



# GNDR

Global Network of Civil Society  
Organisations for Disaster Reduction

---

## Logistics Pack for GNDR Summit participants

Notes to help your travel to Bangkok

## 1. Global Summit Venue

Holiday Inn Bangkok Silom  
981 Silom Road, Bangrak, Bangkok 10500  
Tel: 662 238 4300 Fax: 662 238 5289  
Email: reservations@holidayinnsilom.com  
Website: www.holidayinn.com/silom

## 2. Accommodation:

For sponsored participants you will be based at the Holiday Inn Bangkok Silom (same as summit venue)  
[Please find more information on their website here.](#)



## 3. Travel

Due to the traffic in Bangkok, GNDR recommends that you travel from the Suvarnabhumi International Airport to the Holiday Inn via train. Please see below for details:

### Airport Train:

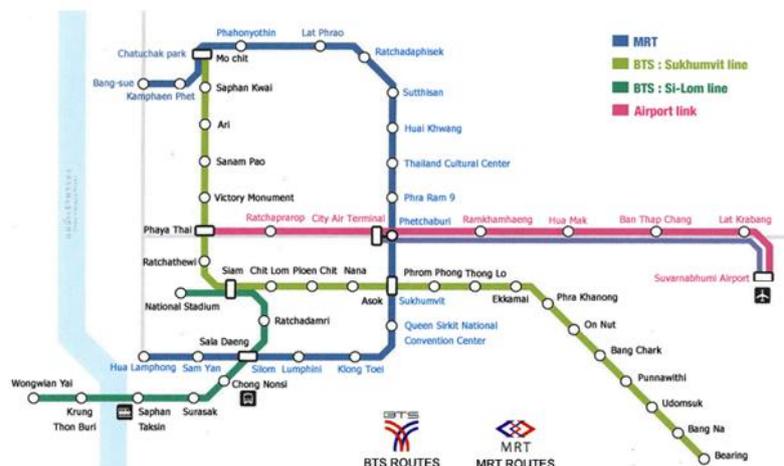
- Travel from the International Airport until the last stop Phaya Thai
- The blue Airport Train can be found on the first floor of the building (see image)
- Runs from 6am until Midnight every 15 minutes
- Costs 45 THB
- Journey time 30mins

[For more information, please see here.](#)

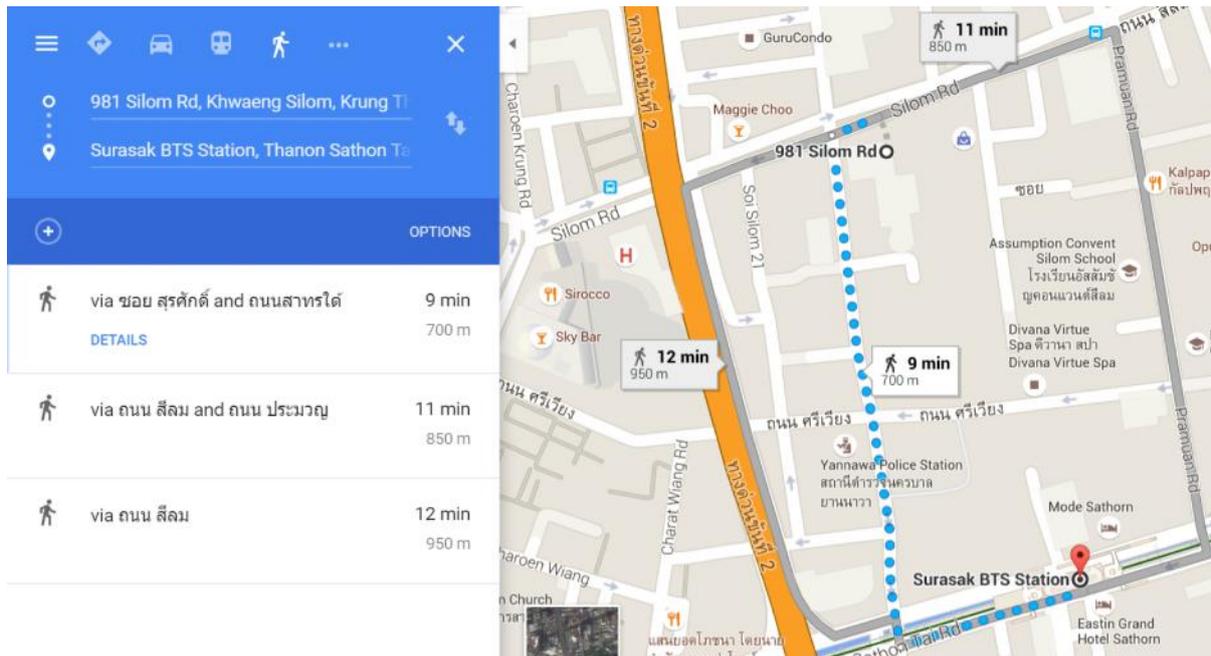
### Sky Train:

