

INFORMATION NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS

JAMAICA GIS USER CONFERENCE

KINGSTON, JAMAICA

10 - 12 OCTOBER 2017

1. MEETING VENUE

The Jamaica GIS User Conference will be held in Kingston, Jamaica from 10 – 12 October 2017.

The meeting will be held at:

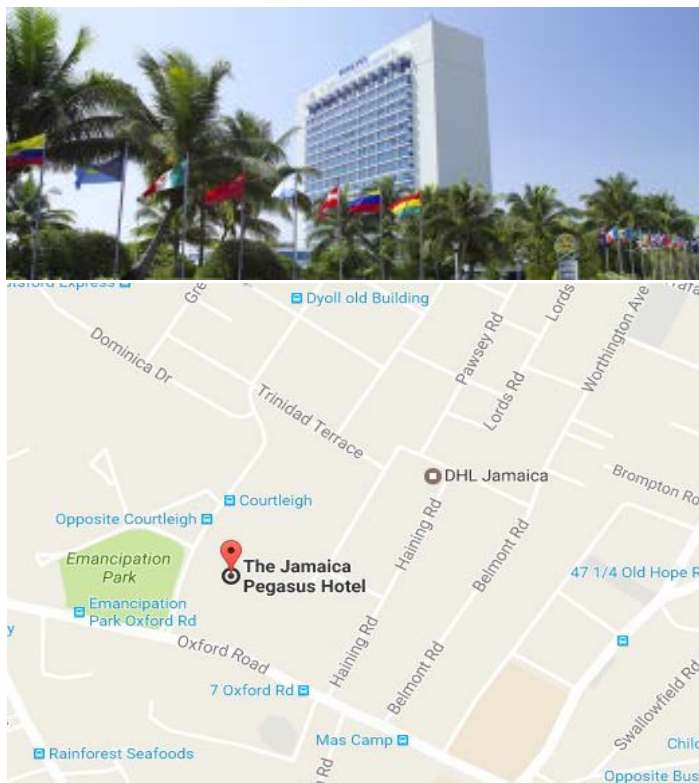
The Jamaica Pegasus Hotel

81 Knutsford Boulevard, Kingston 5, Jamaica, WI

E-mail: info@jamaicapegasus.com

Tel: +1 (876)926-3691-9

www.jamaicapegasus.com



2. REGISTRATION

A registration form should be submitted for all interested participants in advance of the conference by fax or email to info@gisuserconferenceja.com or fax: 1-876-970-1752. On-Site registration and issuance of conference badges will be conducted on October 9, 2017 from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. at the Jamaica Pegasus Hotel. Questions regarding registration should be directed to info@gisuserconferenceja.com or jumaine.remikie@mwlecc.gov.jm.



3. OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE

Official opening for the conference will take place on October 10, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. The conference sessions are to be held daily from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For more information, please refer to the agenda.

4. HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

Block rooms have been reserved for participants at the Jamaica Pegasus Hotel at preferential rates. Participants are required to make their own reservations directly with the hotel using the attached reservation form (room rates are applicable from October 09 – 13, 2017). The completed form should be sent via fax (+ 876 929 0593) or email (reservations@jamaicapegusus.com) to the hotel. Participants are encouraged to make their hotel reservations as soon as possible, but no later than -----. Please note that this is not an all-inclusive hotel, however guests will receive a complimentary Jamaican buffet breakfast.

A list of selected hotels is available on the accommodation page of the gisuserconferenceja.com website.

5. TRANSPORTATION

All flights should terminate at the Norman Manley International airport (www.nmia.aero/), which is approximately 24km (15 miles) from the Jamaica Pegasus Hotel. Assistance can be provided to arrange for round trip airport transfers with JUTA Tours between the airport and the hotel. If such assistance is required, participants are asked to send information pertaining to the date and time of arrival as well as airline via email to info@gisuserconferenceja.com. Participants are required to pay JUTA Tours directly for their airport transfers.

6. VISA ARRANGEMENTS

Participants are responsible for obtaining their own visa(s) if required. Please also ensure that you are in possession of any necessary transit visas, depending upon your final itinerary. Please contact the nearest Jamaican Embassy or Consulate for further information.

7. INSURANCE

Participants are expected to make their own arrangements for insurance against accidents, if so desired.

8. HELP DESK

A help desk will be set up to provide information to conference participants.

9. NAME & CONTACT DETAILS OF LOCAL ORGANIZER

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Ministry of Economic Growth & Job Creation
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10. GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT JAMAICA

_ LANGUAGE: English is the official language of Jamaica.

_ TIME ZONE: Standard time zone is (GMT - 5 hours).

_ CURRENCY AND RATE OF EXCHANGE: The official currency of Jamaica is the Jamaican Dollar (JMD). The average exchange rate is 1 Euro = 134.3790 JMD and 1 USD = 128.2058 JMD as of 10 April 2017. Major credit cards are accepted in most hotels and restaurants in Kingston.

_ AVERAGE TEMPERATURES in Kingston during the period of the meeting are expected to range between 25°C to 32°C. The weather is expected to be sunny on most days in October with a chance of light to moderate rain.

_ ELECTRICITY: Jamaica has a voltage of 110 - 120 Volts (Plug/socket: A & B). You may need to bring a plug adaptor and/or current transformer.