon City, Philippines ranges from 26 to 31 Centigrade or higher. Participants are advised to check the Internet on the weather forecast of the Philippines 2-3 days before departure.
13. Electricity voltage – The voltage for electric appliances used in the Philippines is 220 Volts. Type A or parallel outlets are used in the hotel.
14. Location of restaurants – Park Inn by Radisson North EDSA is conveniently located within the SM North EDSA mall complex. You may check this link for the list of restaurants nearby: <https://www.smsupermalls.com/mall-directory/sm-city-north-edsa/information/dining/>.
15. Foreign exchange – Foreign currency exchange are available in airport, banks, and kiosks. You may check this website for information on available exchange facilities in NAIA: <https://airportplaces.com/ninoy-aquino-international-airport-mnl/currency-exchange/>

Should you want to exchange your money near the hotel, a foreign exchange counter is available in SM North EDSA. You may check the rates in this link: <https://smstore.com/services/forex/>.

Exchange facilities are also available at big commercial banks. The nearest banks in Park Inn are Banco de Oro (BDO) and Bank of the Philippine Islands (BPI). BDO is open from 10:00 to 18:00 hours, without lunch break, from Monday to Friday, while BPI is open from 9:00 to 16:30 hours. The current exchange rate is approximately 55.58 Philippine pesos to one USD (as of 11 May 2023).

16. ATMs are widely available but foreign cards might not work or the bank will require an additional fee.

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Attachment 1. Hotel location (within the mall complex)



DIRECTIONS:

FROM EDSA

- A**
 - Turn right going to North Avenue road
 - Take the first road on the left
 - Go straight until you see the North Tower 5 Mall Entrance Parking
- B**
 - Turn right going to the Main Mall Entrance Road
 - Take the first road on the right
 - Go straight ahead and turn left on the road beside BDO
 - Go straight until you reach North Tower 5 Mall Entrance Parking
- C**
 - Turn right to Misamis Street
 - Take the first road on the right
 - Go straight ahead and turn left on the road beside BDO
 - Go straight until you reach North Tower 5 Mall Entrance Parking
- FROM THE MALL PARKING**
 - Proceed to the 3rd floor mall entrance
 - Turn left and go straight to the hotel connecting entrance
 - Proceed to the guest elevator going to the 7th floor lobby
- FROM NORTH AVENUE**
 - Turn right to SM North Towers Mall Entrance and go straight to North Tower 5 Mall Entrance Parking

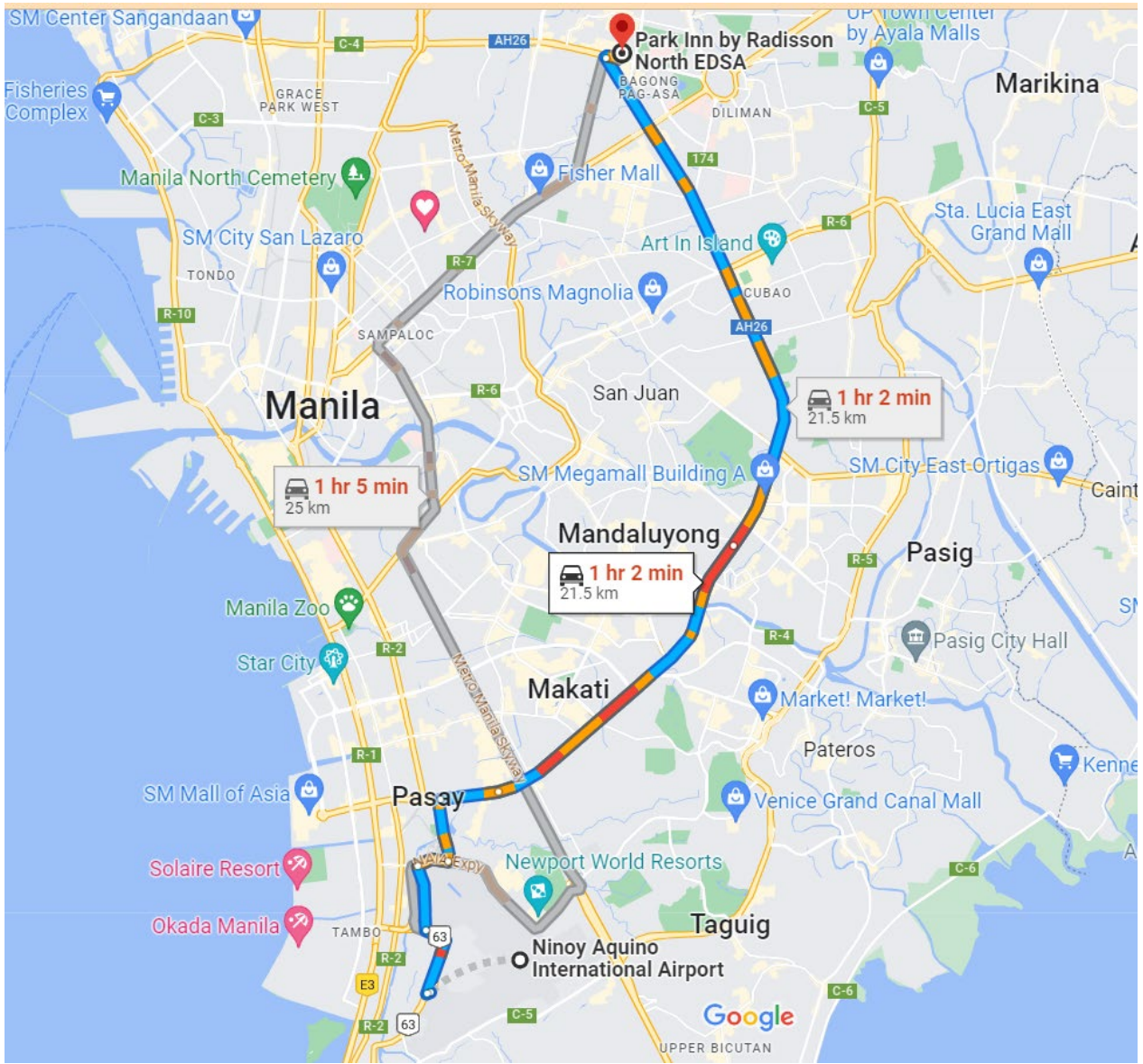
*Please proceed to Park Inn by Radisson North EDSA Hotel Entrances:
 • Main entrance, Ground Floor
 • Mall entrance connections: 2nd floor and 3rd floor

LOCATION MAP

SM City North EDSA Complex, EDSA Corner North Avenue
 Barangay Bagong Pag-asa, 1105 Quezon City, Metro Manila, Philippines

Photo credit: booking.com

Attachment 2. Location map (Ninoy Aquino International Airport to Park Inn by Radisson North EDSA)



Source: Google maps