

Information Notes for Participants

The 41st Session of the Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses



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MEETING VENUE

InterContinental Hotel Düsseldorf

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Conference Room:

Grand Ballroom I-II

Welcome to Dusseldorf

The German CCNFSDU Secretariat welcomes you to the 41st Session of the Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses (CCNFSDU). This document provides information on the session, the venue and transportation from the airport. We wish you a pleasant visit as well as a productive session.

Session Date

The 41st Session of the Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses will be held at the InterContinental Hotel from 24-29 November 2019. The opening session will commence at 10:00 am on Sunday, 24 November, 2019. The Physical Working Group on the mechanism / framework for considering the technological justification of food additives will be held on Saturday, 23 November, 2019 from 9:00 to 15:00.

Registration

The participants of the meeting should provide the relevant information (names, official titles and addresses) through the online registration system by accessing the following link, at the latest by 24 October 2019:

<http://www.codexalimentarius.org/login>

The login and password for the online registration have been provided to all Codex Contact Points and to the Contact Points of Observer Organizations. If the login and password have not been received, please contact: codex@fao.org

At the meeting, participants will be able to complete the mandatory second part of the registration procedure. This will take place in the Ballroom foyer at the conference level:

Saturday, 23 November 2019, starting at 8 am

Sunday, 24 November 2019, starting at 8 am

The participants will receive identification badges and all necessary organizational information. Identification badges must be visible and worn during the whole meeting.

Documentation

Delegates are requested to bring their own documentation to the meeting. The documentation is available in English, French and Spanish on www.codexalimentarius.org.

Conference Room Documents will be available electronically during the session. The Report of the Physical Working Group and the draft Report of the 41st session of CCNFSDU will be available in the Conference Room.

Wi-Fi

Wi-Fi will be available at the meeting venue.

Interpretation

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in English, French, Spanish and German during the meeting.

The interpreters ask the delegates to provide all pre-formulated comments in advance (printed or per email to ccnfsdu@bmel.bund.de).

Seating arrangements

The German CCNFSDU Secretariat reserves the right to limit the number of chairs at the tables to a certain number per delegation. Further chairs will be arranged in rows and will be available for additional seating.

Accommodation

The venue is directly located at Dusseldorf Königsallee, a 7-minute drive from Dusseldorf Central Station and a 20-minute drive from Dusseldorf International Airport. Address: Königsallee 59, 40215 Dusseldorf.

The **InterContinental Düsseldorf** welcoming you in an exclusive ambiance, embossed by its modern design. The 287 elegant guestrooms and suites offer a generous amount of space to live, work and relax.

A block of rooms has been reserved until **30 October 2019**.



- The special rate at the InterContinental for participants is **189.00 €** per night for a single occupancy and **219.00 €** per night for a double occupancy.
- All rates include **breakfast**.

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Book early to reserve your room! The **hotel reservation form** can be found at www.ccnfsdu.de.

Delegates are reminded that they are responsible for making their own hotel accommodation arrangements. It is highly recommended that you make a hotel reservation as soon as possible.

Hotels nearby

In Dusseldorf and especially in the Königsallee area a wide range of hotels can be found. Please have a look at: <https://www.duesseldorf-tourismus.de/en/accommodation/>

Arrival Information

The InterContinental is only a 15-minute walk away from Dusseldorf Central Station or a 4-minute walk away from 'Steinstraße/Königsallee' subway station. From Dusseldorf International Airport (DUS) Dusseldorf's Königsallee is easy to reach **by public transportation:**



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A train station is located in the airport. The train station is called 'Düsseldorf Flughafen'. The easiest way is to take a Regional Express, called "RE". It will take you in 7-10 minutes from the airport directly to Dusseldorf central station, from where you can take the subway to 'Steinstraße/Königsallee' subway station. As an alternative you can walk from Dusseldorf central station to the hotel in 15 minutes. You should buy a ticket for price category A3 (2.90 € single).

Another option for reaching the venue is to take a taxi:

The InterContinental Hotel Düsseldorf is located approximately 9 km from Dusseldorf International Airport. By taxi, it takes approximately 20 minutes from the airport (around 30 €). Taxis are always available in front of the main arrival points.

Distance Information

| | Distance from Venue | Transport |
|--|---------------------|--|
| Dusseldorf Central Station | 1.2 km | Public transportation ~ 7 min Rental Car/ Taxi ~ 5 min Walk ~ 15 min |
| Dusseldorf Altstadt (City Centre) | 1.5 km | Public transportation ~ 12 min Rental Car/ Taxi ~ 6 min Walk ~ 10-15 min |
| Dusseldorf International Airport (DUS) | 9 km | Public transportation ~ 20 min Rental Car/Taxi ~ 20 min |
| Cologne City | 40 km | Public transportation ~ 40 min Rental Car ~ 45 min |
| Cologne/Bonn Airport (CGN) | 50 km | Train ~ 60 min Rental Car ~ 45 min |
| Frankfurt Airport (FRA) | 215 km | Train ~ 1.30 hrs Rental Car ~ 2.30 hrs |

Visa Information

Participants requiring a Schengen visa to enter Germany are advised to contact the **competent embassies and consulates-general** of the Federal Republic of Germany as soon as possible to apply for their visa.

