



Commonwealth

Heads of Statistics Conference

London 2018

22 - 23 November 2018 – the Kia Oval, London

Joining Instructions

We look forward to welcoming you to the Commonwealth Heads of Statistics Conference 2018 (CHoSC18), hosted by the UK Statistics Authority (UKSA). These joining instructions will provide you with useful information for the event.

INTRODUCTION

CHoSC18 builds on the momentum of the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) hosted by the UK in April 2018, where leaders came together to reaffirm common values, address the shared global challenges faced and agree how to work together to create a better future for all citizens.

Sharing CHOGM's theme: 'Towards a Common Future' participants at CHoSC18 will explore topics on: Leadership; Ocean statistics; Data Science; Education statistics; and Working together in the future. We will learn from each other, spur each other on to the best statistical standards, as well as renew and build career-long relationships.

The Conference programme combines panel discussions, in-depth conversations, case studies and a Market Place to showcase good statistical practice and innovations.

KEY INFORMATION

Agenda

Please see the latest [draft agenda](#); a final version will be included in your pack on arrival at The Kia Oval. **Please note that the final session 5. 'How should the Commonwealth Statistics Group work together in the future' is for Commonwealth countries and Overseas Territories only.**

General information and emergency contacts

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The Kia Oval – useful contacts

Conference & Events: **0207 8205670** (please contact if you arrive late and are unable to contact the emergency contacts).

The Kia Oval - location

Here is a [map of the Kia Oval](#), our venue. Delegates should enter via the Alec Stewart Gate, to the North West of the ground.

The CHoSC18 team will be available to escort participants to the various locations and provide help as necessary. Team CHoSC18 can be identified by their large badges.

Travelling to the Kia Oval

By underground	<p>Take the Northern Line to the Oval tube station. The main entrance to the ground is 100 metres on your left upon leaving the station. The Oval Cricket Ground (venue) is also a ten-minute walk from Vauxhall tube station which is on the Victoria line.</p> <p>For more information on the underground visit www.tfl.gov.uk</p>
By Bus	<p>Route numbers 36, 185 and 436 stop outside the venue and other local services stop around the corner. The following buses stop within a five-minute walk of the ground: 3, 59, 109, 133, 159, 333.</p> <p>For more information on the buses visit www.tfl.gov.uk</p>
By Rail	<p>Take South West Trains to Vauxhall station which is a ten-minute walk from the venue. The station is well served by trains throughout Surrey and Hampshire as well as from the Greater London area.</p> <p>For more information please visit www.nationalrail.co.uk</p>
By Car	<p>The venue is situated on the A202, near the junction with the A3 and A24, just south of Vauxhall Bridge and 10 minutes from Victoria and Waterloo.</p>
From London Heathrow	<p>We suggest using the London Underground for travel to the venue from London Heathrow.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• After collecting your luggage, take the Piccadilly Line (Cockfosters Service) to Leicester Square station.• From Leicester Square station, take the Northern Line (Morden Service) to Oval station.• The main entrance to the venue is 100 metres on your left upon leaving the station. <p>Alternatively, a taxi will roughly cost £50 to £60. This will be subject to rush hour price changes.</p>
From London Gatwick	<p>We suggest using UK rail services for travel to the venue from London Gatwick.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• After collecting your luggage, take Southern Trains service to Clapham Junction train station.• From Clapham Junction Station, take the South Western Rail service to Vauxhall station.• The main entrance to the venue is a ten-minute walk away from the station. <p>Alternatively, a taxi will cost approximately £55 to £65. This will be subject to rush hour price changes.</p>

On arrival

Please enter The Oval Cricket Ground (venue) via the Alec Stuart Gate, to the North West of the Ground. [See map of Ground](#) with Alec Stuart Gate marked. You will be directed to the Ashes Suite and the Conference Registration area on arrival.

Registration is from **09:00 – 10:00** on the morning of Thursday 22 November in the Ashes Suite. At registration, participants will receive a name badge, welcome pack, Wi-Fi and Twitter instructions.

Please be seated by 10.00 - ready for the welcoming addresses at 10.05 by the Rt Hon Lord Bates, John Pullinger, National Statistician and Zachary Mwangi Chege, Chair of UN Statistical Commission.

Seating

Commonwealth country and Overseas Territory participants will sit at the front of the room in alphabetical order – country name cards will be placed on the tables.

All other guests are free to sit where they choose.

List of participants

A list of participants will be available in your Welcome Packs.

Parallel sessions

Please see [descriptions of the Parallel Sessions](#) – this will help you to make your selections. There is an opportunity to attend one parallel on day one and one parallel on day two of the Conference.

To select your parallel sessions please complete and return, by email, the attached form (see covering email) **to wesley.miles@statistics.gov.uk by 16 November.**

You will be notified about the parallel sessions to which you have been assigned at registration. The draft agenda shows the location of the parallel sessions.

You can sit where you like during the parallel sessions.

Wi-Fi

A free Wi-Fi network is available for delegates to join. Access instructions will be available at the Registration desk.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Cash machine

There is a cash machine in the main reception at the entrance to the Oval, a small charge will be applied to use this service.

Checking in and out of your hotel

Please note that most hotels allow check-in after 14:00 and check-out before 10:00. Please check with your hotel to be clear. Most hotels will have a left luggage area if you arrive early.

Dress code

The dress code for the meeting is smart casual.

Electrical adapters

See <https://www.power-plugs-sockets.com/england/>

Exchange rate information

There are a variety of exchange rate sites available to get information on currency conversions. One such site is: <http://www.xe.com/currencyconverter>

First aid and medical facilities

If a first aider is needed please either ask a member of the CHoSC18 team, or at the Main Reception.

Language of the Conference

The sessions will be conducted in English.

Places of worship

A room has been made available within the Oval. If you require access to it, please let one of Team CHoSC18 know and they will direct you.

Rapporteurs

Each session will have a dedicated rapporteur to record the proceedings.

Smoking policy

For those delegates wishing to smoke there are designated smoking areas outside of the venue that are signposted from Main Reception.

Weather

Please see [long range weather forecast for London](#).

MEALS

A **Buffet Reception** will be provided on the evening of Thursday 22nd November at 18:15 until 20:15 in the England Suite at The Kia Oval.

Lunch and refreshment breaks during the meeting – see draft agenda, attached for timings and location.

Special dietary requirements

Food for the buffet lunches and buffet reception will be clearly labelled to help participants who have advised us of their dietary needs. The catering team will also be on hand to advise if you need more information. **If you have not informed us about your dietary needs, then please email CHOSC@ons.gov.uk by 16 November 2018.**

OTHER USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Airports: City - +44 (0)20 8848 8765 - Gatwick - +44 (0)870 000 2468 - Heathrow - +44 (0)870 000 0123

Lost or stolen credit card numbers: American Express - +44 (0)1273 696933 - Barclaycard - +44 (0) 1604 230230 - Diners Club - +44 (0) 800 460800 - Mastercard - +44 (0) 800 895082

Transport: National Express Coaches - +44 (0) 8717 818178

If there is anything else that you need at this stage, please let me know.

More detail on the [CHoSC18 website](#)

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