- From Phaya Thai get onto the Sukhumvit line and travel to Siam (2 stops)
- Change at Siam onto the Silom line and travel to Suraska (4 stops)
- Runs 6am until midnight

[For more information, please see here.](#)



From Surasak station it is less than a 10-minute walk.



#### Other Options

Commercial metered taxis are available from taxi stands at the airport, located on the first floor. One-way taxi-fare between the Suvarnabhumi International Airport and the Holiday Inn Hotel is approximately 500 THB. Be sure to check with the driver that the meter is running.

Direction for Taxi in Thai:

ฮอลิเดย์ อินน์สีลม กรุงเทพฯ

981 ถนนสีลมเขตบางรัก กรุงเทพฯ 10500

**Please note** that GNDR will not be organising a shuttle service from the airport to the Hotel. GNDR will also not be covering local transportation costs.

#### 4. Money

Thai currency is called Baht (Báat) (THB). We recommend that you bring some Thai Baht with you to cover incidental costs.

There is a bank and money exchange available at the airport. You can find more information here. The exchange rate in the airport is reasonable compared with what you can get in town. Money exchange counters are also easy to find in the visitor areas of Bangkok.

#### Exchange Rate

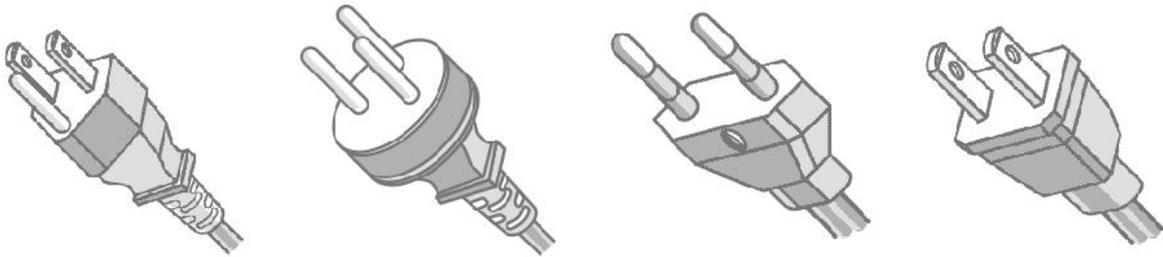
Currency exchange is available at Suvarnabhumi Airport, hotel reception and department stores. The exchange rates as of 22 January 2016 are 1 US Dollar: 36.15 Baht; or 1 Euro: 39.18 Baht.

#### Credit Cards

All major credit cards are widely accepted throughout the Thailand. Most foreign currencies and traveller's checks can be changed at banks, hotels or money exchanges found in the city.

## 5. Power

- Voltage: **220 V**
- Frequency: **50 Hz**
- The following plugs are used:



## 6. Emergency Contact Details

### Useful numbers in Bangkok

International Long Distance Service	001 (automatic), 100 (operator)
Emergency	191
Fire Brigades	199
Ambulance and Rescue	1554
International Operator Service	101
Tourist, Assistance Center	1672
Tourist Police	1155
Credit Card Cancellation	1188
Directory Assistance	1133
BTS tourist information Center	02 617 7300
Siam Taxi	1681
Nakornchai Taxi	02 878 9000
Bangkok Airport Information	02 132 1888
Thai Airways Reservation (24hr)	02 280 0060

To contact GNRD:

Email: [Summit@gndr.org](mailto:Summit@gndr.org)

From 17<sup>th</sup> April 2016: +66(0)625874742

## 7. Countries and territories entitled for visa exemption/visa on arrival

The below table shows those countries that can get a visa on arrival as well as those that do not require a visa. Participants coming from other countries will need to have their visa before they fly and will need to start this process as soon as possible.

