# IETF Venue Assessment Report: [LOCATION]

This is a recommendation made by the IETF Executive Director with respect to the appropriateness of [LOCATION] as a viable location for an IETF meeting, based on the assessment made by the IETF Secretariat of mandatory and important criteria taken from the requirements documented in RFC 8718[1].

## Recommendation

This is a [**preliminary recommendation** prior to community feedback/**final recommendation** incorporating community feedback] made on [DATE].

Based on the assessment below of the conditions for hosting an IETF meeting in [LOCATION], the recommendation is that [LOCATION] be [**approved/rejected**] as a potential location for an IETF meeting.

## Classification system

This assessment uses the following classification system for each criterion:

| Assessment | Indicator | Methodology |
|---|---|---|
| Met | | Each test is applied on a <u>country</u>, <u>city</u> or <u>venue</u> basis. For some, local level exceptions may be considered. Some tests use an external source with no IETF LLC judgement. Others require the IETF LLC to assess multiple sources and make a judgement, as does community feedback. A venue must meet all mandatory criteria to be approved. |
| Uncertain but possible | | |
| Not met | | |
| Unable to assess / not assessed | | |

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[1] https://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc8718

# Assessment of individual criteria

**CRITERION**:  City includes one or more venues able to accommodate an IETF meeting (*mandatory*[2]).

| # | Test | Assessment | Indicator |
|---|------|------------|-----------|
| 1.1 | Venue: Possible venues evaluated for size and general location acceptable to hold an IETF meeting | [names of venues considered and whether or not they are appropriate or a statement that no appropriate venue identified] | |

**CRITERION**:  The level of Internet freedom is acceptable (*mandatory*).

| # | Test | Assessment | Indicator |
|---|------|------------|-----------|
| 2.1 | Country: VPNs can be freely used<br><br>*Region/City exceptions may override* | The free use of VPNs is [**acceptable/not acceptable**] | |

**CRITERION**:  An overwhelming majority of participants who wish to do so can attend (*important*[3]).

| # | Test | Assessment | Indicator |
|---|------|------------|-----------|
| 3.1 | Country: Visa requirements are such that 80% of IETF attendees will be able to obtain a visa without excessive effort or cost | 80% of attendees, by country, [**can/cannot**] enter _____ without a visa or through a standard application process at reasonable cost. | |

**CRITERION**:  Travel risks associated with holding an IETF meeting are acceptable (*important*).

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[2] Corresponds to RFC 8718, section 3.1 Mandatory Criteria
[3] Corresponds to RFC 8718, section 3.2.1 important Criteria

| # | Test | Assessment | Indicator |
|---|------|------------|-----------|
| 4.1 | Country: US State Dept travel advisory[4] is at level 1 (*Exercise Normal Precautions*) or level 2 (*Exercise Increased Caution*) and not at level 3 (*Reconsider Travel*) or level 4 (*Do Not Travel*)<br><br>*Region/City exceptions may override* | US State Dept travel advisory is at level _____ which is [**acceptable/not acceptable**]. | |

**CRITERION**:  Health risks associated with holding an IETF meeting are acceptable (*important*).

| # | Test | Assessment | Indicator |
|---|------|------------|-----------|
| 5.1 | Country: No local disease outbreak or epidemic or regular vaccination requirements[5][6] for serious diseases other than those we expect all attendees to be vaccinated against (*Currently: Chickenpox, Diphtheria, Hepatitis A, Measles, Mumps, Pertussis, Polio, Rabies, Rubella,Tetanus and Typhoid*)<br><br>*Region/City exceptions may override* | [relevant diseases, epidemics or vaccine requirements and associated risks to visitors] | |
| 5.2 | City: Air Quality Index[7] in March, July or November is below 50 (*Good*), or below 100 (*Moderate*) or below 150 (*Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups*) for at least 16 days of the month for 2016-2020. | March AQI (PM2.5) is [**acceptable/not acceptable**].<br>July AQI (PM2.5) is [**acceptable/not acceptable**].<br>November AQI (PM2.5) is [**acceptable/not acceptable**]. | |

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[4] https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages.html

[5] https://www.who.int/publications/m/item/vaccination-requirements-and-recommendations-for-international-travelers-and-malaria-situation-per-country-2020-edition

[6] https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/list

[7] https://aqicn.org/map/world/

**CRITERION**: Human rights risks associated with holding an IETF meeting are acceptable (*important*).

| # | Test | Assessment | Indicator |
|---|------|-----------|-----------|
| 6.1 | Country: Women Peace and Security Index[8] score from the Georgetown Institute of Women, Peace and Security is in the top two quintiles (*0.71 or above on a scale of 0 to 1*) <br><br> *Region/City exceptions may override* | WPS Index score of ___ is [**acceptable/not acceptable**] | |
| 6.2 | Country: Safe for LGBT people, researched on an individual basis using multiple sources including Global LGBT Acceptance Index[9], Asher and Lyric Fergusson LGBTQ+ Danger Index[10] and others found at the time of assessment. <br><br> *Region/City exceptions may override* | Level of LGBT acceptance and safety is [**acceptable/not acceptable**] | |
| 6.3 | Country: No significant discrimination or persecution of religious freedoms, researched on an individual basis using multiple sources including World Bank[11], Religious Freedom Report[12] and others found at the time of assessment. <br><br> *Region/City exceptions may override* | Level of religious freedom is [**acceptable/not acceptable**]. | |

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[8] https://giwps.georgetown.edu/the-index/

[9] https://williamsinstitute.law.ucla.edu/wp-content/uploads/Global-Acceptance-Index-LGBT-Oct-2019.pdf

[10] https://www.asherfergusson.com/lgbtq-travel-safety/

[11] https://govdata360.worldbank.org/indicators/hd6a18526?indicator=41930&viz=line_chart&years=1975,2018

[12] https://religious-freedom-report.org/#map

## Additional sources including community feedback

- [replace with additional sources , if any].
- Community feedback announcement: [_]
- Community discussions: [_]
- Summary of community feedback: [_]

## Summary

[_] have been assessed as meeting the requirements; [_] have been assessed as not meeting the requirements and [_] have been assessed as uncertain but possible. [_] criteria have not been assessed because an earlier evaluated criterion has not met the requirements.

Date of assessment and recommendation:     [DATE]