



# INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

**World Cleanup Day 2026**

**19–21 September 2026 | Shaoxing, China**

**Venue:** Shaoxing World Exhibition and Convention Center

*This note provides important information on the Global Celebration of World Cleanup Day (WCuD) and is intended to help participants plan their visit and maximize their experience. Participants are requested to read the information carefully, and do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions regarding your attendance.*

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Shaoxing World Exhibition & Convention Center © Courtesy by Shaoxing City

## VENUE

The conference will be taking place at the “**Shaoxing World Exhibition & Convention Center**” located in Shaoxing City, China.

## REGISTRATION AND BADGING

### Registration

Participants are encouraged to register for the event through the UN-Habitat Global Events Management System, using the link provided: [UN-Habitat GEMS](#). Badges will be issued upon arrival at the registration desk, which will be located in the lobby of the designated hotel. All participants are asked to bring their passport or equivalent national identity card (with photo) to obtain their badge used during online registration.

Participants are asked to wear their badge during the entire meeting, and to show their badge upon request. Please register before 19 September 2026 at 18:00 (UTC+03:00, EAT) prior to your arrival [here](#) if not yet done.

### Broadcasting

The Global Observance of World Cleanup Day will not be broadcasted live; however, a recording will be made available soon after the celebrations on the World Cleanup Day [webpage](#).

## CONFERENCE LANGUAGE AND FACILITIES

### Language

The conference related events will be held in Chinese with simultaneous translation into, English, French and Spanish. Communication access real-time translation/captioning (CART) will be provided.

### Conference Facilities

All conference facilities and meeting rooms are equipped with WIFI.

## ARRIVAL INFORMATION

### Airport

Hangzhou Xiaoshan International Airport is the nearest international airport to Shaoxing, providing convenient access to the city. Please note that power banks carried on domestic flights in China must bear a clear and intact 3C (CCC) certification mark. Power banks without the 3C mark, with an illegible or damaged mark, or from recalled batches are not permitted. Power banks must be carried in hand luggage only and may not be checked in. They must also meet the applicable rated energy requirements and must not be used during the flight.

Upon arrival, participants will find World Cleanup Day staff waiting at the exit to provide guidance and assistance with the arrival process. At port of entry to China, international visitors are required to fill out an arrival card (electronic – use existing tablets where available), please have the hotel details and departure ticket with you as this information is required. Participants are strongly encouraged to book their flights as early as possible to ensure availability.

## Baggage

Each participant is responsible for their own luggage at all times. If you arrive from an international flight, and change to a local flight, luggage must be picked, and you need to check in for the domestic flight again. It is recommended that luggage be clearly labelled and closely monitored to avoid loss or confusion. Participants should also ensure that they have collected all personal items before leaving the airport terminal.

## ENTRY VISA

### Important Reminder

Visa policies are subject to change. Participants are advised to check the latest entry requirements with the Chinese embassy or consulate in their country or region as early as possible and apply for a visa to China in a timely manner.

For detailed visa requirements, please visit the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China: <https://www.mfa.gov.cn/eng/>.

### Required Documents

If an official invitation letter issued by the foreign affairs authorities is required for your visa application (TE for an F visa and PU for an M visa), please send the following documents to [WorldCleanupDay@163.com](mailto:WorldCleanupDay@163.com). Please note that the approval process for an official invitation letter may take some time. Participants are therefore strongly advised to submit the required documents as early as possible to avoid any delay in attending the event.

- A copy of the bio-data page of the invitee's valid passport, together with the information page of their most recent Chinese visa and the pages showing entry and exit stamps. For first-time visitors to China, please also provide a notarized and authenticated certificate of no criminal record, or an Apostille if the document is issued in a country party to the Hague Apostille Convention.
- Official registration documents of the invitee's organization, together with a certificate of employment issued by the organization or a brief personal background/profile demonstrating the invitee's international standing or influence.

Once you have received your visa, kindly complete the **entry declaration form** in advance. This will help facilitate a smoother arrival process and reduce the time spent completing the form at the airport. We recommend completing the form before your departure and ensuring that all information provided is accurate and up to date. Please keep a copy of the completed form, either printed or saved on your mobile device, and have it readily available throughout your journey and upon arrival, should it be required by the relevant authorities.

If you encounter any difficulties during the visa application process or require any other assistance, please contact us at the email address above.

Participants who do not receive a formal invitation letter are kindly informed that the accreditation confirmation issued through the UN-Habitat Global Events Management System serves only as confirmation that your registration has been received. Please note that this confirmation alone does not confirm your eligibility to apply for a visa, nor does it confirm your eligibility to participate in person at the event in Shaoxing.

## ACCOMMODATION

Shaoxing Hotel, Fushan Yi Hotel and Wyndham Shaoxing Keqiao are the main designated hotels for the event, offering convenient locations, quality services and essential amenities. Accommodation at these designated hotels will be arranged by the host city for sponsored participants, who will be contacted with further information regarding their accommodation arrangements. During the event, foreign currency exchange services will be available at Shaoxing Hotel and Wyndham Shaoxing Keqiao.