Here you can find out whether you need a Schengen visa for your visit; a Schengen visa is valid for 90 days: <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/einreiseundaufenthalt/visabestimmungen-node>.

The German CCNFSDU Secretariat does not issue personalized invitations for the meetings of the CCNFSDU. Furthermore, the CCNFSDU Secretariat cannot expedite visa applications.

Please visit the website of the Federal Foreign Office for further information: <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en>.

Other Information

Climate

Temperatures tend to fall in November, with daily highs decreasing from 7°C to 4°C over the course of the month, exceeding 11°C or dropping below -2°C only one day in ten. Daily low temperatures range from -1°C to 2°C, falling below -7°C or exceeding 7°C only one day in ten. Rain and snow are not uncommon at this time of the year, so we advise participants to bring warm coats and umbrellas.

Currency

The Euro is the only currency accepted in Germany. Major credit cards are accepted in most hotels and stores. ATM machines are available at the airport as well as near the venue hotel. Currency exchange is available at the airport and in Dusseldorf City.

Electrical Current

Electricity in Germany is 230 Volts and 50 Hertz. Plugs of type C/F are required.



Language

The official language in Germany is German. English is widely spoken.

Time zone

Dusseldorf is in the Central European Time zone (CET), which is GMT/UTC +01:00 hour.

Dusseldorf

Dusseldorf is the state capital of North Rhine-Westphalia, the most populous state in Germany. With a population of around 620.000, Dusseldorf is the seventh-largest city in Germany. Dusseldorf is located in western Germany on the banks of the rivers Rhine and Dussel.

Dusseldorf is an international business and financial centre, renowned for its fashion and trade fairs. Dusseldorf was again voted city with one of the best quality of life indexes worldwide. The elegant, life-affirming city on the Rhine stands for fashion, shopping, culture and extraordinary events. From Königsallee – fondly known as the 'Kö', one of Europe's most luxurious shopping avenues – it's just a short walk to the historical Altstadt (Old Town) with its more than 260 bars and restaurants.



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The InterContinental Hotel Düsseldorf is located at the famous Königsallee. In the following chapter you can find an overview over the most famous landmarks in Dusseldorf City:

Places of Interest

Altstadt (Old town)



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The famous Altstadt is a wondrous square kilometre that has more to offer than any other district in Dusseldorf. More than 260 pubs line the 'longest bar in the world': local breweries, lounges, cocktail bars, electro-clubs and sophisticated ambiances. The district will also provide intellectual stimulation because this is where most of the state capital's art and cultural venues are to be found.

Dusseldorf's centre is also home to some of the city's most beautiful churches. For instance, the Sankt Lambertus Basilika, which was first built in the 13th century and which makes Dusseldorf's skyline unique because of its twisting spire.

Rathaus (City Hall)

The Rathaus was built from 1570-1573. The city hall complex consists of three buildings from different periods: The so-called 'old city hall' at the northern side of Marktplatz, the 'Wilhelminischer Bau' (period of the Emperor Wilhelm II) and the 'Grupello house' at the western side.



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Königsallee

Düsseldorf's internationally best known trademark is the Königsallee ('Kö'). Germany's most sophisticated mile is considered one of the world's grand luxurious boulevards. It's the main reason for the city's image of an elegant shopping destination and a sophisticated lifestyle. The 'Who's Who' of the fashion world presents itself on the Kö. Numerous flagship-stores,

small boutiques, luxurious jewellers and impressive shopping malls invite for a leisurely stroll.

Rhine embankment promenade

It is regarded as one of the most beautiful esplanades – Düsseldorf's Rhine embankment promenade. Planned by Niklaus Fritschi and built between 1990 and 1997, it has joined the city to its river. The Rhine embankment promenade links the traditional Altstadt (Old Town) to the modern MedienHafen and is lined by cafés and bars. This is the place to relax and watch the Rhine shipping go by.



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Medienhafen (media harbour)

In contrast to other cities, when modernising its harbour, Dusseldorf didn't just attempt to wipe the slate clean, but decided to treat each lot individually and adapt it to its future users. Internationally famous architects like Frank O. Gehry, David Chipperfield, Joe Coenen, Steven Holl and Claude Vasconi were given an empty canvas to make their creative contribution to the skyline.

Rheinturm

The Rheinturm (built 1979 – 1982) is a striking landmark on Dusseldorf's Rhine skyline. It stands on the edge of the southern city centre, at the entrance to the MedienHafen. It is 240 metres high. A viewing platform (164m) with a breathtaking view of the Rhine metropolis is located at 164m: the MedienHafen, the Altstadt, the Hofgarten, Königsallee and the Rhine with its family of bridges all lie at the feet of the tower. When the weather is good, one can see as far as Cologne Cathedral.



“Weihnachtsmarkt” – Christmas Market

Dusseldorf's Christmas Market, one of the most beautiful Christmas markets in Germany, casts a spell on Dusseldorf's city centre and turns it into a unique experience for visitors. It comprises seven different themed markets all of which are within walking distance of each other. The Christmas Markets will open on 21 November 2019.

For any additional questions
regarding the 41st CCNFSDU
session, please contact the
CCNFSDU Secretariat at the main
email:

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**We look forward to seeing you in
Dusseldorf, Germany!**