

Information Notes for Participants

The 39th Session of the Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses



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MEETING VENUE

H4 Hotel Berlin-Alexanderplatz

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Conference Room: Alexander I - III

Welcome to Berlin

The German CCNFSDU Secretariat welcomes you to the 39th 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 39th Session of the Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses will be held at the H4 Hotel from December 4th-8th. The opening session will commence at 10:00 am on Monday, December 4, 2017.

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 4 November 2017:

<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

Instructions for registration can be found at: www.ccnfsdu.de

At the meeting, participants will be able to complete the mandatory second part of the registration procedure. This will take place in the lobby of the hotel on:

Sunday 3 December 2017, 5 – 6 pm

Monday 4 December 2017, starting at 7.30 am

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

Documentation

Delegates are requested to bring their own documentation to the meeting. This 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 39th session of CCNFSDU will be available in the Conference Room.

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).

Wi-Fi

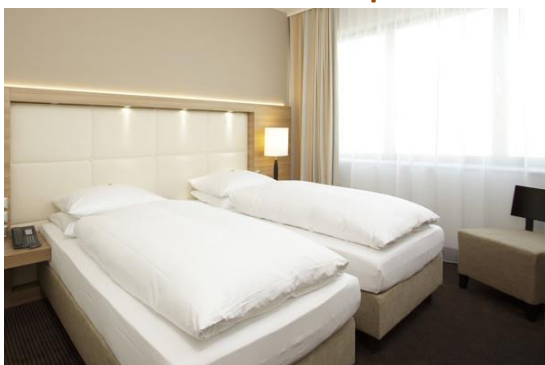
Wi-Fi will be available at the meeting venue so working documents and other information can also be downloaded during the meeting.

Accommodation

Located directly at Berlin-Alexanderplatz, a 7 min drive from Berlin Central Station and a 30 min drive from Berlin Airport. Address: Karl-Liebknecht-Straße 32, 10178 Berlin.

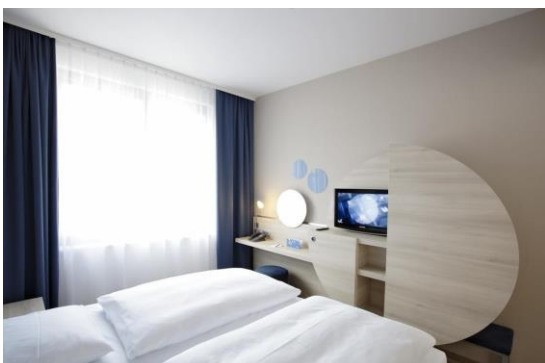
The hotel complex includes an upscale hotel (H4 hotel) and a very good middle-class hotel (H2 hotel). In both hotels a block of rooms has been reserved until 3 November 2017.

H4 Hotel Berlin Alexanderplatz



- The special rate at the H4 Hotel for participants is **109.00 €** per night for a single occupancy and **119.00 €** per night for double occupancy.
- All rates include **breakfast & complimentary internet** in guest rooms.

H2 Hotel Berlin Alexanderplatz



- The special rate at the H2 Hotel for participants is **99.00 €** per night for a single occupancy and **109.00 €** per night for double occupancy.
- All rates include **breakfast & complimentary internet** in guest rooms.

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 Berlin and especially in the Alexanderplatz area a wide range of hotels can be found. Please have a look at: www.visitberlin.de/en

Arrival Information

The H4 Hotel is only a 6-min walk away from 'Berlin Alexanderplatz' railway station.

Berlin Alexanderplatz is easy to reach by public transportation:



Berlin-Tegel Airport:

A bus station is located in front of Berlin-Tegel Airport. The bus station is called "Flughafen Tegel (Airport)". The easiest way is to take the TXL bus (it leaves every 10 min). It will take you from the airport directly to "S + U Alexanderplatz" station, from where you can walk to the hotel. Travel time from Berlin-Tegel Airport to Alexanderplatz is approximately 40 minutes. You should buy a ticket (www.bvg.de/en) for price category AB (2.80 €

single).