**Note:** *Wyndham Shaoxing Keqiao will be used as needed, depending on the number of participants.*

## TRANSPORTATION

### Public Transportation

Participants may use various modes of public transportation, including taxis, buses, and trains.

### Taxis

It is recommended to use only officially recognized taxis, which are equipped with meters. Always ensure the meter is used during your journey. If a driver refuses to use the meter, please exit the vehicle and select another taxi.

### Car Hire

Only registered car hire services found inside the airport should be used for private transportation.

## SECURITY

The safety and security situation in major cities and towns in China, including Shaoxing, is considered calm and stable. Current security arrangements are adequate for participants to reside and conduct their activities. No significant security-related incidents have been reported in recent years involving tourists.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Shaoxing

Shaoxing is a historic city with over 2,500 years of continuous civilization and is on the southern shore of Hangzhou Bay in northeastern Zhejiang province, China. It enjoys exceptional accessibility. A 30-minute drive from Hangzhou Xiaoshan International Airport, a 60-minute drive from Ningbo Lishe International Airport.

### Language

Mandarin is the official language and the most widely used across the country.

### Climate

The weather in Shaoxing in late September and early October is expected to be as follows: Average day temperature is 28°C. Average low temperature: 21°C. Participants are advised to bring lightweight clothing, a light jacket or sweater for cooler evenings, and an umbrella or light rain jacket.

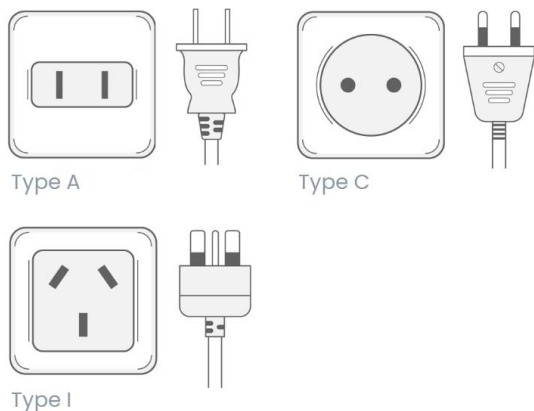
### Time zone

China official time is 8 hours ahead of Coordinated Universal Time (UTC +08:00)

### Electricity supply

China uses three types of plugs:

- Type A (two flat parallel pins, ungrounded)
- Type C (two round pins)
- Type I: (Three flat pins in triangular configuration)



It operates on a 220-230V supply voltage and 50Hz. Participants are advised to bring the necessary adapters and converters for their devices. The use of voltage regulators or stabilizers is also recommended, according to the specifications of electronic equipment, to ensure proper functioning.

### Currency Exchange

The official currency of China is referred to as the Chinese yuan (CNY) and renminbi (RMB), which translates to "People's Currency".

Please note that exchange rates are determined on a daily basis and may fluctuate multiple times throughout the day. The current exchange rates are as follows:

**USD 1.0 = CNY 6.86**

**EUR 1.0 = CNY 7.99**

Participants are advised to exchange their currency **at the airport upon arrival**, as currency exchange in China are generally conducted at banks. A valid passport is required when exchanging money. Please be advised that there are no independent foreign exchange outlets in mainland China. While ATMs are widely available, some may not accept international cards. It is advised to use Alipay or WeChat to pay.

### Mobile Communication and SIM Card Availability

The country code for China is +86.

Participants are advised to activate international roaming for China with their mobile operator before departure or purchase a physical tourist SIM **at the airport upon arrival** by presenting their original passport. China offers excellent mobile phone coverage, with 4G and 5G data connections widely available. Public Wi-Fi networks can also be found at many places.

**Note:** Before travelling, please check with your mobile operator about international roaming rates to avoid unexpected charges.

### Social Media and Communication

Please note that most social media platforms and services, including Facebook, Instagram, WhatsApp, and Google services, are blocked in China. You will need to download **'WeChat' before travelling** to China to communicate effectively with your family, friends or colleagues at home who also need download and activate 'WeChat'. Kindly make the necessary preparations in advance.

## HEALTH SERVICES AND INSURANCE

### Insurance

The organizers are not responsible for the medical, accident, and travel insurance. Participants attending the event are therefore responsible for arranging their own insurance coverage.

Participants who require regular medication are advised to bring an adequate supply for the duration of their stay, along with the relevant prescription to facilitate purchase at a local pharmacy if necessary. It is also recommended that documentation related to any specific medical condition be kept readily available in case of an emergency.

### Hospitals

For any medical needs, participants can be assured that Shaoxing City offers a selection of well-established and reputable hospitals with high standards of care. In the event of illness or medical attention, it is advised to visit esteemed medical institutions due to their effective communication while facilitating a smooth and comfortable healthcare experience.

### Emergency contacts

- Police: 110
- Ambulances/Medical emergencies: 120
- Fire Brigade: 119

## CONTACT US

For any inquiries, please do not hesitate to contact us at: [wastewisecities@un.org](mailto:wastewisecities@un.org) and copying [unhabitat-events@un.org](mailto:unhabitat-events@un.org)

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World Cleanup Day can be followed on social media channels or content can be posted under the hashtags #WorldCleanupDay and #WCuD2026.