

## Your host city — Hyderabad



Hyderabad is the capital city of the Indian state of Andhra Pradesh. Hyderabad metropolitan area is the fifth largest in India. Greater Hyderabad has an estimated metropolitan population of 10 million, making it an A-1 status city and the second largest (in terms of area) in the country. Hyderabad is known for its rich history, culture and architecture representing its unique character as a meeting point for North and South India, and also its multilingual culture, both geographically and culturally

Also known as The city of Nizams and The city of pearls, Hyderabad is today one of the most developed cities in the country and a modern hub of information technology, ITES, and biotechnology.



**Air travel:** Air India is India's national flag carrier and has a worldwide route network connecting over 50 cities abroad with India. Indian Airlines, which is the national airline and three major private airlines — Jet airways, Kingfisher Airlines and Air Sahara along with a host of budget carriers, serve all the metros and many towns of India besides almost all the tourist destinations in India.

**Clothing:** At the time of the conference, Mumbai will be pleasant. Approx. minimum and maximum day time temperature will range between 20 to 32 degrees Celsius. Light woolens are ideal for this time of the year.

**Languages:** English is commonly used in all business transactions; however, the main spoken & national language is Hindi. Official language of the meeting will be English.

**Currency:** The currency of India is Indian Rupee. One Rupee is divided into 100 Paise. Rupee currency notes come in the denomination of 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50, 100, 500 and 1000. The present conversion rate is 1 USD = Rs 45 approx.

**Currency Regulations:** You can bring in any amount of foreign currency, travelers cheques and take out as much as you brought in. However, foreign exchange in excess of US\$ 5000 or its equivalent in another currency, US\$ 10,000 in form of travelers cheques or a combination of currency and travelers cheques in excess of US\$ 10,000 should be declared upon arrival on the Currency Declaration Form, to be attested by Customs Officer.

**Visas:** Citizens of all countries (including Commonwealth) require a valid passport (except in the case of Nepalese and Bhutanese nationals, who may carry suitable means of identification) and an appropriate visa. The visa must be obtained from an Indian mission abroad. If planning to visit a neighboring country such as Nepal and re-entering India, a Double / multiple entry India visa should be obtained.

**Health Regulations & Immunization:** A valid Yellow fever certificate is mandatory for all persons who have been, even in transit, in Africa or South America or Papua New Guinea in the last six days. The certificate becomes valid 10 days after vaccination. India does not require immunization against small pox and cholera.

## General Information



**Credit / Debit Cards:** Almost all the world's top credit cards like VISA, Master card and Amex are widely accepted by many establishments including hotels, restaurants, shops etc

**Banking and exchange facilities:** Facilities for banking, exchange of foreign currency are available at banks and at most hotels. There are also a number of exchange offices in the City. Most banks are open from 10 am to 2 pm from Monday to Friday, however some banks offer extended banking hours. 24-hour ATM5 are located in shopping centers and many neighbourhood markets.

**Electricity:** Voltage in Hyderabad and other parts of the country is 220 V, 50 Hz. The 2 / 3 -pin connecting plug is different from that used in some other countries e.g. USA, UK, Japan, etc. In India we have round pin plug and not flat pinned plug.

**Mobile Phones:** GSM handsets, either triband or quadband with 900 & 1800 mega hertz frequency will function in Mumbai / India. Local SIM card and hand set can be easily hired.

**Tippling:** Generally expected at restaurants, around 10 percent of the bill.