

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE

TransMonEE: 30 years of monitoring child rights and inequities Taking stock and growing stronger towards a comprehensive child rights monitoring framework

Ankara, Türkiye, 1-2 November 2022

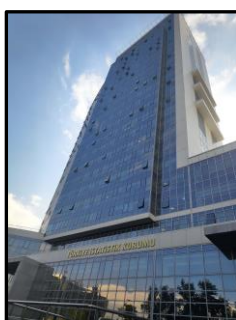
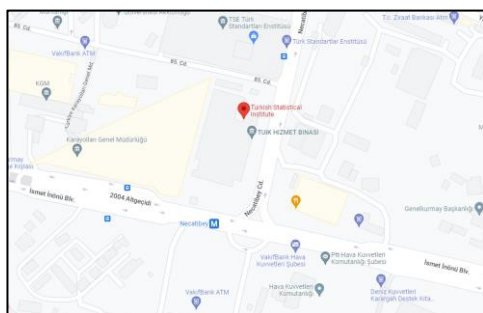


VENUE

The TransMonEE Meeting - *30 years of monitoring child rights and inequities Taking stock and growing stronger towards a comprehensive child rights monitoring framework*, will take place on 1-2 November 2022 in the Turkish Statistical Institute (TÜİK- Türkiye İstatistik Kurumu), located at Devlet Mahallesi, Necatibey Cad. No:114, 06420 Çankaya, Ankara, Türkiye.

Googlemap: <https://goo.gl/maps/AuZuao4bws3uV98y7>

Web: <https://www.tuik.gov.tr/Home/Index>



Ankara is the capital city of Türkiye and the country's second largest city in population after Istanbul. The city has a population of about 5.8 million, and a main elevation of 850 m.

The agenda and other meeting documents will be soon uploaded on the TransMonEE website at <https://transmonEE.org/event?eventYear=2022> and participants will be notified by email.

ACCOMMODATION

Participants are free to make their accommodation arrangements. Below is a list of hotels in a reasonable distance from the meeting venue. Please contact them directly to make your booking.

- **Limak Ambassade Hotel Ankara** - <https://www.limakhotels.com/limak-ambassade-hotel>
 - Gaziosmanpaşa, Boğaz Sk. No:19, 06700 Çankaya/Ankara
 - +90 (312) 428 48 48
 - Distance from Ankara Airport – 32 km
 - Distance from TurkStat – 5 km
- **Wyndham Ankara** - <http://wyndhamankara.com/sayfalar/1/wyndham-ankara>
 - Yasam Caddesi, 4. Sk. No 4, 06530 Ankara
 - +90 (312) 219 03 03
 - Distance from Ankara Airport – 41 km
 - Distance from TurkStat – 6 km
- **Hilton Ankara** - <http://www.hilton.com.tr/oteller/turkiye/ankara/>
 - Kavaklıdere, Tahran Cd. No:12, 06700 Çankaya/Ankara
 - +90 (312) 455 00 00
 - Distance from Ankara Airport – 30 km
 - Distance from TurkStat – 5 km
- **Mövenpick Hotel Ankara** - https://www.movenpick.com/en/europe/turkey/ankara/hotel-ankara.html?gclid=CITsm8_K2NICFUkQ0wodUsMJpg
 - Söğütözü, Bestepeler Mah, Yaşam Cd. No:1,
 - +90 (312) 258 58 00
 - Distance from Ankara Airport – 41 k
 - Distance from TurkStat – 5 km
- **Holiday Inn Çukurambar** - <http://www.hicukurambar.com/en/index.html>
 - İşçi Blokları, Mah. 1484 Sk No:3, 06330 Çankaya/Ankara
 - +90 (312) 342 55 55
 - Distance from Ankara Airport – 35 km
 - Distance from TurkStat – 6 km
- **Grand Ankara Hotel Convention Centre** - <http://rixos-grand.hotelinankara.net/en/>
 - Kavaklıdere, Atatürk Blv No:183, 06680 Çankaya/Ankara
 - +90 (312) 410 55 00
 - Distance from Ankara Airport – 29 km
 - Distance from TurkStat – 1.5 km
- **Grand Mercure Ankara** - <https://all.accor.com/hotel/B9M4/index.tr.shtml>
 - Beştepeler Mah. Yaşam Cd, 1. Sk. No:7/B, 06520 Yenimahalle/Ankara
 - +90 (312) 999 00 06
 - Distance from Ankara Airport – 41 km
 - Distance from TurkStat – 6 km
- **Divan Ankara** - <https://www.divan.com.tr/otel/divan-ankara-otel/standart-oda>
 - Yıldızevler, Jose Marti Cd. No:2, 06550 Çankaya/Ankara
 - +90 (312) 409 30 00
 - Distance from Ankara Airport – 31 km
 - Distance from TurkStat – 6 km
- **Point Hotel** - <https://www.ankara.pointhotel.com/>
 - İşçi Blokları, 1495. Sk. No:11, 06530 Çankaya/Ankara
 - +90 (312) 203 99 99
 - Distance from Ankara Airport – 35 km
 - Distance from TurkStat – 6 km
- **Meyra Palace Hotel** - <https://www.meyrapalace.com/>

- Blokları, Mahallesi, Muhsin Yazıcıoğlu Cd., 06520 Çankaya/Ankara
- +90 (312) 266 25 00
- Distance from Ankara Airport – 35 km
- Distance from TurkStat – 6 km

TRANSPORTATION

Ankara Esenboğa Airport (ESB) (<https://esenbogairport.com>) is 28 km far from the city centre.

