

11TH ITU ACADEMIC CONFERENCE

ITU KALEIDOSCOPE ATLANTA 2019

*ICT for Health:
Networks, standards
and innovation*

4-6 December
Atlanta, USA

INFORMATION NOTE

ITU Kaleidoscope 2019 (K-2019 - ICT for Health: Networks, standards and innovation) is being organized by the ITU Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITU-T) with the support of the K-2019 Steering and Host Committees and will be held at the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta, Georgia, USA, 4-6 December.

Participants are kindly requested to take note of the following practical information:

1. VENUE

The conference is being hosted by the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta, GA. A final agenda is yet to be released but all conference activities will take place at the GTRI Conference Centre:

GTRI Headquarters
250 14th Street, NW
Atlanta, GA 30332

2. COORDINATORS

<u>Host COORDINATOR</u>	<u>ITU KALEIDOSCOPE COORDINATOR</u>
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3. REGISTRATION

Online **pre-registration** is strongly encouraged and can be found [here](#). Collection of badge and onsite registration will start from 08:00 hrs on Wednesday, 4 December 2019.

The opening session will commence at 09:00 hrs. All sessions scheduled will be indicated in the programme once available.

4. VISA FORMALITIES

If you are traveling to the USA from overseas to attend this conference, you will need a B-1 (business) visa. Once the conference registration is released, all participants will be asked to identify if they will need a visa to attend. For those that do, Georgia Tech will then share the attend information (Name, Date of Birth, and Country of Citizenship) with a global HR team to issue the visa request.

To ensure a visa request is made with enough time for a participant to obtain and travel for the conference, the registration cut-off for those to request a visa will be Friday, 1 November 2019. Requests for visa support should be sent to Ms Marilu Suarez at marilu.suarez@inta.gatech.edu (Tel. +1 404 894 4452).

For additional information and details around obtaining a visa to enter the USA to attend this conference, please visit the US Department of State website [here](#).

5. ACCOMMODATION

Conference participants are required to book their own hotels.

6. LIST OF PROPOSED HOTELS

Below is a list of hotels nearby to the conference venue that will have a small block of rooms reserved at a special rate for ITU Kaleidoscope attendees:

Georgia Tech Hotel & Conference Center

800 Spring Street NW

Atlanta, GA 30308

<https://www.gatechhotel.com>

(404) 347-9440

Approximately 1 mile from conference venue; very accessible walking distance, rideshare available

Special rate - online registration can be found [here](#).

Renaissance Atlanta Midtown

866 W. Peachtree Street NW

Atlanta, GA 30308

<https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/atlbd-renaissance-atlanta-midtown-hotel/>

(678) 412-2400

Approximately 1 mile from conference venue; very accessible walking distance, rideshare available.

Special rate - online registration can be found [here](#).

The Georgian Terrace

659 Peachtree Street NE

Atlanta, GA 30308

<https://www.thegeorgianterrace.com>

(866) 845-7551

Approximately 1.5 miles from conference center; walking appropriate or ride share available.

Special rate - online registration can be found [here](#).

Moxy Hotels & AC Hotels by Marriott

AC Hotel Midtown Atlanta

53 14th Street NE
Atlanta, GA 30309

<http://achotels.marriott.com/>

(404) 249-9445

Approximately 0.5 mile from conference venue; very accessible walking distance, rideshare available.

Special rate - online registration can be found [here](#).

Moxy Atlanta Midtown

48 13th Street NE
Atlanta, GA 30309

<http://moxy-hotels.marriott.com/en>

(404) 249-9446

Approximately 0.5 mile from conference venue; very accessible walking distance, rideshare available

Special rate - online registration can be found [here](#).

7. DETAILS OF ARRIVAL AND TRANSPORT

The main point of entry to the Atlanta is Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport. Note that the domestic and international terminals have difference addresses, listed below:

Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport
Domestic Terminal,
6000 N. Terminal Pkwy
Atlanta, GA 30320

Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport
International Terminal
2600 Maynard H. Jackson Jr. International Blvd.
Atlanta, GA 30354

Shuttles, taxis, and ride shares are available at both terminals. More info can be found [here](#) on the airport website.

8. CURRENCY

The official currency of the United States of America is the United States dollar (USD).

1 USD = 0.97 CHF

1 USD = 0.88 Euro

1 USD = 0.79 GBP

It is recommended that currency exchange be done at the airport. There is one bank that provides currency exchange on campus: Wells Fargo. It is located at 645 State St. NW Atlanta, GA 30313.

All widely used and globally approved bank cards are accepted nearly everywhere, including Visa, American Express, and MasterCard. Bank hours in the United States are Monday - Friday, 09:00-17:00 hrs.

9. ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES

The voltage in the United States is 120 volts. All hotels and conference venues will have outlets with 120 volts. Attendees should plan to bring their own converters, if needed.

10. LANGUAGES

The conference will be held in English only.

11. SECURITY

Overall, the conference is located in a safe area with well-lit streets and appropriate security presence.

In the event of an emergency, conference attendees should dial 9-1-1 to reach an emergency operator.

They will connect you to the Atlanta Police Department.

When on campus, you can also call the Georgia Tech Police Department at (404) 894-2500.

Conference attendees are advised to take basic safety precautions, such as not walking alone at night or displaying electronic devices openly.

12. MEDICAL AND HEALTH

In the event of a health emergency, please call 9-1-1. Nearby hospitals and their contact information are listed below. Please contact your health insurance provider to find out details about your plan and coverage while in the USA. Also, note that tap water is safe to drink in Atlanta.

Emory University Hospital Midtown
550 Peachtree St NE
Atlanta, GA 30308
(404) 778-7777

Grady Memorial Hospital
80 Jesse Hill Jr Dr. SE
Atlanta, GA 30303
(404) 616-1000

13. WEATHER

Weather in Atlanta can vary quite a bit, however, expect mid-50 °F (10°C) during the day and a low of 30 °F (-1 °C) at night.

14. INTERNET

Conference venues and hotels will have free WiFi available for attendees.
