



## New York Resource Guide

**United Nations Statistics Division**

Forum of Experts in SESA Experimental Ecosystem Accounting  
28-30 April 2015

## 1. Meeting Information

**Title**

Forum of Experts in SEEA Experimental Ecosystem Accounting

**Dates**

28-30 April 2015

**Venue**

Riverview Room, 28<sup>th</sup> floor, One UN New York Hotel

Address: One United Nations Plaza, East 44<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, 10017, USA  
(E. 44th St at 1st Ave)

**Registration**

Registration of participants will be from 8:45 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. on the first day, 28 April at the meeting venue.

## 2. New York Information

### **Hotels and Other Accommodations**

Arrangements for hotels need to be made by individual participants at hotels of their own choice. A list of hotels in the vicinity of the UN is provided below.

Please note that a credit card is normally required to make a reservation, participants should plan accordingly.

Below are some popular web sites for hotels:

[www.expedia.com](http://www.expedia.com)

[www.hotels.com](http://www.hotels.com)

[www.orbitz.com](http://www.orbitz.com)

### **Hotels in the vicinity of the United Nations**

Below is the list of hotels located in the vicinity of the United Nations (walking distance to the UN).

Hotel	Address	Telephone	Website
ALGONQUIN	59 W. 44th St.	(1-212) 840.6800	<a href="http://www.algonquinhotel.com">www.algonquinhotel.com</a>
BEDFORD	118 E. 40th St.	(1-212) 697.8100	<a href="http://www.bedfordhotel.com">www.bedfordhotel.com</a>
BEEKMAN	3 Mitchell Place (E. 48th and 1st Ave.)	(1-212) 355.7300	<a href="http://www.affinia.com">www.affinia.com</a>
BENJAMIN	125 E. 50th St.	(1-212) 753.2700	<a href="http://www.thebenjamin.com">www.thebenjamin.com</a>
Hotel	Address	Telephone	Website
One UN HOTEL	1 UN Plaza (E. 44th St at 1st Ave)	(1-212) 758.1234	<a href="http://www.millenniumhotels.com">www.millenniumhotels.com</a>
CROWNE PLAZA AT THE UNITED NATIONS	304 E. 42nd St.	(1-212) 986.8800	<a href="http://www.ichotelsgroup.com">www.ichotelsgroup.com</a>
DIPLOMAT RESIDENCE	210 E. 47 <sup>th</sup> St.	(1-212) 371.6029	e-mail: <a href="mailto:Diplomat210@aol.com">Diplomat210@aol.com</a>
EASTGATE TOWER	222 E. 39th St.	(1-212) 687.8000	<a href="http://www.affinia.com">www.affinia.com</a>
DYLAN	52 E. 41st St.	(1-212) 338.0500	<a href="http://www.dylanhotel.com">www.dylanhotel.com</a>
ENVOY CLUB	377 E. 33rd St.	(1-212) 481.4600	<a href="http://www.envoyclub.com">http://www.envoyclub.com</a>

FITZPATRICK	141 E. 44th St.	(1-212) 351.6872	<a href="http://www.fitzpatrickhotels.com">www.fitzpatrickhotels.com</a>
HELMSLEY PARK LANE	36 Central Park South	(1-212) 521.6239	<a href="http://www.helmsleyhotels.com">www.helmsleyhotels.com</a>
MARCEL	201 E. 24th St.	(1-212) 696.3800	<a href="http://www.themarcelatgramercy.com">www.themarcelatgramercy.com</a>
MELROSE HOTEL	140 E. 63rd St.	(1-212) 838.5700	<a href="http://www.melrosehotelnewyork.com">www.melrosehotelnewyork.com</a>
METROPOLITAN	569 Lexington Ave.	(1-212) 752.7000	<a href="http://www.metropolitanhotelnyc.com">www.metropolitanhotelnyc.com</a>
MIDDLETOWN HELMSLEY	148 E. 48th St.	(1-212) 755.3000	<a href="http://www.helmsleyhotels.com">www.helmsleyhotels.com</a>
BENTLEY	500 E. 62nd St.	(1-212) 644.6000	<a href="http://www.bentleyhotelnyc.com">www.bentleyhotelnyc.com</a>
NEW YORK HELMSLEY	212 E. 42nd St.	(1-212) 490.8900	<a href="http://www.helmsleyhotels.com">www.helmsleyhotels.com</a>
PICKWICK ARMS	230 E. 51 <sup>st</sup> St.	(1-212) 355.0300	<a href="http://www.pickwickarms.com">www.pickwickarms.com</a>
RADISSON	511 Lexington Ave.	(1-212) 755.4400	<a href="http://www.radisson.com">www.radisson.com</a>
ROGER SMITH*	501 Lexington Ave.	(1-212) 755.1400	<a href="http://www.rogersmith.com">www.rogersmith.com</a>
SAN CARLOS	150 E. 50 <sup>th</sup> St.	(1-212) 755.1800	<a href="http://www.sancarloshotel.com">www.sancarloshotel.com</a>
WARWICK	65 W. 54 <sup>th</sup> St.	(1-212) 247.2700	<a href="http://www.warwickhotelny.com">www.warwickhotelny.com</a>

