Dear participant of the KOREA-OECD workshop,

This is a brief logistic note designed to provide you with relevant information regarding your travel to Seoul, Korea, and your participation in the OECD Workshop “Strengthening linkages between STI and ODA policies in order to address the grand challenges and promote inclusive growth” to be held at JW Marriott Hotel Seoul on September 20-21, 2018.

**Visa and Migration**

Foreign nationals entering Korea are required to have a valid passport and a Korean visa issued by the Korean embassy or consular offices in their country. However, citizens from many countries are now permitted visa-free entry for a limited period under certain conditions. In order to check whether you are allowed to enter Korea without visa issuance and for other requirements, please contact a Korean embassy or consular office in your country or visit the following websites to confirm.

- **Ministry of Foreign Affairs**
  www.mofa.go.kr (Korean, English)

- **Korea Immigration Service**
  www.immigration.go.kr (Korean, English)

- **Hi Korea**
  www.hikorea.go.kr (Korean, English, Japanese, Chinese)

**Countries under Visa Waiver Agreement**

The 104 countries listed on the website linked below, in addition to Mozambique, which was added in February 2017, are under a Visa Waiver Agreement with Korea. Depending on nationality and passport type, citizens from these 105 countries can visit Korea with the purpose of tourism without a visa for 30 to 90 days.

www.hikorea.go.kr (English)

**Designated Countries & Regions Granted Visa-Free Entry to Korea**

(Listed countries without a specified period have a limit of 30 days)

**Countries with visa-free entry for general, diplomatic & official passport holders**
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<td>Japan (90 Days), Hong Kong (90 Days), Macao (90 Days), Taiwan (90 Days), Kuwait (90 Days), Brunei, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Bahrain</td>
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<td>North America</td>
<td>United States (90 Days), Canada (6 Months)</td>
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<td>South America</td>
<td>Argentina, Honduras, Paraguay, Ecuador (90 Days), Guyana</td>
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<td>Europe</td>
<td>Andorra, Monaco, San Marino, Cyprus, Albania, Croatia (90 Days), Slovenia (90 Days), Vatican, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Serbia (90 Days), Montenegro</td>
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<td>Oceania</td>
<td>Australia (90 Days), Guam, Fiji, Nauru, Palau, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Solomon Islands, Micronesia, New Caledonia, Samoa, Tuvalu, Tonga</td>
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<td>Africa</td>
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Countries with visa-free entry for diplomatic & official passport holders [Table2]

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All foreign citizens entering Korea need to fill in migration card that you receive at the passport control.

Keep the migration card that you receive at the passport control on your entrance to Korea. This document has to be presented at the passport control when you leave. If you lose the card, immediately inform the conference organizers.

Keep your registration and your migration card with you at all times. We also recommend that you carry photocopies of your passport with you just in case.
**Getting to the city center from Incheon international airport**

The organization of airport transfers is the responsibility of participants. There are several ways to get to the city center from Incheon international airport:

- Airport Railroad Express (AREX) train which connects Incheon international airport with the Metropolitan Subway line: [https://www.arex.or.kr/main.do#](https://www.arex.or.kr/main.do#)
- Buses: Airport buses run from Incheon International Airport to many areas of Seoul. Tickets can be purchased at the ticket booths just outside the 1F Arrivals Hall of each terminal. Detailed inquiries on bus routes and bus stops can be made here: [https://www.airport.kr/ap_lp/en/tpt/pblctpt/busstoinft1/busstoinft1.do](https://www.airport.kr/ap_lp/en/tpt/pblctpt/busstoinft1/busstoinft1.do)
- Taxis: You can easily take a taxi from the airport at the taxi stands located just outside the Arrivals Hall (1F) of both terminals. You can choose to take a regular taxi, a deluxe taxi or a jumbo taxi depending on your situation.
  - Regular Taxi: Base fare begins at 3,000 won (Seoul standard) with a 20% increased charge from the base fare at nighttime (24:00-04:00).
  - Deluxe & Jumbo Taxi: Base fare for deluxe and jumbo taxis begins at 5,000 won (Seoul standard). There is no additional nighttime charge.

For the transportation information to the venue (JW Marriott Hotel Seoul), please see below.

- Airport shuttle service, reservation required, fee: 180,000 KRW (one way) Shuttle Phone: +82 2 62826262
- Alternate transportation: Hotel limousine service available-reservations required. Contact hotel to arrange; fee: 180,000 KRW (one way); reservation required
- Estimated taxi fare: 100,000 KRW (one way)
- Bus service, fee: 15,000 KRW (one way)
- Subway service, fee: 5,000 KRW (one way)

**Recommended Hotels in Seoul**

1. **JW Marriot Seoul Hotel 5* (Venue)**
   176, Sinbanpo-Ro, Seocho-Gu, Seoul, Phone: +82 2 6282 6262
   [http://www.jw-marriott.co.kr](http://www.jw-marriott.co.kr)

2. **Sheraton Seoul Palace Gangnam Hotel 5* (5-9 min. Walk from Venue)**
   160 Sapyeong-daero, Seocho-gu, Seoul, Phone:+82 2 532 5000

3. **Intercontinental Seoul COEX 5* (Subway +10 min to Venue)**
   524, Bongeunsa-ro, Gangnam-gu, Seoul, Phone: +82 2 3430 8000
   [https://seoul.intercontinental.com/iccoex/eng/](https://seoul.intercontinental.com/iccoex/eng/)

4. **Grand Intercontinental Seoul 5* (Taxi +20 min to Venue)**
   521 Teheran-ro Gangnam-gu, Seoul, Phone: +82 2 555 5656

5. **Park Hyatt Hotel Seoul 5* (Taxi +20 min to Venue)**
   606, Teheran-ro, Gangnam-gu, Seoul, Phone: +82 2 2016 1234

6. **Ramada Seoul Hotel 4* (Subway +15 mins, Taxi +10 min to Venue)**
   410, Bongeunsa-ro, Gangnam-gu, Seoul, Phone: +82 2 6202 2000
   [https://www.ramadaseoul.co.kr/eng](https://www.ramadaseoul.co.kr/eng)

7. **Le Méridien Seoul 4* (Subway +10 mins, Taxi +10 min to Venue)**
Workshop venue:
The workshop will take place at JW Marriott Seoul, Korea
September 20-21, 2018: Salon 1+2+3, 3rd floor
Address: 176, Sinbanpo-ro, Seocho-gu, Seoul, 06546 South Korea
Please bring your ID.

Map of the venue:

How to get there:
— From metro station ‘Express Bus Terminal’ (Seoul Subway Line 3, 7, 9), go to the Exit 7. The underground station is directly linked to the hotel.

Useful links for cultural activities:
— [http://english.visitkorea.or.kr/enu/index.kto](http://english.visitkorea.or.kr/enu/index.kto)
— [http://english.visitseoul.net/index](http://english.visitseoul.net/index)
— [https://www.viator.com/Seoul/d973-ttd](https://www.viator.com/Seoul/d973-ttd) (For Guided Tour)
**Currency:**
The national currency of the Republic of Korea is Korean Won (KRW). You may find Currency Exchange points at the airport; however, we recommend that you exchange your national currency at currency exchange offices of banks in the city. Credit cards are widely accepted at most shops, restaurants and service centers. You can also withdraw KRW from one of numerous ATMs machines located around the city.

The real-time exchange rates are available at the following link:  
[http://eng.ibk.co.kr/lang/en/ps/excRate.jsp](http://eng.ibk.co.kr/lang/en/ps/excRate.jsp)

**Time Zone**
GMT +9

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