



8th Meeting of the Compliance Committee (CC8) and 11th Meeting of the Parties (MoP11)

Seoul, Republic of Korea, 26–28 June 2024 and 01-05 July 2024

MoP-11-ADM-05

CC8 and MoP11 Meetings Notice and Practical Information

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Abstract	This document provides general and practical information about the 8 th Meeting of the Compliance Committee and the 11 th Meeting of the Parties to be held in Seoul, Korea.

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Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement
Accord relatif aux Pêches dans le Sud de l'Océan Indien

To: Parties to the Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement and invited Observers

Date: 17th April 2024

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

8th Meeting of the Compliance Committee, and 11th Meeting of the Parties to the Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement.

1. Meetings dates and venue

Venue address and contacts

President Hotel

16 Euljiro, Jung-gu, Seoul

Republic of Korea

02-753-3131

<http://www.hotelpresident.co.kr/eng/main/>

Meeting	Date and time	Venue
Heads of Delegation meeting (MoP Chair + CC Chair)	Wednesday 26 th June 8.am-9.am (local time)	Secretariat
8 th Meeting of the Compliance Committee (CC8)	Wednesday 26 th June to Friday 28 th June	Meeting Room
Scientific Workshop (Hybrid)	Saturday 29 th June 9:30.am to 15:30.am	Meeting Room
11 th Meeting of the Parties (MoP11)	Monday the 1st of July to Friday the 5th of July	Meeting Room

* It is expected that the meetings will run from 09:00am to 05:30pm (UTC+9) each day

2. Meeting modalities

Registration

All delegates, including observers, are encouraged to register their attendance for each meeting by 30 May 2024 by completing the downloadable form on the meeting page of the SIOFA website (<https://siofa.org/meetings>). The registration should be submitted to the Secretariat once the forms have been filled out. Late registration may result in [logistical inconveniences]

Interpretation

Meetings will be held in English, with French interpretation available, courtesy of funding from France, on behalf of its overseas territories.

Financial Assistance

For eligible CCPs seeking financial support to attend the meetings, please ensure that your request is submitted no later than the 7th of May. Upon validation of your request, you can expect to receive a prompt reply thereafter.

3. Getting to the venue

Participants are asked to arrange their own travel and accommodation and cover the expenses incurred.

a. Flights to Seoul

Incheon International Airport, located approximately 48 km from the city center, serves as the primary airport.

b. Airport to Hotel

Please refer to Appendix 3

c. Car Rental

While Seoul has efficient public transportation and taxi services, car rental options are available at the airport.

d. Daily transport from accommodations to meeting venue

The subway system stands out as the most convenient mode of transportation in Seoul. Stations are marked in English both on signs and announced orally in subway trains, with announcements made in Korean, English, Chinese, and Japanese. Operating hours typically range from 5:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. or 12:00 a.m., depending on the line. The closest subway stations from the Hotel President, Euljiro 1(il)-ga and City Hall, are located on line 2 (green line). While Seoul's bus network offers extensive coverage and cost-effectiveness, it may pose challenges for foreigners as some signs are not translated.

4. Agenda

A preliminary agenda for the Compliance Committee meeting will be issued by the 27th of April 2024.

A preliminary agenda for the Meeting of Parties meeting will be issued by the 2nd of May 2024.

5. Meetings Papers

The Secretariat has established a single format for CCPs to present their work for the upcoming CC8 and MoP11 meetings. You can access this template on the SIOFA website: <https://siofa.org/meetings/cc8> or <https://siofa.org/meetings/mop11>. Sending it twice isn't necessary. However, please tick the box to indicate which meeting it refers to.

Proposals

Proposals to be discussed by the CC08 and the MoP11 shall be submitted to the Executive Secretary by the close of business on May 22nd 2024, specifying if they are to be considered by the Meeting of the Parties only or by both the Meeting of the Parties and the Compliance Committee. These proposals will be made available to official contacts by May 27th, 2024.