### Hotels which are a long walk or a non-walking distance from the UN

The hotels listed below are located further from the United Nations Complex (long walk or non-walking distance to the UN).

Hotel	Address	Telephone	Website
<b>Affinia Dumont</b>	150 East 34th Street (Lexington and Third Avenues)	(1-212) 481-7600	<a href="http://www.affinia.com">www.affinia.com</a>

<b>Belleclaire Hotel</b>	250 W. 77 <sup>th</sup> Street	(1-212) 362-7700 Fax: (1-212) 362-1004	<a href="http://www.hotelbelleclaire.com">www.hotelbelleclaire.com</a> e-mail: <a href="mailto:reservations@hotelbelleclaire.com">reservations@hotelbelleclaire.com</a>
<b>Carlton Arms Hotel</b>	160. E. 25 <sup>th</sup> Street	(1-212) 679-0680	<a href="http://www.carltonarms.com">www.carltonarms.com</a> e-mail: <a href="mailto:artbreakhotel@aol.com">artbreakhotel@aol.com</a>
<b>Chelsea Hotel</b>	222 West 23rd Street (7th and 8th Avenues)	(1-212) 243-3700	<a href="http://www.hotelchelsea.com">www.hotelchelsea.com</a>
<b>Doubletree Metropolitan</b>	569 Lexington Avenue (51st Street)	(1-212) 752-7000	<a href="http://www.metropolitanhotelnyc.com">www.metropolitanhotelnyc.com</a>
<b>Excelsior Hotel</b>	45 West 81st Street (Central Park West and Columbus Avenue)	(1-212) 362-9200	<a href="http://www.excelsiorhotelnyc.com">www.excelsiorhotelnyc.com</a>
<b>Gershwin Hotel</b>	7 East 27th Street (Madison & 5th Avenues)	(1-212) 545-8000 Fax: (1-212) 684-5546	<a href="http://www.gershwinhotel.com">www.gershwinhotel.com</a> e-mail: <a href="mailto:reservations@gershwinhotel.com">reservations@gershwinhotel.com</a>
<b>Hotel QT</b>	125 West 45th Street (Avenue of the Americas and 7th Avenue)	(1-212) 354-2323	<a href="http://www.hotelqt.com">www.hotelqt.com</a>
<b>Hotel Riverview</b>	113 Jane Street (between W. 12 & 14 <sup>th</sup> Streets)	(1-212) 929-0060 Fax: (1-212) 675-8581	<a href="http://www.hotelriverview.com">www.hotelriverview.com</a> e-mail: <a href="mailto:Hriverview@aol.com">Hriverview@aol.com</a>
<b>Hotel</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Telephone</b>	<b>Website</b>
<b>Hotel Stanford</b>	43 West 32nd Street (Broadway and 5th Avenue)	(1-800)-365-1114	<a href="http://www.hotelstanford.com">www.hotelstanford.com</a>
<b>Hudson Hotel</b>	356 West 58th Street (8th and 9th Avenues)	(1-212) 554-6000	<a href="http://www.hudsonhotel.com">www.hudsonhotel.com</a>
<b>The Macaw Guesthouses</b>	106 E. 101 <sup>st</sup> Street	(1-212) 348-4643	<a href="http://www.themacawguesthouse.com">www.themacawguesthouse.com</a>

<b>Off SoHo Suites Hotel</b>	11 Rivington Street (Bowery and Chrystie Streets)	(1-800)-633-7646	<a href="http://www.offsoho.com">www.offsoho.com</a>
<b>The Time</b>	224 West 49th Street (Broadway and 8th Avenue)	(1-877)-846-3692	<a href="http://www.thetimeny.com">www.thetimeny.com</a>

