



SDG Cities Conference 2025

Logistics Guide for International Participants

Shanghai, China | 26–27 October 2025

Organized by UN-Habitat and the Shanghai Municipal People's Government

The organizers warmly welcome you to the SDG Cities Conference 2025, to be held in Shanghai, China, on 26–27 October 2025. This guide provides practical information to support your travel, stay, and participation in the Conference.

Event Overview

Building on the results of the previous three editions, the 2025 SDG Cities Global Conference aims to be a dynamic space for technical exchanges, action-oriented dialogue and capacity building, anchored on UN-Habitat's Strategic Plan. Contributing to the World Cities Day 2025 and the global observatory, the conference will offer a space to discuss cities' solutions: how cities have adopted and tailored the SDG Cities process to their needs and transformed it into a guiding framework for streamlining decision-making, amplifying impact and delivering systemic changes for local communities. In addition, the Conference will feature special sessions to deep dive into three critical issues for cities' future development: Adequate Housing, Green Transitions, SDG Localization and Digital Governance.

Dates: 26–27 October 2025

Venues:

- The Starry Sky Hall, The Grand Halls, 2577 Longhua Road, Xuhui District, Shanghai, China
- Broadway Mansions Hotel, 20 Beisuzhou Rd, Hongkou District, 200080, Shanghai, China (side events)

Transportation

Shanghai is served by two major international airports: Shanghai Pudong International Airport (PVG) and Shanghai Hongqiao International Airport (SHA).

Volunteer Pick-up Services:

Shanghai will have volunteers at the airports, hotel, and venue for international guest transportation needs related to this conference.

You should have received an email containing the contact details of the volunteer assigned to you. Please reply to that message to confirm contact and share your flight details (even if we have already provided them, just to ensure accuracy). If you have not received this email, kindly let us know as soon as possible.

Accommodation

- Name: Broadway Mansion Hotel, Shanghai
- Address: 20 Beisuzhou Rd, Hongkou District, China, 200080

Visa Information

All international participants are required to obtain an entry visa to China unless exempt under bilateral arrangements. Participants are encouraged to begin their visa application well in advance.

For Visa-Free Countries, it will be better to have the invitation letter, the proof of accommodation, and the return tickets ready at the immigration.

For detailed visa information and requirements, please visit the official website:
https://visaforchina.cn/SYD3_EN/tongzhigonggao/265975107544027136.html

Useful Mobile Applications

To ensure smooth communication and transactions during your stay in China, participants are encouraged to download the following applications in advance:

- Alipay (支付宝) – for digital payments (Visa and Mastercard are available), taxi services, and e-tickets. 
- WeChat (微信) – for instant communication (especially with Chinese stakeholders), location sharing, and mobile payments. 
- Autonavi Maps (高德地图 / Amap) – for navigation and transport directions and book taxis. (can be connected to Alipay) 
- VPN service – for those who require access to international online platforms not available in China (Google, X, Facebook, international LinkedIn, ChatGPT etc.).

Participants are advised to set up these applications before departure, as access to international app stores and certain websites may be limited in China.

Contact Information

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We look forward to welcoming you to Shanghai for the SDG Cities Global Conference!