Any other documents (information paper) to be discussed by the CC08 and the MoP11 at the Compliance Committee shall be submitted to the Executive Secretary by the **17th of June 2024**. These documents will be made available to official contacts at the latest on the **21st of June 2024**.

Information papers by Observers

In accordance with SIOFA's Rules of Procedure, observers may submit relevant documents to the Executive Secretary for distribution to the Compliance Committee and the Meeting of the Parties as information papers. Please ensure that information papers are submitted with guidance on the particular agenda item to which the paper relates to.

Confidentiality and Transparency

Delegates are requested to indicate any submitted papers containing confidential data requiring restricted access. By default, documents not identified as restricted will be published on the publicly accessible section of the SIOFA website.

Access to Meeting Documents

Documents for each meeting will be provided on the relevant meeting page on the SIOFA website.

Access to restricted and operational documents on the SIOFA website necessitates individual usernames and passwords. Observers may request login details by contacting SIOFA Data Manager, Pierre PERIES pierre.peries@siofa.org

To access restricted documents, registered meeting participants and SIOFA official contacts, must first login with their individual password and login details, then access the meeting page as normal. Restricted documents will then be visible to those who have access.

Observers will be provided with access to all meeting documents and working papers that do not contain confidential information or commercially sensitive data.

To access working documents throughout the meetings, observers must first log in with their individual password and login details and then access the meeting page as normal.

Terms of Reference Documents

A copy of the Compliance Committee Terms of Reference may be found on the SIOFA website here: <https://siofa.org/node/7>

A copy of the Rules of Procedure of meetings of the Parties may be found on the SIOFA website here: <https://siofa.org/about-siofa/basic-documents/RoP>.

Summary of proposed timeframe

Agendas and Registration

Comments due on Compliance Committee Agenda

Comments due on Meeting of the Parties Agenda

Registration deadline

30 May 2024

Proposals

Compliance Committee Proposals due to Secretariat

22 May 2024

Meeting of the Parties Proposals due to the Secretariat

22 May 2024

Any Other Papers

Any Other Papers for Compliance Committee due to Secretariat

17 June 2024

Any Other Papers for Meeting of the Parties due to Secretariat

17 June 2024

6. Hospitality (breaks)

The Korean authorities will provide tea and coffee during the morning and afternoon breaks for all registered participants.

7. Accommodations

Hotel President is nearly at full capacity. Those wishing to attend should act swiftly to secure accommodation or consider alternative options.

Appendix 1 includes various accommodation options to choose from.

8. International travel modalities

Health and travels restrictions, sanitary measures

Currently, there are no specific Covid-19 requirements for entry into the Republic of Korea. However, it's advisable to stay updated on any travel restrictions or pandemic-related guidelines by consulting your travel agency.

Medical facilities in South Korea generally maintain a high standard, although English-speaking staff may be limited. It's recommended to be prepared to pay for medical services upfront, so ensure your travel insurance fully covers all potential medical expenses.

Visa

All information regarding visa requirements for entry into the Republic of Korea is available on the government website.:

https://www.immigration.go.kr/immigration_eng/index.do

For additional information, please contact the Republic of Korea consulate or embassy in your country. Their contact details can be found on the following website: https://www.mofa.go.kr/eng/nation/m_4902/list.do

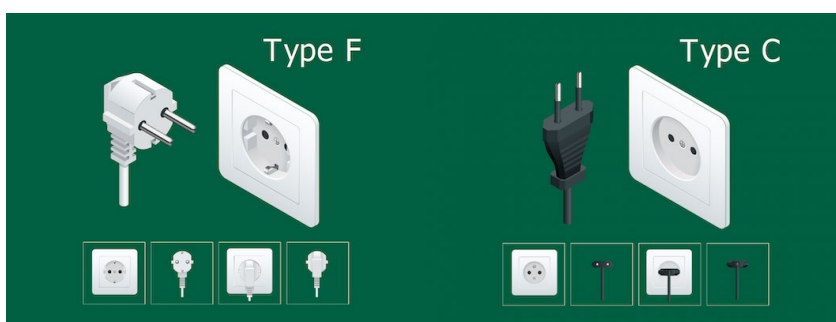
9. General Information on Republic of Korea

Emergency numbers

To reach the police in Korea, dial "112" from any location without needing an area code. For emergency medical assistance, dial "119" from anywhere in Korea, and your location will be automatically identified.

