

39th Stop TB Partnership Board Meeting and Related Events
28–30 October 2025
Manila, Philippines

STOP TB/B39/01

PRACTICAL INFORMATION NOTE

The Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Asian Development Bank will co-host the 39th Stop TB Partnership Board Meeting and related events from 28 to 30 October 2025 in Metro Manila, Republic of the Philippines.

OVERVIEW

Tuesday, 28 October – Site Visits and Board Dinner

- 08:00–14:00 Site visits to four locations (details forthcoming)
- 19:00–22:00 Board Dinner (all attendees welcome)

Wednesday, 29 October – Board Meeting & Cultural Night

- 09:00–18:00 39th Stop TB Board Meeting
- TBD Cultural Night (details forthcoming)

Thursday, 30 October – Board Meeting

- 08:30–18:00 39th Stop TB Board Meeting

VENUE

The Westin Manila

San Miguel Avenue corner Lourdes Drive
Barangay Wack-Wack Greenhills East, Ortigas Center
Mandaluyong City 1552, Metro Manila, Philippines
Tel: +63 2 8256 2020

Accommodation Note

Participants are invited to book their rooms at The Westin Manila, the main meeting venue. This is the link to the hotel's website to book your room: [The Westin Manila](#)

We recognize that some participants may prefer accommodation elsewhere, so please check the Accommodation Section for alternative hotels within walking distance of the venue.

ARRIVAL TO MANILA

Ninoy Aquino International Airport (Naia) and Transportation Options

Arrival Entry Card / eTravel Registration

- All arriving international passengers are required to complete the eTravel Registration via this link to the official site: <https://etravel.gov.ph>
- Please note that the QR code generated after completing this registration is mandatory for entry into the country.
- Registration must be completed within 72 hours prior to your scheduled arrival.
- If not completed in advance, the form may still be filled out upon arrival at NAIA.

NAIA to The Westin Manila

Transport Options

- **The Westin Manila** – Arrange an airport transfer (sedan, ₱2,800/approx. USD 48), by emailing westinmanila@westin.com in advance. Driver details will be sent 2–3 hours before your arrival.
- **Grab** – similar to Uber; book via the **Grab app** and meet drivers at designated airport pickup points. Offers cashless payment and fixed fares.
- **Airport Taxis** – Yellow-metered taxis offer fixed rates and are also readily available.

Hotel Location

- Corner of San Miguel Avenue & Lourdes Drive, Ortigas Business District, Mandaluyong City
- ~10 km (15–30 minutes depending on traffic) from NAIA

Suggestions & Safety Tips

- Avoid unofficial taxis
- Keep small bills handy for taxis, as drivers may have limited change.
- Allow extra travel time during peak hours (7–10 AM, 5–8 PM).

ACCOMMODATION

The Westin Manila (Main Meeting Venue)

- This is the link to the hotel's website to book your room: [The Westin Manila](#)

Alternative Hotels Near The Westin Manila

Edsa Shangri-La, Manila (5-Star)

- Walking Distance: ~3-minute walk from The Westin Manila
- Website: <https://www.shangri-la.com/manila/edsashangrila>
- Price Range: Approx. USD 163–275 (~₱9,450–₱15,950) per night

Richmonde Hotel Ortigas (4-Star)

- Walking Distance: ~4-minute walk from The Westin Manila
- Website: <https://www.richmondehotelortigas.com.ph>
- Price Range: Approx. USD 47–100 (~₱2,700–₱5,800) per night

Discovery Suites (4-Star)

- Walking Distance: ~10–12-minute walk (approx. 800 m)
- Website: <https://www.discoverysuites.com>
- Price Range: Approx. USD 79–88 (~~~₱4,600~~–~~₱5,200~~) per night

Hop Inn Hotel Ortigas Center Manila (3-Star)

- Walking Distance: ~ 0.1 miles (approx. 2 min)
- Website: <https://www.hopinnhotel.com>
- Price Range: Approx. USD 23–40 (~~~₱1,300~~–~~₱2,300~~) per night

Note: PHP amounts are rough conversions for guidance; actual rates vary by date and availability.

VISA

Visa – Key Information

1. Check Requirements

Use this link to the official DFA site to see if you need a visa:

<https://consular.dfa.gov.ph/visa-general-info/>

2. If You Do Require a Visa

- Please proceed with your visa application under the **9(a) Temporary Visitor Visa category** for meeting participants
 - **Important:** Visa processing times vary by country. We strongly recommend applying at least 4–6 weeks before travel to allow sufficient time for approval.
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METRO MANILA ESSENTIALS

Health Insurance

Participants are responsible for arranging their own health and travel insurance.

Currency

- Philippine Peso (PHP, ₱).
- Reliable exchange facilities are available at/near **Edsa Shangri-La Plaza Mall**.

Communication

- Country code: **+63**
- Metro Manila city code: **2**

Power Supply

- Voltage: **230V**, Frequency: **50Hz**
- Sockets commonly support **plug types A, B, and C**.
- Please bring a **universal adapter** for compatibility.

Language

- **Filipino (Tagalog):** National and most widely spoken.
- **English:** Also official and widely used.
- Stop TB Board sessions will be in English.

Weather (late October)

- Daytime: 29–32 °C (84–90 °F)
- Night: 24–26 °C (75–79 °F)
- Occasional showers; end of typhoon season.

Local Time

- Philippine Time (PHT): UTC +8, no daylight savings.
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Bilateral meeting rooms

- Small bilateral meeting rooms will be available at the Westin Manila from 28-30 October.

Documents

- The **39th Stop TB Partnership Board Meeting** will be paperless, with all documents made available online.

Dress Code

- **Board Meeting:** Business casual; traditional attire is welcome.