



# ITU Regional Cybersecurity Forum for Asia-Pacific

15-18 July 2008  
Brisbane, Australia



## PRACTICAL INFORMATION FOR MEETING PARTICIPANTS

### 1. Venue



**HOTEL NOVOTEL BRISBANE**  
200 Creek Street  
GPO Box 1448  
Brisbane 4000  
QLD, Australia  
Tel: +61 7 3309 3373  
Fax: +61 7 3839 9462  
E-mail: [h1749=sb01@accor.com](mailto:h1749=sb01@accor.com)  
Website:  
<http://www.novotelbrisbane.com>

### 2. Getting to the venue in Brisbane, Australia

Brisbane airport is located 13 km from the city, northeast of Brisbane, on the east coast of Australia. Travelling from the airport to the Brisbane Central Business District, there are a variety of options including rental car, taxi and bus. Taxis are readily available from both the Domestic and International terminals and generally takes 20 minutes from the Airport and you can expect to pay around AUD\$ 30.00. The Airtrain Rail Link provides services to Brisbane Central Business District (journey time: 22 minutes). Trains depart approximately every 15 minutes to/from Brisbane Central Business District. Airport buses are available from both terminals. The airport also provides coach services (tel: (0)7 3236 1000) to Brisbane.

### 3. Entry requirements for Australia

Entry into Australia requires a Visa. Details are available through the Australia Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade <http://www.dfat.gov.au/>. Participants are advised to contact the Australian Embassy / High Commission in their home country for further details.

### 4. Visa information for forum participants

If you do NOT have an Australian or New Zealand passport and are not presently in Australia then you will need a visa to attend the forum. There are two alternatives depending on your country of residency and citizenship.

#### Option 1:

Citizens of some countries may be eligible to obtain an Electronic Travel Authority (ETA). These countries are listed at <http://www.eta.immi.gov.au/ETAAus1En.html>

The list includes countries such as:

- Andorra
- Austria
- Belgium
- Brunei
- Iceland
- Ireland
- Italy
- Japan
- Portugal
- San Marino
- Singapore
- South Korea

- Canada
- Denmark
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Greece
- Hong Kong SAR
- Liechtenstein
- Luxembourg
- Malaysia
- Malta
- Monaco
- Netherlands
- Norway
- Spain
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- United Kingdom
- United States Of America
- Vatican City

For more information on the Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs' Electronic Travel Authority system visit the Electronic Travel Authority site at <http://www.eta.immi.gov.au>.

### **Option 2:**

Alternatively, you will need to apply for a **short stay business visitor visa** (subclass 456) by downloading a form from <http://www.immi.gov.au/allforms/pdf/456.pdf>

Obtaining a visa is a lengthy process so please allow plenty of time. For the process to commence you should first register for the conference online at <http://www.itu.int/ITU-D/cyb/events/2008/brisbane/registration/>

It is possible for the Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy to provide a letter to support your application. If you would like to request this you should, after registration, send the following details to [cybersecurityforum@dbcde.gov.au](mailto:cybersecurityforum@dbcde.gov.au):

- Full name
- Organization name
- Full Street Address (Post Office Box is not accepted)
- Phone
- Fax
- Email
- Date of Birth (dd/mm/yy)

This letter will need to be attached to your visa application so the request should be made as soon as possible.

If you have questions regarding your visa, please contact the nearest Australian Mission in the first instance.

## **5. Currency**

The currency used is Australian Dollars. The approximate conversion rate on May 9, 2008 is 1 AUD = 0.94 USD, 1 AUD = 0.60 Euro. As currency rates fluctuate you are advised to check current information at <http://www.xe.com/ucc/convert.cgi>.

## **6. Electricity**

The standard power socket plug is a three-prong type, and the domestic standard is AC 220-240 volts, 50Hz.

## **7. Climate**

July is the coldest month in Brisbane with temperature varying from 12C to 25C. For more details please and updated information please visit <http://www.weather.com.au/qld/brisbane> or [http://au.weather.yahoo.com/ASXX/ASXX0016/index\\_c.html](http://au.weather.yahoo.com/ASXX/ASXX0016/index_c.html)

## **8. Health and vaccinations**

General Australian requirements will apply. Meeting participants are advised to contact the Australian Embassy / High Commission in their home country for further details.

## **9. Local Contact/Coordinator**

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## 10. Accommodation

Name of hotel	Location and contact	Rates	Reservation deadline
Hotel Novotel Brisbane (www.novotelbrisbane.com)	Sherrie Williams 200 Creek Street Brisbane Tel: +61 7 3309 3394 Fax: +61 7 3839 9462 E-mail: <a href="mailto:h1749-sb02@accor.com">h1749-sb02@accor.com</a>	IN: 13/07/2008 OUT: 19/07/2008 Accommodation Rooms 80 @ A\$159.00 per night per room, room only*  IN: 14/07/2008 OUT: 19/07/2008 Accommodation Rooms 80 @ A\$219.00 per night per room, room only*  *The price difference reflects accommodation peak periods.	Reservations should be made before <b>30 June 2008</b>  After 30 June, the hotel will release the blocked booking and the special accommodation rates will not apply.
Hotel Ibis Brisbane (www.ibishotel.com)	27-35 Turbot Street Brisbane 4003, Queensland Tel: +61 7 3237 2310 (Room Reservations) Fax. + 61 7 3236 3891 E-mail: <a href="mailto:h1750-re04@accor.com">h1750-re04@accor.com</a>  Booking Reference: Inter Telecom Union Group	Room rate: A\$189.00 per room per night - Single/Twin. Breakfast A\$15.	Reservations should be made before <b>2 July 2008</b> . Please note the extended deadline.

Please see the event website at [www.itu.int/ITU-D/cyb/events/2008/brisbane/](http://www.itu.int/ITU-D/cyb/events/2008/brisbane/) for further information.