Electricity

South Korea utilizes type C and type F plugs and sockets. The mains voltage is 220 V with a frequency of 60 Hz.



Currency

The currency of the Republic of Korea is the Won (KRW). Current approximate exchange rates are:

1 USD = 1382,8 ₩

1 EUR = 1474,35 ₩

ATMs generally operate until 23:00, with some open 24/7. Seek out for ATMs displaying a "Global" sign or logos of recognized international banks to ensure card acceptance. Most ATMs provide foreign language services, including English, Chinese, and Japanese.

Most places typically accept card payments but carrying cash is recommended as credit cards may not be accepted everywhere, particularly in smaller establishments.

Climate

The Republic of Korea experiences four distinct seasons and a range of climates.

Situated in the East Asian monsoon region, the peninsula sees hot, humid summers and long, dry, cold winters. Winter temperatures average around -10°C, while summer temperatures reach 30 to 35°C.

The highest precipitation levels occur during the summer months of June, July, and August, sometimes leading to typhoons. The air becomes hot, humid, and often dense during this time.

Time

The Republic of Korea is nine hours ahead of UTC (UTC+9).

Please be aware that all listed times are in Korea Standard Time (KST), which is equivalent to UTC + 9 in the Republic of Korea.

Language:

The national and official language of the Republic of Korea is Korean. While Seoul is the modern capital city of South Korea, many locals aren't fluent in English.

Culture

South Korea's culture is deeply influenced by Confucian values. In the Republic of Korea, the religious landscape is diverse, with Buddhists representing 46% of the population, followed by Protestants at 39%, and Catholics at 13%.

Driving

People in Republic of Korea drive on the right-hand side of the road. It's essential to note that, as a foreigner, you must possess an International Driving Permit (IDP) to drive or rent a car in Korea. This requirement is supplementary to your valid driver's license from your home country. It's imperative to obtain the IDP prior to your arrival in Korea, as there is no provision for applying for one once you're in the country.

Geography

Located in the northeast of the Asian continent, the Korean peninsula spans 1,000 km from north to south. Approximately 70% of the country's landscape is mountainous, while the western and southern regions feature gentler terrain, including plains and a multitude of coastal islands (numbering over 3,000) with numerous bays.

Information regarding tourism and additional resources can be accessed at:

<https://www.visitkorea.or.kr/>

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11. Appendices to this Circular

Appendix 1 – President Hotel

Appendix 2 – List of other accommodations

Appendix 3 – Your Guide from Incheon International Airport to Hotel President prepared by the delegation representing the Republic of Korea.

Appendix 1 President Hotel

President Hotel

16 Euljiro, Junggu

<http://www.hotelpresident.co.kr/eng/main/>

Ideally situated opposite Seoul Plaza Esplanade, The Hotel President, presents a range of equipment including three restaurants, a bakery, a bar, and offers rooms adorned with style and elegance, along with complimentary Wi-Fi. Its strategic location, merely a 3-minute stroll from City Hall subway station offers convenience to guests. Additionally, the hotel operates a round-the-clock reception offering services such as luggage storage, laundry, and concierge assistance.



Appendix 2 List of other accommodations

Prior to your visit, ensure that the distance to the President Hotel is suitable for your convenience, and arrange your mode of transportation accordingly. It is advisable to carry the address of the President Hotel and your accommodation written in Korean, as many taxi and bus drivers may not speak English.

Airbnb accommodations are also accessible at more budget-friendly rates.