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Hostel	Address	Telephone	Website
<b>Central Park Hostel</b>	19 West 103 <sup>rd</sup> Street	(1-212) 678-0491 Fax: (1-212) 678-0453	<a href="http://www.centralparkhostel.com">www.centralparkhostel.com</a> e-mail: <a href="mailto:info@centralparkhostel.com">info@centralparkhostel.com</a>
<b>Hostelling International</b>	891 Amsterdam Avenue	(1-212) 932-2300 Fax: (1-12) 932-2574	<a href="http://www.hinewyork.org">www.hinewyork.org</a> e-mail: <a href="mailto:reserve@hinewyork.org">reserve@hinewyork.org</a>

### Apartment/Residences/International Houses/YMCA

Name	Address	Telephone	Website
<b>Chelsmore Apartments</b>	205 W. 15 <sup>th</sup> Street (between 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Avenues)	(1-212) 924-7991 Fax: (1-212) 727-7284	<a href="http://www.chelsmore.com">www.chelsmore.com</a> e-mail: <a href="mailto:reservations@chelsmore.com">reservations@chelsmore.com</a>
<b>DeHirsch Residence</b> Operated by 92 <sup>nd</sup> Street YMCA	1395 Lexington Ave (at 92 <sup>nd</sup> St)	(1-212) 415-5650 (1-800) 858-4692 Fax: (1-212) 415-5578	<a href="http://www.92ndsty.org">www.92ndsty.org</a> e-mail: <a href="mailto:dehirsch@92ndsty.org">dehirsch@92ndsty.org</a>
<b>Harlem YMCA</b>	180 W. 135 <sup>th</sup> St.	(1-212) 281-4100	e-mail: <a href="mailto:harlemguestrooms@ymcanyc.org">harlemguestrooms@ymcanyc.org</a>
<b>Vanderbilt YMCA</b>	224 E. 47 <sup>th</sup> St (between	(1-212) 756-9600	<a href="http://www.ymcanyc.org">www.ymcanyc.org</a>

	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Avenues)	Fax: (1-212) 752-0210	
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## Airports

There are 3 major airports serving New York City. They are:

1. **John F. Kennedy International Airport:** Phone: 1-718-244-4444. Located in Queens, New York, about 15 miles from Midtown Manhattan.
2. **Newark Liberty International Airport:** Phone: 1-973-961-6000. Located in Newark, New Jersey, about 16 miles from Midtown Manhattan.
3. **La Guardia Airport:** Phone: 1-718-533-3400. Located in Queens, New York about 8 miles from Midtown Manhattan.

Information regarding these 3 airports can be accessed online at:

[www.panynj.gov./aviation.html](http://www.panynj.gov./aviation.html)

### Airport Transportation

Complete transportation information for the above 3 airports can be obtained by calling **Air-Ride** ph: 1-800-AIR RIDE (toll free number within the U.S.). Please find below the options of transportation from the airports to Midtown Manhattan:

#### From JFK International Airport

Service	Fare	Estimated Time of Arrival	Frequency	Notes
<p><b><u>AirTrain JFK</u></b> (<a href="http://www.panynj.gov/airtrain">www.panynj.gov/airtrain</a>) Connection with NYC subway (<a href="http://www.mta.info/nyc/subway">www.mta.info/nyc/subway</a>) Connection with Long Island Railroad (LIRR) direct to Penn Station (<a href="http://www.mta.info/lirr">www.mta.info/lirr</a>)</p>	<p>\$5 Enter/Exit Fare + Subway Fare (\$2.50)</p> <p>\$5 Enter/Exit Fare + Train Fare (Peak hrs:\$9.50, off-peak hrs \$7.00 if purchased before boarding)</p>	<p>55 minutes</p> <p>40 minutes</p>	<p>Service available 24 hrs. Air Train:4-10 minutes</p> <p>Subway:4-12 minutes.</p> <p>LIRR: 2-22 minutes depending on the time of the day.</p>	<p>Connect to "E" subway train/LIRR at 'Jamaica Station'.</p> <p>Use pay-per-ride Metrocard is required to ride Air Train.</p>

