



**GESAMP**  
Joint Group of Experts on the  
Scientific Aspects of Marine  
Environmental Protection

**GESAMP Meeting**  
New York, USA  
16 – 20 April 2012



## LOGISTICAL INFORMATION

### Introduction

The Environment and Energy Group of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) welcomes you to UNDP Headquarters, New York, USA for the 39<sup>th</sup> session of GESAMP.

This information document provides practical details related to your visit, including conference venue, and recommended transport and hotel arrangements.

### Venue and Date

GESAMP 39 will be held from:

**16 – 20 April 2012 at UNDP in the  
Rio Room (room # 909) on the 9th Floor of  
304 East 45<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY 10017 (between First and Second Aves).**

UNDP entry passes will be handed out at registration. On the first morning you will be met in the Lobby of 304 East 45<sup>th</sup> Street and escorted to the 9<sup>th</sup> Floor.

The meeting will begin with registration on Monday 16 April at: 8.15 a.m. – and will be concluded on Friday 20 April at: 12.30 p.m.

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### Hotel

Participants are responsible for hotel reservations and the payment of hotel bills.

Some participants have chosen **The Radisson Lexington**. Early booking recommended - go to [www.lexingtonhotelnyc.com](http://www.lexingtonhotelnyc.com)

### Airport Transportation

**Taxi: New York's Yellow Cab is the most convenient way to get to New York City**

After leaving customs, please exit following the signs to **Taxi**. Fares to/from JFK airport are a fixed rate, currently \$45, plus about \$10 to cover tolls and tip. The ride will take approximately 45 minutes depending on traffic.

**Bus:**

There is also public transportation via the “NY Express” (JFK, LaGuardia) and “Newark Airport Express/Olympia Trails” (Newark Int’l Airport) bus services, one way runs about \$15 for both services. Buses make two stops: Port Authority Bus Terminal (if you are staying on Manhattan’s West Side) and Grand Central Terminal (if you are staying on the East Side).

**Travel/entry Visa Formalities**

For information regarding visa and/or travel documents, please consult the American Embassy or Consular mission in your country of residence. Formal invitation letters for this meeting will be sent to GESAMP Members and registered Observer Organizations. If you would like to attend GESAMP 39 as an Observer, please send your details to the GESAMP Office via email at:

[theoffice@gesamp.org](mailto:theoffice@gesamp.org)

**Weather**

New York Weather in April, cool - mild: Average High: 58.0°F/14.4°C; Average Low: 42.0°F /5.5°C; Average rainfall 4.06 inches.

**Time Zone**

New York is -05:00 hours behind GMT.

**Electricity**

USA Electricity is 120 volts, 60 Hertz. Plugs: A&B.

**Currency**

The US\$ is the American currency and is readily available at the airport and at banks and ATMs New York. Credit cards are universally accepted.