Airport Berlin Schönefeld:

A local railway station is located in front of Berlin-Schönefeld Airport. The station is called "S Flughafen Berlin Schönefeld". The fastest way is to take the express train RE7 or RB14. It will take you from the airport directly to "S + U Alexanderplatz" station, from where you can walk to the hotel. Travel time from Berlin-Schönefeld Airport to Alexanderplatz is approximately 30 minutes. You should buy a ticket (www.bvg.de/en) for price category ABC (3.40 € single).

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

Berlin-Alexanderplatz is located approximately 12 km from Berlin-Tegel Airport (TXL) and 25 km from Berlin-Schönefeld Airport (SXF). By taxi, it takes approximately 30 minutes from Tegel (around 30 €) or 35 minutes from Schönefeld (around 45 €). Taxis are always available in front of the main arrival points.

Distance Information

	Distance from Venue	Transport
Berlin Main Train Station	3.5 km	Public transportation ~ 7 min Rental Car/ Taxi ~ 10 min
Berlin- Tegel Airport	12 km	Public transportation ~ 40 min Rental Car/Taxi ~ 30 min
Berlin- Schönefeld Airport	25 km	Train ~ 30 min Rental Car ~ 35 min

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: http://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/EN/EinreiseUndAufenthalt/StaatenlisteVisumpflicht_node.html.

The chairperson of the CCFNSDU and the German CCFNSDU Secretariat do not issue personalized invitations to the meetings of the CCFNSDU. Furthermore, the chairperson and the CCFNSDU Secretariat cannot expedite visa applications.

Please visit the website of the Federal Foreign Office for further information: http://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/EN/Startseite_node.html.

Other Information

Climate

Temperatures tend to fall in December, 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 Berlin 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

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

Berlin

Berlin is the capital of the Federal Republic of Germany. It is the largest city in Germany and the second largest city in the European Union. Its population is over 3.5 million people, and the Berlin Metropolitan Region has more than 6 million inhabitants. Berlin is located in north-eastern Germany on the banks of the rivers Spree and Havel.



Berlin was first documented in the 13th century. Soon Berlin became the capital, for example of the Kingdom of Prussia, the German Empire, the Weimar Republic and the Third Reich. In the 1920s, Berlin was the third largest municipality in the world. After World War II and its subsequent occupation by the victorious countries, the city was divided; East Berlin was declared capital of East Germany, while West Berlin became a de facto West German exclave, surrounded by the Berlin Wall (1961–1989) and East German territory. Following German reunification in 1990, Berlin once again became the capital of the whole of Germany.

Berlin is a world city of culture, politics, media and science. Its economy is based

on high-tech firms and the service sector, encompassing a diverse range of creative industries, research facilities, media corporations and convention venues. The city is well known for its festivals, diverse architecture, nightlife, contemporary arts and a high quality of living.



The H4 Hotel is located at Berlin-Alexanderplatz. The *Alexanderplatz* is a large public square and transport hub in the central *Mitte* district of Berlin. Berliners often call it simply *Alex*. The *Alexanderplatz* offers a lot of attractions (e.g. the *Fernsehturm*, Red City Hall), shopping opportunities and restaurants.

Following you can find an overview over the most famous landmarks in Berlin City:



Places of Interest

Brandenburger Tor

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The Brandenburg Gate is one of the most iconic sights in today's vibrant Berlin. More than any other building, the Brandenburg Gate symbolises German reunification after the fall of the Berlin Wall and the country taking its place into a modern Europe. The classical triumphal arch, upon which Victoria – the Roman goddess of victory – steers her quadriga, was built between 1788 and 1791. The Brandenburg Gate is 26 metres high, 65.5 metres long and 11 metres deep. The Brandenburg Gate faces *Pariser Platz*,

where embassies and the impressive five-star Hotel Adlon are located. From the *Brandenburger Tor* to the *Berliner Dom*, the magnificent boulevard *Unter den Linden* takes you right through the middle of Berlin.