<p><b><u>New York City Airporter Bus</u></b> (1-718) 777-5111 (<a href="http://www.nyairporter.com/">http://www.nyairporter.com/</a>)</p>	\$16	45 - 65 minutes ( longer at peak hours)	Every 20-30 minutes 5:00 a.m. - 11:30 p.m.	The bus stops at <b>Penn Station, Grand Central Terminal</b> and the <b>Port Authority Bus Terminal (PABT)</b> . Transfer at Bryant Park (42nd st btwn 5th & 6th ave) for complimentary shuttle van to all Midtown Manhattan Hotels located between 23 <sup>rd</sup> and 63 <sup>rd</sup> Streets.
<p><b><u>SuperShuttle Manhattan</u></b> Shared door to door minibus 1-800-258-3826 (www.supershuttle.com)</p>	\$19	45 – 75 minutes (depending on traffic)	Available 24 hours.	No reservation is required for trip from Airport to Manhattan. Follow the signs to Ground Transportation Desk near the Baggage Claim area. Ask an agent to arrange for service or call Super Shuttle directly from the courtesy phone.  24-48 hours reservations required for return service.
<p><b><u>Taxi</u></b></p>	Flat rate \$52 plus toll (\$5.33 each) and tips  (10-15% is customary).	40 - 60 minutes (longer at peak hours).	Available 24 hours a day.	Follow the signs to Taxi Stands in front of terminals.

### From Newark Liberty International Airport

Service	Fare	Estimated Time of Arrival	Frequency	Notes
<p><b><u>AirTrain Newark</u></b> (<a href="http://www.panynj.gov/airtrainnewark/what.index.html">http://www.panynj.gov/airtrainnewark/what.index.html</a>) 1-800-AIR RIDE Connection with NJTransit (www.njtransit.com) 1-800-772-2222 or (973) 762-5100</p>	NJ Transit Fare (\$12.50)	40 minutes	Air Train: 8-12 minutes. Available 24 hours.  NJ Transit: 7-30 minutes depending on the time of the day between 4:46 a.m. and 1:55 a.m. For exact times check <a href="http://www.njtransit.com">www.njtransit.com</a> or call 1-800-626-RIDE	Take Air Train to 'Newark Int'l Airport Station' and transfer to the NJ Transit Trains to New York Penn Station.



<p><b><u>Olympia Airport Express</u></b> 1-877- 8-NEWARK 1-877 863-9275 (<a href="http://www.panynj.gov/aviation/egtsfram.htm">http://www.panynj.gov/aviation/egtsfram.htm</a>)</p>	<p>\$28 round-trip or \$16 one-way. \$16 one-way transfers to hotels via Grand Central Station.</p>	<p>30 - 60 minutes ( longer at peak hours)</p>	<p>Every 15-30 minutes 4:00 a.m. – 1:00 a.m.</p>	<p>Drop off service to Grand Central Terminal (120 E. 41<sup>st</sup> St, between Park and Lexington Ave.), Port Authority (E. 42<sup>nd</sup> St and 8<sup>th</sup> Ave) or Penn Station (W. 34<sup>th</sup> St and 8<sup>th</sup> Ave)</p>
<p><b><u>SuperShuttle Manhattan</u></b> Shared door to door minibus 1-800-258-3826 <a href="http://www.supershuttle.com">www.supershuttle.com</a></p>	<p>\$19</p>	<p>30 – 60 minutes (longer at peak hours)</p>	<p>Available on demand 24 hours.</p>	<p>No reservation is required for trip from Airport to Manhattan. Follow the signs to Ground Transportation Desk near the Baggage Claim area. Ask an agent to arrange for service or call Super Shuttle directly from the courtesy phone.  24-48 hours reservations required for return service.</p>
<p><b><u>Taxi</u></b></p>	<p>Flat rate ranging from \$50 to \$65 plus tolls (\$16.50 – \$20.50 round trip toll) and tips (10-15%).</p>	<p>40 minutes (longer at peak hours).</p>	<p>Available during flight hours.</p>	<p>Follow the signs to Taxi Stands outside arrival areas.</p>

### From La Guardia Airport:

Service	Fare	Estimated Time of Arrival	Frequency	Notes
<p><b><u>New York City Airporter Bus</u></b> (1-718) 777-5111 (<a href="http://www.nycairporter.com/">http://www.nycairporter.com/</a>)</p>	<p>\$13</p>	<p>30 - 45 minutes, ( longer at peak hours)</p>	<p>Every 20-30 minutes 5:00 a.m. - 11:30 p.m.</p>	<p>The bus stops at <b>Penn Station, Grand Central Terminal</b> and the <b>Port Authority Bus Terminal (PABT)</b>. Transfer at Bryant Park (42nd st btwn 5th &amp; 6th ave) for complimentary shuttle van to all Midtown Manhattan Hotels located between 23<sup>rd</sup> and 63<sup>rd</sup> Streets.</p>

