

Logistics Note – COP24 – December 2018 – Katowice, Poland

DATES

26 Nov to 1 Dec: Pre-sessional Days:

26 – 27 Nov:

- LDC Preparatory Meeting

28 – 29 Nov:

- African Group Preparatory Meeting
- SIDS (AOSIS) Preparatory Meeting

30 Nov – 1 Dec:

- G77 & China Preparatory Meeting

2 – 14 Dec: COP24

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

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VISAS

Unless you are a citizen of a country that is waived from visa requirement or already hold a visa, you are required to apply for one in order to travel to Poland to participate in the Conference.

Poland is part of the Schengen Area, which means that short-term Schengen visas issued by Poland are valid throughout the territory of all 26 Schengen states.

- A list of third countries whose nationals may enter Poland without a visa can be found [here](#).
- Detailed information on visa requirements and global representative offices for Poland can be found [here](#).
- Entry conditions for third-country nationals under visa obligation can be found [here](#).

Colleagues are strongly encouraged to contact the appropriate consular authorities as soon as they successfully register and receive an official notification. Please check carefully for visa requirements of countries you may transit through. Further detailed information on visas for COP24 can be found [here](#)

GETTING TO KATOWICE

- **Katowice International Airport (KTW)**, also known as Pyrzowice, is situated 34 km away from the city centre. Two special bus lines will run every 30 minutes (duration ca. 30-40 min) to Katowice central railway station
- We have been informed that for flights going to/from Katowice availability is already limited and prices will be high. If required, flying into Krakow is a viable alternative.
- **Kraków Airport Balice (KRK)** is located 70 km from Katowice. Upon arrival, participants can take a train or bus from Krakow to Katowice (travel time approx. 1 hour).
- **Warsaw Chopin Airport (WAW)** is located 300 km from Katowice. There are five long-distance direct trains per day from Warsaw Central Station to Katowice Central Station (ca 2,5 h journey)
- Welcome desks at airports and train / bus stations will be set up on the peak arrival days
- Please keep in mind that the currency is Zloty (PLN), not Euro, so it would be good to withdraw / exchange cash on arrival



GETTING TO THE CITY CENTRE

FROM KATOWICE AIRPORT:

- Katowice Airport is situated 34 km away from the city centre. Upon arrival, participants can easily reach the city centre using shuttle buses operated by PKM Katowice that can be found outside the terminal building and will drop passengers off near the main railway station (Katowice Dworzec).
- Matuszek provides transport between the airport and the main railway station of Katowice which coincides with the flight schedule of most airlines at the airport. The journey to Katowice takes approximately 35 minutes, and the ticket costs 20zł (5 €). Shuttle buses to the city centre run until 3am.
- The airport has its official company Airport Taxi Service located at exits of the terminals A and B. This is always a better option than an unlicensed taxi since the prices are regulated. The ride to the Katowice city centre will cost you 160zł (40 €). The journey from the airport to the city centre takes approximately 30 minutes.
- The airport has several ATMs and there are currency exchanges in the terminals A and B, in the public area.

FROM KRAKOW AIRPORT:

- Special bus and train lines to Kraków city centre in operation every 30 min. Participants can take a train or bus from Krakow city centre to Katowice (travel time approx. 1 hour).

USEFUL TRANSPORT LINKS:

- Getting there page: <https://cop24accommodation.pl/getting-to-katowice/>
- Airline map: http://www.convention.katowice.eu/cms/File/mck/KTW-mapa%20lotnisko_2015.jpg
- Transport announcement: <http://cop24.gov.pl/news/news-details/news/transportation-announcement/>
- Updated transportation information on the COP24 website <http://cop24.gov.pl/conference/transportation/>
- Polish national and regional train timetable <https://rozkład-pkp.pl/en>
- Regular regional (Upper Silesian Metropolitan Area) bus/ tram timetable <https://rj.kzkgop.com.pl/rozkłady/?lang=en>

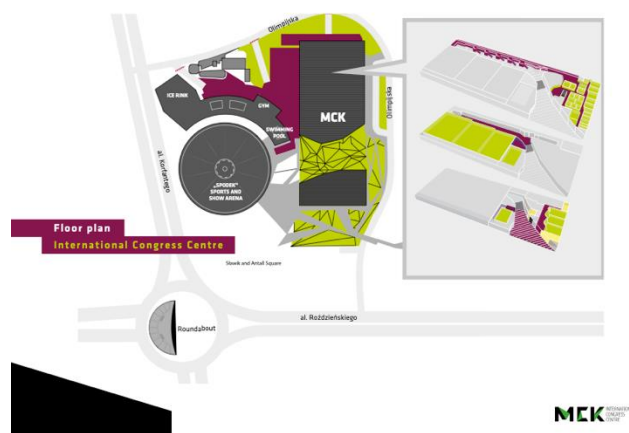
THE VENUE & REGISTRATION

COP24 will take place in the Culture Zone of Katowice, which comprises the International Congress Centre (MCK) and the Spodek (“saucer”) Sports and Entertainment Arena. The Culture Zone is located on the premises of the former Katowice Coal Mine, which was active up to the 1990s.

Address: [Międzynarodowe Centrum Kongresowe \(MCK\) i Spodek Plac Sławika i Antalla 1 40-163 Katowice](#)

Public transport is free for all COP delegates with badges. There will be no dedicated COP shuttle running between Katowice hotels and the venue. Details of the shuttle bus schedule between Katowice and the cities of Bielsko-Biała, Częstochowa, Gliwice, Kraków, Oświęcim, Rybnik and Zawiercie can be found [here](#). The timetable of the regular public transport network KZK GOP can be found [here](#)

- **The International Conference Centre (MCK)** will accommodate plenary halls, conference rooms, a press conference and media rooms as well as COP24 Presidency and secretariat offices.
- **The Spodek Arena** will accommodate the media area, pavilions, side events, catering facilities as well as exhibits and media area.



Maps and photos of the venue can be downloaded [here](#).

REGISTRATION

- Registration at the venue opens on Fri 30 Nov- early registration is highly recommended to avoid delays on the first day of the conference. Delegates attending the LDC or AOSIS meetings should be able to get their registration done during those days.
- Open Fri 30 Nov - Sat 8 Dec: 8am to 7pm
- Closed Sunday 9 Dec
- Open Mon 10 Dec to Fri 14 Dec: 8am to 7pm

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

Time zone: CEST

Phone country code: +48

Electricity: type D & E (same as Germany)

Weather: 1 - 6 degrees, some rain and ice

Currency: Zloty (PLN) (remember to withdraw/exchange cash at the airport!)

Tipping: 10-15%

Payment: Credit cards usually accepted in stores and restaurants in the city centre

1 EUR = 4.30 PLN

1 PLN = 0.23 EUR

1 USD = 3.70 PLN

1 PLN = 0.27 USD

USEFUL LINKS

Side events: https://seors.unfccc.int/seors/reports/events_list.html?session_id=COP%2024

COP24 Polish presidency <http://cop24.gov.pl/>

COP24 information for participants <https://unfccc.int/process-and-meetings/conferences/katowice-climate-change-conference-december-2018/venue-and-participation/information-for-participants-a-z/information-for-participants-a-z#eq-3>

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