Hotel 2

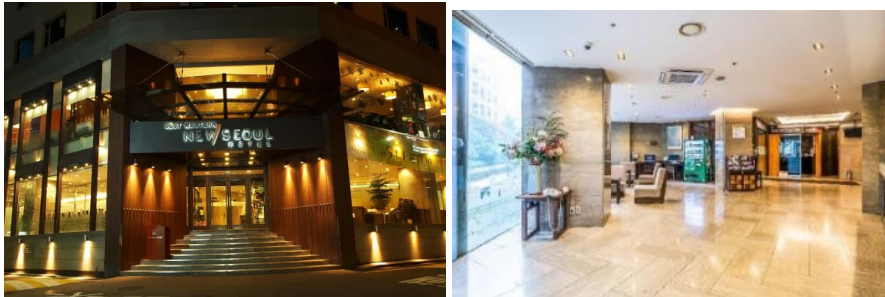
NEW SEOUL HOTEL

16, Sejong-Daero 22-Gil, Jung-Gu, Seoul, 04520, Korea

<https://www.newseoulhotel.co.kr/>

A special rate of 143,000 Won (equivalent to 97€) per night has been suggested, along with a breakfast fee of 15,000 Won (approximately 10.18€).

For further details and confirmation, please contact: hanjn@newseoulhotel.co.kr



Hotel 3

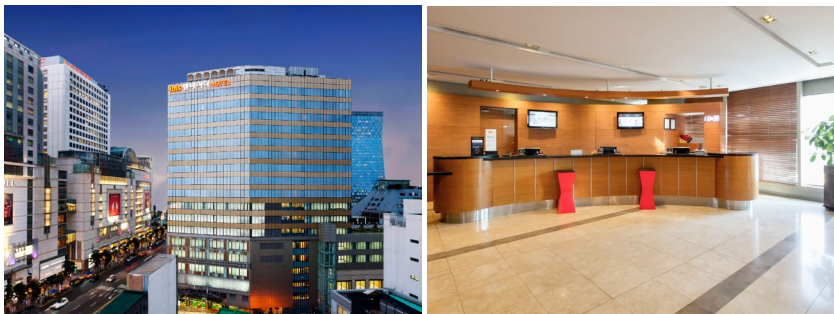
IBIS AMBASSADOR HOTEL

78, Namdaemun-ro, Jung Gu, Seoul, 04534 South Korea

https://all.accor.com/hotel/6317/index.en.shtml?utm_campaign=seo+maps&utm_medium=seo+maps&utm_source=google+Maps

A special rate of 150000 Won (Weekday) to 180000 Won (Weekend per night has been suggested, along with a breakfast fee of 14€).

For further details and confirmation, please contact: ibismsm2@ambatel.com or Olivia Kim: T +82 (0)2 6361 8102 | F +82 (0)2 6361 8010



Hotel 4

THOMAS MYEONGDONG

26, Sejong-daero 16- gil, Jung-gu, Seoul

<http://en.hotelthomas.co.kr/>

This hotel does not provide special pricing. Breakfast is priced at 14 euros.

Please be advised that prices may vary depending on the chosen site and the booking period.



Hotel 5

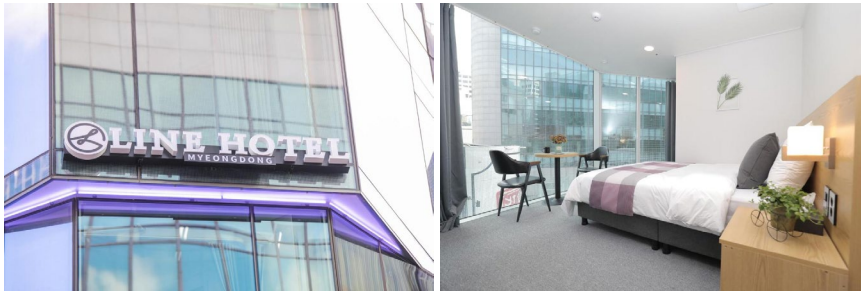
LINE HOTEL

36 Myeong-dong 3-gil, Jung-gu, Seoul

www.line-hotel.co.kr

This hotel does not provide special pricing or breakfast.

Please be advised that prices may vary depending on the chosen site and the booking period.