Ordinary Passport						
Nationals of the following countries may apply for Visa on Arrival	Nationals of the following countries may enter Thailand without a visa					
	Tourist Visa Exemption Scheme			Bilateral Agreement		
Period of stay	Period of stay			Period of stay		
15 days	** 30 days			14 days	30 days	90 days
Andora	Australia	Oman	* Brazil	Cambodia	Hong Kong	Argentina
Bulgaria	Austria	The Philippines	* Korea (ROK)		Laos	Brazil
Bhutan	Belgium	Poland	* Peru		Macau	Chile
China	Bahrain	Portugal			Mongolia	Korea (ROK)
Cyprus	Brunei	Qatar			Russia	Peru
Czech Republic	Canada	Singapore			Vietnam	
Estonia	Czech Republic	Slovak				
Ethiopia	Denmark	Slovenia				
Hungary	Finland	Spain				
India	France	South Africa				
Kazakhstan	Germany	Sweden				
Latvia	Greece	Switzerland				
Liechtenstein	Hong Kong	Turkey				
Lithuania	Hungary	UAE				
Maldives	Iceland	UK				
Malta	Indonesia	USA				
Mauritius	Ireland	Vietnam				
Oman	Israel					
Poland	Italy					
Romania	Japan					
Russia	Kuwait					
San Marino	Liechtenstein					
Saudi Arabia	Luxembourg					
Slovakia	Malaysia					
Slovenia	Monaco					
Taiwan	The Netherlands					
Ukraine	New Zealand					
Uzbekistan	Norway					

## 8. Countries Declared as Yellow Fever Infected Areas

Visitors who have travelled from or through the countries which have been declared Yellow Fever Infected Areas **must provide an International Health Certificate providing that they have received a Yellow Fever vaccination.**

The International Health Certificate must be submitted together with the visa application form. The traveller will also have to present the certificate to the Immigration Officer upon arrival at the port of entry

in the Kingdom. As for those nationals of the countries listed below but who have not travelled from/through those countries, such a certificate is not required. However, they should possess concrete evidence showing that their domicile is not in an infected area so as to prevent undue inconvenience.

**Following are the countries which are declared Yellow Fever Infected Areas and will require an International Health Certificate:**

1. Angola	16. Equatorial Guinea	31. Panama
2. Argentina	17. Ethiopia	32. Paraguay
3. Benin	18. French Guiana	33. Peru
4. Bolivia	19. Gabon	34. Rwanda
5. Brazil	20. Gambia	35. Sao Tome and Principe
6. Burkina Faso	21. Ghana	36. Senegal
7. Burundi	22. Guinea	37. Sierra Leone
8. Cameroon	23. Guinea-Bissau	38. Somalia
9. Central African Republic	24. Guyana	39. Sudan
10. Chad	25. Kenya	40. Suriname
11. Colombia	26. Liberia	41. Tanzania, United Republic of
12. Congo, Republic of	27. Mali	42. Togo
13. Congo, Democratic of	28. Mauritania	43. Trinidad and Tobago
14. Cote D' Ivoire	29. Niger	44. Uganda
15. Ecuador	30. Nigeria	45. Venezuela

## General Information for Thailand

### 9. Don'ts whilst in Thailand

- Do not criticise the king or the monarch.
- Do not criticise Buddhism or the Lord Buddha

### 10. Local transport

Bangkok is famous for its traffic jams so taxis, whilst cheap, may not be the best option. However, the city's public transportation networks such as Bangkok Skytrain (BTS), Bangkok Metro (MRT) and Bus Rapid Transit for inner city travel are great to avoid the city's traffic.

### 11. Time

Thailand is 7 hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT). Thailand lies in the same time zone as its neighbours Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam.

