



ICAO SYMPOSIUM ON ASSISTANCE TO AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT VICTIMS AND THEIR FAMILIES

(Haarlem, The Netherlands, 26 to 28 November 2024)

INFORMATION BULLETIN

1. LOCATION

The SYMPOSIUM will be held in the **Grand Hall, located at the PHIL (Lange Begijnestraat 11, Haarlem, the Netherlands)** from 26 to 28 November 2024. The meeting will be **hosted by the Ministry of Infrastructure and Watermanagement of the Netherlands.**

2. SCHEDULE OF THE MEETING

The **official opening of the Symposium will commence at 10:30am** on Tuesday, 26 November 2024. The Symposium will be conducted in English. **Simultaneous interpretation** in English, French and Spanish will be available during the Symposium. The **Symposium Outline** may be found on the Symposium website at: <https://www.icao.int/Meetings/AAAVF2024>

3. REGISTRATION ONLINE IS MANDATORY FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS

Participants are requested to **register in advance ONLINE before 1 November 2024.** Participants will be registered on a first-come first-served basis and encourage you to register at your earliest convenience for our planning purposes. Website address: <https://www.icao.int/Meetings/AAAVF2024>

Participants will be required to **reconfirm their registration on-site** before the Symposium to **collect their Symposium badges.** The Registration Desk will be available at the Symposium venue on:

- **Monday, 25 November 2024 from 14:00 to 17:00**
- **Tuesday, 26 November 2024, the opening day, from 8:30 to 10:30**
- **Wednesday, 27 November, from 8.30 to 9.15**
- **Thursday, 28 November, from 8.30 to 9.15**

Participants are requested to visibly wear the Symposium badge at all times.

4. VISAS

Participants from countries that require a visa to enter the Netherlands are **urged to commence and verify the visa application procedure** with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. On the website mentioned below, participants can check whether a visa is required to travel to the Netherlands. This depends on factors such as nationality and travel plans.

When applying for a visa, be sure to include reason for visiting the Netherlands as SYMPOSIUM AAAVF 2024

General information on the visa regime of the Kingdom of the Netherlands for foreign citizens can be obtained at: [Travel | NetherlandsWorldwide.](#)

Information on the Visa guide of the Kingdom of the Netherlands for foreign citizens can be obtained at: [Do I need a visa for the Netherlands? | NetherlandsWorldwide](#)

Please check the Symposium website regularly for any updates on visa application.

5. HOTELS

Please **refer to the list of hotels on the Symposium website** at <https://www.icao.int/Meetings/AAAVF2024>. It is important to note that some of the hotels listed on the website offer special discounts to the participants of the Symposium. Although all the hotels agreed to reserve availability for the Symposium, we highly **advise participants to secure their accommodations well in advance.** For further details and the option to prebook your stay, please check the Symposium website.

6. WEATHER CONDITIONS

Daily temperature varies between 0°C (33°F) and 10°C (50°F). At this time of the year, you may experience precipitation. Visitors are advised to bring warmer clothes, hat, etc.

7. USEFUL INFORMATION

TIME ZONE

Haarlem is 1 hour ahead of Coordinated Universal Time (UTC +1).

CURRENCY AND CREDIT CARDS

The currency in the Netherlands is the Euro. The euro is pegged to the US\$ at EUR€0,92 to US\$1 (Official (market) Exchange Rate on: 2024-04-04).

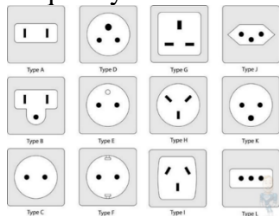
ATM banking Machines are generally open 24 hours. The machines that do accept international credit cards will have the symbol(s) of the types of international cards accepted.

LANGUAGES

The official language is Dutch.

ELECTRICITY

In the Netherlands the power sockets are of type C and F. The standard voltage in the Netherlands is 230 V and the frequency is 50Hz.



TIPPING

Tipping in the Netherlands is appreciated. Usually, an extra payment is optional. However, if you are a foreign guest with a good exchange rate and can easily afford to be generous, service people will be grateful.

At almost all restaurants and bars, provided the service was good, a tip of around 10% is appreciated. This fee is not compulsory, however, most people do pay tips unless there's a good reason not to.

For most hotels, tip the bellhop if they transfer all your luggage to/from the room. In this case, a small tip (5 to 10 euro) is appreciated. The chambermaid could be tipped (about 5 euro+ per day) for good service, as she is integral to the enjoyment of your trip.

CITY MAPS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Information about the city map, transportation, where to stay, where to eat and other things to do can be found on [Visit Haarlem | Welcome to Haarlem, the city that has everything](#). A taxi can be ordered via **Uber** (available on iOS and Android) or an official city taxi can be requested at the reception desk of your hotel.

TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

Passengers of Schiphol Airport can use train, taxi or bus to Haarlem:

TAXI: 40 euro pre-booked, 40-60 euro on site and takes 25 minutes: [Taxi Schiphol - Book your taxi up to 70% cheaper online | sneleentaxi](#)

UBER: download the app and attach a bank card and pay without using cash

TRAIN: the train from Amsterdam Schiphol Airport to Haarlem centre takes 33 minutes (one transfer), 7 euro one way: [9292.nl/en - Travel planner & e-tickets train, bus, metro, tram & boat](#)

BUS: there is a direct bus (no.300) from Schiphol Airport to the city centre of Haarlem. The bus leaves 5 times per hour, it takes 45 minutes and costs around 5 euro: [9292.nl/en - Travel planner & e-tickets train, bus, metro, tram & boat](#)

You can best pay for the trip by card.