Hotel 6

HOTEL GOLDEN PARK MYEONGDONG

17 Toegye-ro 37-gil, Jung-gu, 10F. Seoul 04557

<https://golden-park-myeongdong.seoulhotelspage.com/en/>

This hotel does not provide special pricing or breakfast.

Please be advised that prices may vary depending on the chosen site and the booking period.



Appendix 3

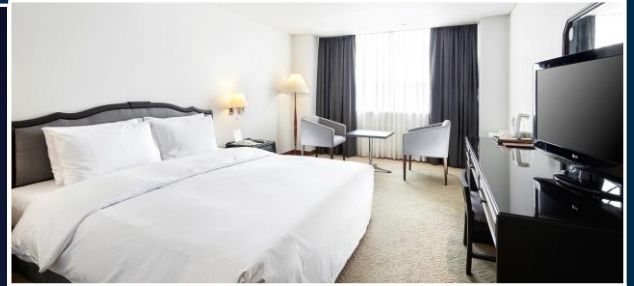
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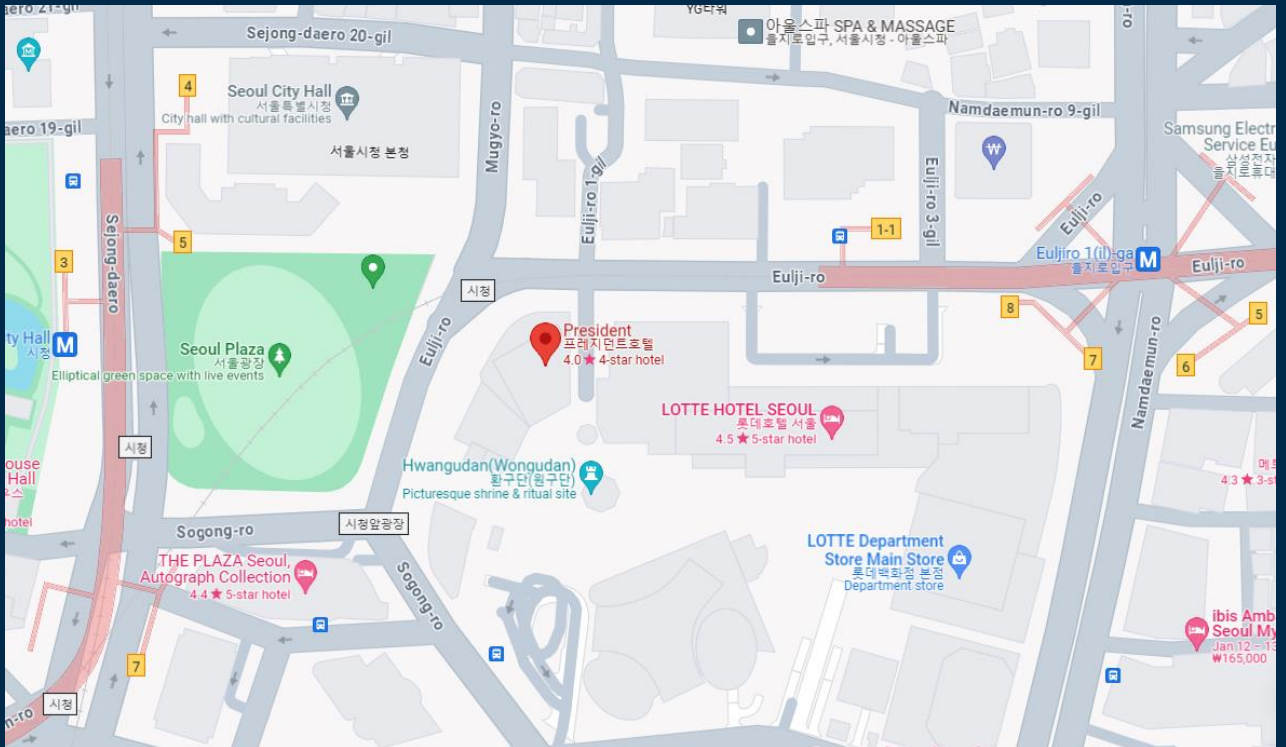
Seoul, the Republic of Korea