### 12. Climate

Bangkok has a tropical wet and dry type of climate. The average range of temperature in the city is around 31 - 36°C. During summer season starting from March - June, temperatures may rise up to 38 - 40°C.

### 13. Tipping

Tipping is not a usual practice in Thailand although it is becoming more common. Most hotels and restaurants add a 10% service charge to the bill. Taxi drivers do not require a tip, but the gesture is appreciated. Adding 5 THB extra to the taxi fare or rounding up the figure is the usual practice.

### 14. Calling overseas

If you need to call overseas, we would recommend you to buy a prepaid mobile Sim card.

Sim cards in Thailand are not expensive (around THB 50) which can be easily found at any convenient store such as Family mart, 7-Eleven and shopping malls.

You can also buy one **at the airport** from the airport phone shop located on level 2 after you have cleared the customs. After you purchase one, you can reimburse the money in card from 50 – 1,000 THB according to the instruction written at the back of the card.

### Best Tourist Prepaid SIM Plan in Thailand



To call overseas use **009 + country code + Telephone no.** from any phone.

## 15. Useful phrases in Thai

General Greetings/Hello	Sa-wad- dee
How are you?	Sa-bai-dee-rue
I'm fine	Chan Sa-bai-dee
Thank you	Khaub-Khun Krub (for man) Khaub-Khun Khaa (for woman)
What is your name	Khun cheu a-rai
My name is...	Phom cheu..... (for Men) Dichun cheu..... (for women)
Nice to meet you	Yin-dee-ti-dai- ru- jug
Do you speak English?	Khun-pood- pa-sa-ungrid-dai- mai
What do you call this in Thai?	Nii phasaa thai riak waa arai
Do you understand?	Khao jai mai
I don't understand	Mai khao jai
A little	Nid nawy

## 16. Registration at the Global Summit

A booth will be open between 8.00AM and 9.00AM on 19<sup>th</sup> April for you to sign in at the Summit. The booth will be outside the Silom Ballroom, the plenary room for the conference. Here you will receive your name tag and any further details.

For those participants arriving late, the registration booth will also be open on the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> April in the same location. Please note, you only need to register once.

## 17. Language at the Global Summit

The main language used at the Global Summit will be English. However, simultaneous interpretation in French and Spanish will be provided.

## 18. Tentative Agenda

Please find below the tentative agenda. It will also be available on the GNDR website.

# Global Network - Local Action

GNDR Global Summit, Bangkok, 19-21 April 2016



DRAFT AGENDA 14/03/2016

	DAY ONE 19 April 2016	DAY TWO 20 April 2016	DAY THREE 21 April 2016
<b>Morning</b>	<b>Global Picture</b> <i>Progress, challenges &amp; strategy</i>	<b>Local Reality</b> <i>Our landscape – local context</i>	<b>Local Action</b> <i>From global strategy to local impact</i>
	<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b> Connecting & reconnecting - Members, Board, Secretariat, Partners - Working together this week  <b>Looking back 2012-15</b> - Progress & achievements - Barriers & challenges	Yesterday review & plan for today  <b>Simulation exercise to explore GNDR strategy in action</b>	Yesterday review & plan for today  <b>Action planning next steps</b> - What will we do next? - How can we work together (members, Board, Secretariat)? - How will we resource? <b>Q&amp;A: Questions going forward</b>
<b>Afternoon</b>	<b>Challenges &amp; opportunities for civil society going forward</b> <i>Sendai Framework, SDGs, Paris Agreement. Guest Speaker</i>	Connecting in our regions to discuss:  <b>Regional realities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Priorities from regional and local perspective</li> <li>• Desired outcomes from regional and local perspective</li> </ul> <b>Regional action planning</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Roles we will play in localising this strategy</li> <li>• What actions can we do together over next 5 years?</li> </ul>	<b>Collaboration &amp; Commitments</b>  Sharing commitments from - Secretariat - Board - Members - Other stakeholders  Summit review & close  Feedback
	<b>Dinner and Marketplace</b>	<b>Thai dinner and local show</b>	<b>Departures</b>
<b>Evening</b>			