



FISCAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT  
**TAXING NATURAL RESOURCES: NEW CHALLENGES  
AND NEW PERSPECTIVES**  
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**We look forward to welcoming you to Washington, DC and the IMF!**

This note provides some general information that may help you arrange your travel and make the most of your stay in Washington, D.C.

**SECURITY—Important information:**

All participants and presenters need to enter through the IMF Visitors Registration Desk Center, 720 19<sup>th</sup> Street NW (at the white tent). For security reasons, your picture ID / passports will be required to enter the IMF building and your persons and bags will be screened. Only IMF and World Bank Staff ID holders can use the main entrance.

On your first day, it will take extra time to clear security as you will need to first collect your participants badge (which must be worn at all times in the IMF building). In this regard, please arrive no later than 8:15am (coffee will be served from 8:00am in the conference hall). The conference will begin at 9:00, and latecomers may find their entry to the first session delayed.

**Conference organizers**—Enquiries prior to the seminar should be directed to [FADRTRCONF@imf.org](mailto:FADRTRCONF@imf.org) or Nadia Malikyar on (202) 623 8956. During the seminar, assistance will be available from the welcome desk at the conference hall, or from any of the organizing team:

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## Hotel and Travel

Except for participants directly supported through the Fund, travel and hotel arrangements are participants' responsibility. The hotel desk at IMF will try to find accommodations if there is availability. Credit card information is required in order to make a booking. Please contact [IMFHOTEL@AEXP.COM](mailto:IMFHOTEL@AEXP.COM) or call (202) 623-5410 (option 2).

Many conference participants are staying at the State Plaza Hotel, located at 2117 E Street, N.W., Washington D.C., 20037 (see map below). Tel: (202) 861-8200. <http://www.stateplaza.com>

Information on other hotels can be found at <http://www.washingtondchotels.com/>

**Conference papers**—These will be available on a conference website prior to the conference (details to follow); please note that printed copies will not be available at the conference site.

**How do I get to the conference hall (Meeting Halls A-B)?**—You must first pick up your participant access badge and clear security at the Visitors Registration Desk on 19 Street (the white tent). After getting your access badge, an IMF staff member will escort you to the conference hall (Meeting Halls A-B).

**When do I get my conference packet?**—A conference packet and name badge will be available at the welcome desk situated at the entrance of the conference hall.

**Meals and breaks**—Lunches (with keynote speeches by Michael Ross and Paul Collier) will be held on the Thursday and Friday. A reception will also be held on the Thursday evening, immediately after the conference. The lunches and reception will take place in the gallery directly outside of the conference hall. Coffee and tea will be available at scheduled breaks throughout the conference.

**The IMF Cafeteria**—Is located on the ground floor, is open Mondays thru Fridays from 7:30 to 4:30pm.

**Telephones**—Three telephone booths are located outside the conference hall (Meeting Halls A-B). Please note that these are not equipped with bells, and it is therefore not recommended that you ask persons to call you on these numbers. To make a call within the Fund, you need to dial only the last five digits. To call a World Bank official or a Washington, D.C. number, dial 9 and the seven digit number.

**Banking facilities**—An ATM is located on the ground floor of the IMF building, near the main entrance / foyer. Nearby banks include: PNC Bank, 1919 Pennsylvania Avenue (open Mondays thru Fridays, 9:00am–3:00pm); and Chevy Chase Bank, 1850 K Street (open Mondays thru Friday 9:00am–4:00pm).

**Postal Information**—The nearest post office to the IMF headquarters is McPherson Post Office, 1750 Pennsylvania Avenue (open Mondays thru Fridays, 9:00am-5:00pm).

**Medical Services**—George Washington Hospital: 900 23rd St, NW Tel: (202) 715-4000

### **Airport information**

Dulles Airport: <http://www.mwaa.com/Dulles/> Information: (703) 572-2700. Transportation options include: taxis (taxi stands are located near the arrivals exits of each terminal); supershuttle (shared-ride door-to-door service, also located outside the arrivals exits, no booking required for departure *from* the airport, bookings *to* the airport can be made on 1-800-BLUEVAN or [www.supershuttle.com](http://www.supershuttle.com)); and coach service (<http://www.washfly.com/coach.html>).

Ronald Reagan National Airport—<http://www.mwaa.com/national/index.htm> Information: (703) 417-3975 (hours of operation: 9:00am-5:00pm). Transportation options include: Metrorail (see below); taxis (taxi stands are located near the arrivals exits of each terminal); supershuttle (shared-ride door-to-door service, also located outside the arrivals exits, no booking required for departure *from* the airport, bookings *to* the airport can be made on 1-800-BLUEVAN or [www.supershuttle.com](http://www.supershuttle.com)).

## Transportation around Washington DC

Metrorail and bus: <http://www.wmata.com/default.cfm> (website includes maps and schedules).

Taxis: Yellow Cab: Tel: (202) 829-4222; Diamond Cab: Tel: (202) 387-6200.

## Other information to help you enjoy your time away from the conference

Restaurants: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/artsandliving/foodanddining/>

Washington, D.C. General Information: <http://cityguide.aol.com/washington/>

## Map of Washington DC area around the IMF and State Plaza Hotel