<p><b><u>SuperShuttle Manhattan</u></b></p> <p>Shared door to door minibus 1-800-258-3826 (www.supershuttle.com)</p>	<p>\$19</p>	<p>45 – 75 minutes (depending on traffic)</p>	<p>Available on demand 7:00 a.m. - 11:30 p.m.</p>	<p>No reservation is required for trip from Airport to Manhattan. Follow the signs to Ground Transportation Desk near the Baggage Claim area. Ask an agent to arrange for service or call Super Shuttle directly from the courtesy phone. 24-48 hours reservations required for return service.</p>
<p><b><u>Taxi</u></b></p>	<p>\$21 - \$30 plus tolls (\$4.00) and tips (10-15% is customary) plus night surcharge (\$0.50 from 8:00 pm to 6:00 am) or weekday surcharge (\$1 Mon to Fri from 4:00 pm to 8:00 p.m.) if applicable.</p>	<p>20 - 30 minutes (longer at peak hours).</p>	<p>Available during flight hours.</p>	<p>Follow the signs to Taxi Stands in front of terminals.</p>

**Local Transportation**

**Subway and buses** ([www.mta.nyc.ny.us](http://www.mta.nyc.ny.us)) are a convenient way to get around Manhattan. **Metro Card** valid for subway and bus can be purchased at subway stations.

Single: trip fare is \$2.75.

7-Day Metro Card costs \$31.00 (unlimited ride for one week for one person)

**Yellow Cab Taxis** are readily available around Manhattan. Taxis are a safe alternative for late night travel when train and buses can be few and far between. It is advisable not to take taxis without meters (illegal taxi), as they could charge exorbitant fares. Taxis should accept credit cards. While taxis are relatively expensive for a single person, they are more affordable with 3 or more riders. The rates for taxis are as follows:

- Initial fare.....\$2.50
- Each 1/5 mile (4 blocks).....\$0.50
- Each 1 minute idle.....\$0.50
- Night surcharge.....\$0.50 (after 8:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m.)
- Peak hour weekday surcharge.....\$1.00 (M-F, 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.)
- New York State Tax Surcharge ..... \$0.50
- Additional riders.....FREE

Pay only what's on the meter, plus a 15-20 per cent gratuity. On all trips within New York City, any bridge and tunnel tolls to the destination shall be paid by the passenger, who shall be so informed before the start of the trip. On all trips within the City of New York, return tolls shall not be charged except for trips over the Cross Bay Veterans, Marine Parkway-Gil Hodges Memorial, and Verrazano Narrows Bridges. On trips beyond the City of New York, all necessary tolls to and from the destination shall be paid by the passenger. There are additional charges for crossings outside the metropolitan area and New Jersey. Passengers are required to pay one way.

### **Money**

The majority of ATMs (Automated Teller Machines) networks in New York City are linked to a network that most likely includes your bank at home. Hence, you would be able to make a cash withdrawal if you have a cash card (ATM Card) that offers **Cirrus** ([www.mastercard.com/atmlocator/index.jsp](http://www.mastercard.com/atmlocator/index.jsp)) or **Plus** ([www.visa.com/atm](http://www.visa.com/atm)), the 2 most popular networks. There are fees and daily limits associated with withdrawing money using the above networks. Please check with your bank at home for this information.

Travelers cheques are another good and safe alternative. Be sure to keep a record of their serial numbers, so you are ensured a refund in case they are lost or stolen. The 3 most popular travelers cheques providers are **American Express** (American Express branches [www.americanexpress.com](http://www.americanexpress.com)), **Visa** (Citibank branches), **MasterCard** (Thomas Cook Currency Services).

Credit Cards are a convenient way to pay for transactions. **American Express**, **Visa** and **Master Card** (among others) are accepted virtually everywhere in New York.

### **Postal Services**

United Nations Post Office  
UN Secretariat Building  
New York, NY 10017  
1<sup>st</sup> Avenue (between E. 45<sup>th</sup> and E. 46<sup>th</sup> St., entry via Visitors Entrance)

US Postal Offices

884 2nd Ave  
New York, NY 10017  
(1-800) 275-8777

5 Tudor City Pl  
New York, NY 10017  
(1-800) 275-8777

### **Confirmation of Return Flights**

Please contact the airline directly to reconfirm your flight.

### **Time**

For the time difference between New York and your country, please refer to [http://www.worldtimeserver.com/convert\\_time\\_in\\_US-NY.aspx](http://www.worldtimeserver.com/convert_time_in_US-NY.aspx)

## ***Weather***

To check for current weather condition in New York, please refer to [www.weather.com/weather/local/10017?lsw=10017&lwsa=WeatherLocalUndeclared&from=whatwhere](http://www.weather.com/weather/local/10017?lsw=10017&lwsa=WeatherLocalUndeclared&from=whatwhere)