

**25th Meeting of the OECD Global Science Forum
Berlin, Germany**

Thursday, October 27 – Friday, October 28, 2011

Practical Information

Contact details of host organisation:

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Conference venue:

The 25th Meeting of the Global Science Forum will take place at the **Meistersaal am Potsdamer Platz**, Köthener Str. 38, 10963 Berlin. Established in 1913 as a concert hall of the Greater Berlin Builders' Association, it nowadays serves, thanks to its excellent acoustics, as a recording studio for major artists, as well as a conference venue.

Website: <http://www.meistersaal-berlin.de/englisch/index.php?subject=anfahrt>

Programme:

The GSF secretariat will send out the draft agenda and documents after the summer break. The German host is pleased to invite all participants for **dinner on Thursday** and will provide catering for lunchtime on Thursday as well as for the coffee breaks.

Accommodation:

Each participant is responsible for his/her own hotel booking. The organisers have reserved room contingents at the Holiday Inn Express and the Hotel Mercure. Please pay attention to the reservation deadline as the number of rooms available for the meeting is limited and your preference of accommodation cannot be guaranteed afterwards. Reservations will be confirmed by the hotel.

Prices are per room and per night including breakfast and VAT. Hotel accommodation and possible extras are payable to the hotel directly. As per contract a free cancellation is possible until one day before arrival. With a later cancellation or no-show the hotel may charge up to 100% of the costs for the entire stay.

Check-in will be possible after 15:00 hrs, latest check-out time is 12:00 hrs.

It is necessary to inform the hotel if you plan to arrive after 18.00 hrs (6.00 pm).

**Reservation deadline for room rates at the Holiday Inn Express and Hotel Mercure:
September 30, 2011**

Hotel Holiday Inn Express:

Stresemannstr. 49, 10963 Berlin - Mail: express.berlin@whgeu.com
Phone: +49-(0)30 20052-825 (Ms. Maureen Wiebe)
Fax: +49-(0)30 20052-100

Code for reservation: Global Science Forum ID 166724

Room rate: 79.-€ per night and per room - approx. 10 minutes walking distance to venue. The room rate is also valid in case you want to enjoy the week-end in Berlin (29.-30.10.11).
Website: http://www.hiexpress.com/hotels/us/en/berlin/berab/hoteldetail?cm_mmc=md

Hotel Mercure:

Luckenwalderstr. 11, 10963 Berlin – Mail: H4988@accor.com
Phone: +49-(0)30-516513-0 (Front Office)
Fax: +49-(0)30-516513-600

Code for reservation: Global Science Forum 106851

Room rate: 77.-€ per night and per room - approx. 15 minutes walking distance to venue. The room rate is also valid in case you want to enjoy the week-end in Berlin (29.-30.10.11).
Website: <http://www.accorhotels.com/gb/hotel-4988-mercure-hotel-berlin-mitte/index.shtml>

Berlin Airports:

There are 2 airports in Berlin: Tegel (TXL) and Schönefeld (SXF). If you have the choice, take Tegel which is more convenient.

Website: <http://www.berlin-airport.de/EN/index.php?nocache=1>

Public Transport:

Berlin has an efficient, safe and convenient network of S-Bahn, U-Bahn, trams and buses which run from both airports. A single ticket is 2,30 € from Tegel and 3,00 € from Schönefeld.

Journey planner: <http://www.bvg.de/index.php/en/index.html>

A taxi (taximeters are obligatory) from Tegel airport to the Holiday Inn Express or to the Hotel Mercure would be approx. 20–25 €. Phone: 030-20 20 20 or: 030-44 33 22

The City of Berlin

Website: <http://www.berlin.de/international/index.en.php>

Berlin is the capital city and one of the 16 federal states of Germany. With a population of 3.4 million, Berlin is Germany's largest city. Following German reunification in 1990, the city regained its status as the capital of Germany and seat of the German 2-chamber parliament and the federal government.

Berlin is a world city of culture, politics, media and science. Its economy is primarily based on the service sector, encompassing a diverse range of creative industries, media corporations, congress and convention venues. Other industries include optoelectronics, traffic engineering, IT, renewable energy, pharmaceuticals, biomedical engineering and biotechnology.

Berlin is one of the most visited tourist destinations in the EU. The Potsdamer Platz, the Memorials to the Murdered Jews of Europe and for the Persecuted Homosexuals, Sinti and Roma, as well as Brandenburg gate and the Reichstag (parliament), are all within walking distance of the GSF venue which used to be located right next to the Berlin Wall.



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