Your Guide from
Incheon International Airport to
Hotel President

1. Hotel President



2. Location



Address : 16 Euljiro, Junggu, Seoul Hotel President
 •Telephone : 02-753-3131

3. Transportation Options

Incheon international airport



Hotel President



*There are three convenient transportation options available for travel from Incheon International Airport to Hotel President

A. K Airport Limousine Bus (#6701)

B. Railway

C. Taxi

A. K Airport Limousine Bus (#6701)

Cost: Approx. ₩18,000 Duration: 1hour 27min



Terminal 1



STEP 01.

Get on Airport Limousine Bus No.6701 out of Gate 3B or 4A (1F) on Incheon Airport Terminal 1.



STEP 02.

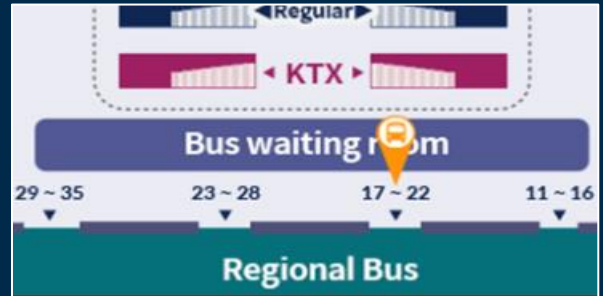
Walk straight for 1 minute after getting off at "Lotte Hotel" bus stop. (Incheon International Airport → Seoul Garden Hotel → Lotte City Hotel → Seosomun KAL Building → Koreana Hotel → Get off at "Lotte Hotel")



STEP 03.

Walk straight on the sidewalk, and you can see the entrance of Hotel President.

Terminal 2



STEP 01.

Get on Airport Limousine Bus No.6701 out of Gate 18(B1F) on Incheon Airport Terminal 2 Traffic center.



STEP 02.

Walk straight for 1 minute after getting off at "Lotte Hotel" bus stop. (Incheon International Airport → Seoul Garden Hotel → Lotte City Hotel → Seosomun KAL Building → Koreana Hotel → Get off at "Lotte Hotel")




STEP 03.

Walk straight on the sidewalk, and you can see the entrance of Hotel President.

B. Railway

Cost: Approx. ₩8,000 Duration: 1hour 30min

 **Incheon Int'l Airport T1**
Incheon Airport (ICN), South Korea


53min


[^ Details](#)


Train line
All stop Incheon Int'l ...

[^ Hide stops](#)

- Incheon Airport Cargo Terminal
- Unseo
- Yeongjong
- Cheongna International City
- Geomam
- Gyeyang
- Gimpo Airport
- Magongnaru Station
- Digital Media City

 **Hongik University**
Hongik University Station, South Korea





 **Hongik Univ. Station**
Seoul

12min

Seoul Metro
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- Sinchon Station
- Ehwa Womans Univ. Station
- Ahyeon Station
- Chungjeongno Station
- City Hall Station

 **Euljiro 1-ga Station**
Euljiro 1(il)-ga Station, South Korea



Step 01.

Get on Airport Railroad at Incheon International Airport, get off at Hongik University and transfer Line2.

Step 02.

After transferring to Line 2, get off after 6th stop at get Euljiro 1(il)-ga station.



Step 03.

Come out to the exit 8 of the Euljiro 1(il)-ga station and walk straight about 5 minutes and you will be able to see the Hotel President on your left. It will take you 1 hour 30 minutes in total.

C. Taxi

Your transportation options from Incheon International Airport to Hotel President include two types of taxis: the General Taxi, which is silver in color, and the Black Taxi. It is important to note that the General Taxi offers a more economical fare compared to the Black Taxi.

Black(Deluxe) Taxi



Cost from Incheon international airport to the Hotel President
 Cost: Approx. ₩ 130,000
 Duration: 1 hour 20min

General Taxi



Cost from Incheon international airport to the Hotel President
 Cost: Approx. ₩ 54,000
 Duration: 1 hour 20min