Participants are fully responsible for arranging their own transportation to / from the airport in Ankara.

To use the transportation services of Serenas Agency (UNICEF LTA holder Travel agency), you can contact Doğan Can ABBAL at dogancan.akbal@serenas.com.tr or + 90 533 810 37 36 and request to reserve the required service. Pick-up fee is 38 USD for a car up to 4 passengers with luggage going to the same address. The payment can be done in cash, mail order or by credit card to Serenas representative in Turkstat.

Should you want to take a taxi from the airport, please make sure to take the yellow taxi which can be paid with a credit card. The price of the Taxi from the airport to hotel might vary between 200 TL and 400 TL depending on the hotel location.

Also, there are buses available in the arrival zone of the Esenboğa Airport departing to the city centre (Kizilay) 24/7 with a fee of about 27 TL paid on the bus. There is no specific schedule, the buses depart when they are full. <https://www.belkoair.com/en>

VISA

The following web-page outlines the visa requirements per nationality: <http://www.mfa.gov.tr/visa-information-for-foreigners.en.mfa>. Kindly pay special attention to the introduction of the e-visas (www.evisa.gov.tr). The e-visa replaces the visa upon arrival (“sticker”- and “stamp-type” visas) formerly issued at the border crossing. Applicants obtain their visa electronically after entering the required information and making payment by a credit card. After successful application an e-visa is e-mailed to the applicant. Applicants must print out their e-visa, show it to airport officials and customs officers and carry it with them at all times during travel.

MEALS

Lunch and two coffee breaks will be provided during the meeting days. There will be a Welcome Reception on 1 November at 18:30. Otherwise, participants will be free to make their own dinner arrangements.

SECURITY

A security briefing will be conducted at the start of the meeting by the UN Department of Safety and Security (UNDSS).

LANGUAGE

The official language in Türkiye is Turkish. The working language of the meeting is English while Russian interpretation will be provided if and as needed.

COMMUNICATION & INTERNET

As nearly everywhere, international roaming charges can be very high. Participants may purchase local SIM cards and prepaid credit at the airport or around the hotel for a very reasonable rate. You will need to provide an official ID (preferably a passport) in order to be able to purchase a local SIM. The country code for Türkiye is +90.

Free wireless internet access will be available in the meeting room. Participants staying at the hotel are usually entitled to complimentary internet connection in their rooms. Participants must ensure that Wireless and LAN connection settings are enabled in their laptops prior to arrival in Istanbul.

CURRENCY & EXCHANGE

You can exchange your currency into Turkish Lira (TRY) either at the airport or any exchange office in the city. Please also keep in mind that US dollars or Euro in small denominations are not accepted by taxis, restaurants, and shopping centers in Ankara. The UN exchange rate effective August 2022 is 1 US Dollar = 17.955 TRY, subject to change (for actual exchange rates: <https://www.bloomberght.com>). Cards linked to overseas accounts can also be used to withdraw local currency at ATMs of major local banks.

ELECTRICITY

The electricity supply in Türkiye is 220 volts. Electrical appliances must have European plugs, (i.e. round-tipped, two-pinned) therefore an international adapter is very useful.

HEALTH AND COVID-19 situation

Please note that the Turkish government cancelled all the requirements for individuals to provide vaccine certification and / or negative PCR test results for attending events, making air travels or entering Türkiye. Therefore, there is no such mandatory requirement for the meeting participants. However, participants are highly recommended to have all their vaccinations (including COVID) completed. Please note that COVID vaccination is required for all UNICEF staff.

In case of health issues, please see below the list of international patient services with English-speaking personnel.

- **Güven Hospital** (private)
Location: Kavaklıdere, Remzi Oğuz Arık Mahallesi, Şimşek Sk. No:29, 06540 Çankaya/Ankara
Contact number: +90 312 4449494
Goolge map link: <https://goo.gl/maps/5j9aJXrqwfPTxYYp7>
- **Memorial Hospital** (private)
Location: Balgat, Balgat Mah. Mevlana Bulv, 1422. Sk. No: 4, 06520 Çankaya/Ankara
Contact number: +90 312 2536666
Goolge map link: <https://goo.gl/maps/LQXgZFFu7uh7YsVG6>

TIME ZONE and TEMPERATURE

The time zone in Ankara is UTC +3:00.

Ankara has a cold semi-arid climate and the average temperature in November is 10 degrees (°C).

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

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We wish you an enjoyable stay in Ankara!