Reichstag



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The *Reichstag* bears silent witness to Berlin's turbulent history and is one of the city's most significant historical buildings. The Reichstag is an internationally recognisable symbol of democracy and the current home of the German parliament. You can visit the dome and roof terrace of the *Reichstag*, where you can enjoy an amazing panorama – while, just beneath your feet, tomorrow's political decisions are being

made. Next to the *Reichstag* you will find the *Brandenburger Tor*, the Holocaust Memorial and the *Bundeskanzleramt* (Federal Chancellery).

Berliner Dom

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The magnificent dome of the Cathedral (*Berliner Dom*) is one of the main landmarks in Berlin's cityscape – and the impressive basilica houses the city's most important Protestant church. With its elaborate decorative and ornamental designs, the church interior is especially worth seeing. The church was severely damaged during the Second World War. The full restoration was only completed in 1993. You can climb 270 steps to the dome's outer walkway – and be rewarded by some stunning panoramic views.



Alexanderplatz and Fernsehturm

The *Fernsehturm* (Television Tower) is an iconic symbol of Berlin. The tower was built in 1969 in East Germany. Soaring 368 metres into the sky, Berlin's TV Tower is the highest building in Europe that is open to the general public. From the viewing platform you have a spectacular 360-degree panoramic view. The *Fernsehturm* is located on *Alexanderplatz*. *Alexanderplatz* in *Mitte* is the biggest and one of the best-known public squares in Berlin. It is an important transport junction – for the S-Bahn, U-Bahn, regional trains, trams and buses. It also has many great tourist attractions within walking distance, making it the ideal starting point for a sightseeing tour of Berlin.

Potsdamer Platz

Potsdamer Platz in the heart of the city is a popular shopping and nightlife district. High-rise skyscrapers, bustling activity everywhere, people strolling through a shopping centre, going to the cinema and sitting in cafés. At *Potsdamer Platz* there are restaurants, cinemas, theatres, shopping centres and modern architecture. Every winter, *Potsdamer Platz* turns into a giant winter wonderland, with Europe's biggest toboggan run, an ice rink, Bavarian curling and an après-ski party cabin.



“Siegestsäule”

In the heart of Tiergarten Park, the *Siegestsäule* (Victory Column) with its golden statue is one of the city's must-see sights – complete with panoramic views! The Column was built between 1864 and 1873 to celebrate Prussia's victory in the Second Schleswig War against Denmark and some other military successes of the Kingdom of Prussia. The gilded bronze statue on the top represents Victoria, the Roman goddess of victory. The statue is nicknamed *Goldelse*, “Golden Elsie”.



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“Stehlenfeld”

You can find the Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe close to the Brandenburg Gate in the middle of the city. It is an imposing place of remembrance and warning. This Holocaust Memorial was designed by the New York architect Peter Eisenman and ceremonially opened in 2005. On a site covering 19,000 square metres, Eisenman placed 2711 concrete slabs of different heights.

Checkpoint Charlie

The *Mauermuseum - Museum Haus am Checkpoint Charlie* (Wall Museum) has been telling the stories of people fleeing from East Germany and the history of the Berlin Wall since 1962. *Checkpoint Charlie* is an iconic symbol of the division of Germany. In 1961, when East Germany was building the wall, American tanks were stationed here. Visit the Wall Museum to travel back in time to a divided Berlin. You can see an extensive collection of items from 30 years of history, such as cars and hot air balloons that tell the stories of successful escapees.

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“Weihnachtsmarkt” – Christmas Market

Experience winter magic in Berlin! Christmas time in Berlin means festively decorated streets and squares, a stroll through the Christmas markets and, of course, shopping for presents. There are about sixty markets across the city, ranging from the romantic to the urban.

There are so many more attractions and sights in Berlin. To find out more about the city and its famous landmarks, please visit the following website: www.visitberlin.de.

For any additional questions
regarding the 39th CCNFSDU
session, please contact the
CCNFSDU Secretariat at the main
email box:

ccnfsdu@bmel.bund.de

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