# Invitation to the 65<sup>th</sup> session of the Electric Vehicles and the Environment Informal Working Group (EVE IWG)

Environment and Climate Change Canada would like to personally invite you to the 65<sup>th</sup> session of the EVE IWG.

Date: October 11-12, 2023

Time: 09:00 – 17:00 EDT

Location: Hilton Garden Inn – Monsella Room AB

361 Queen Street

Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

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#### Meeting content

The 65<sup>th</sup> session of the EVE-IWG will continue work on key items in the Terms of Reference (Electric Vehicles and the Environment (EVE) - Transport - Vehicle Regulations - UNECE Wiki), which continues the development of UN GTR 21, UN GTR 22 and the new UN GTR on battery performance and durability of electrified heavy-duty vehicles.

Specifically, this session will serve as the last formal meeting prior to the working document submission deadline of October 17, 2023, to the 90<sup>th</sup> session of the Working Party on Pollution and Energy (GRPE), which is tentatively scheduled for January 9-12, 2023.

At this time, the EVE IWG intends to submit amendments to UN GTR 21 and UN GTR 22 as working documents, in addition to a draft version of the new UN GTR on HDV, as an informal document.

The 65<sup>th</sup> EVE IWG session may also include other related topics to the work of the EVE IWG, including the review and renewal of the terms of reference.

The meeting agenda and documents will be uploaded to the <u>EVE IWG wiki page</u> prior to the meeting, as they become available.

## Meeting reservations

## In-person meeting attendance

If you plan to attend the meeting in-person, we ask that you inform the secretariat, <u>Leeson</u> Guay, as soon as possible and no later than September 22, 2023.

In your reply, please include the following:

- **1.** *Planned meeting attendance*: RSVP is required for in-person attendance.
- 2. Planned dinner attendance: RSVP is required for attendance to dinner (see details below)
- 3. Visa status: Depending on the type of travel document you plan to travel with, the country issuing your travel document, your nationality, and your method of travel to Canada for this trip, a visitor visa or Electronic Travel Authorization may be required. To determine which one you need, please see the following website: Find out if you need a visa to travel to Canada (cic.gc.ca). Please indicate whether, based on your citizenship, you require a personalized invitation letter from ECCC to obtain a visa to enter Canada.
- 4. *Planned presentation*: Whether you intend to present and what the topic will be. Please provide your presentation to the secretariat, Leeson Guay, by September 26, 2023.

#### **Dinner**

On October 11, 2023, there will be a dinner planned for all those who wish to participate. It is tentatively scheduled for 19:00 and final details will be included in the EVE 65 agenda.

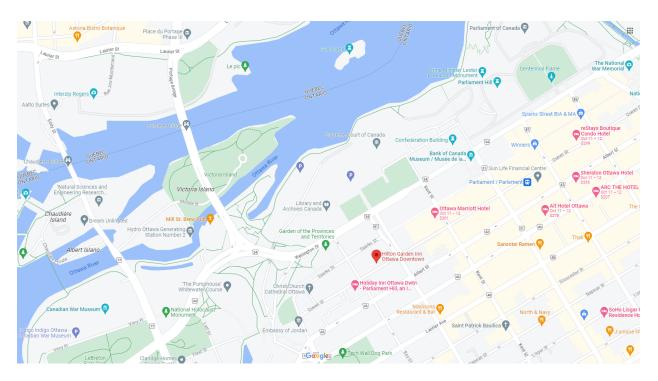
The dinner will take place at the <u>Tulip Restaurant and Bar</u> located at the Hilton Garden Inn Hotel, in downtown Ottawa.

If you wish to participate in the dinner, <u>please inform the secretariat when you RSVP for the meeting.</u>

### **Accommodations**

Accommodation has been provided by Homewood Suites Downtown in affiliation with the Hilton Garden Inn

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All the activities associated with the 65<sup>th</sup> EVE IWG session will take place at this location (meetings and dinner). The hotel is centrally located, offers great access to all downtown has to offer and is situated very close to the Canadian Parliament buildings.

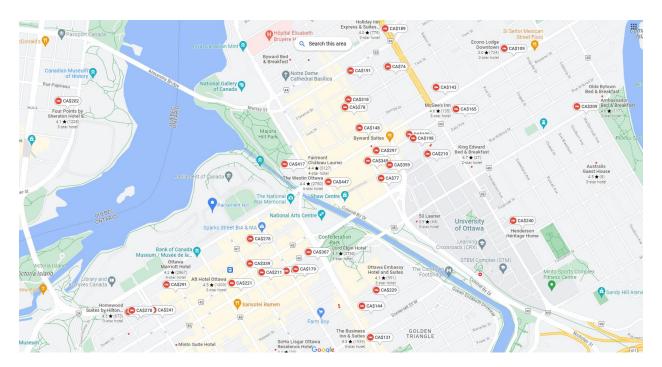
The hotel has offered preferential room rates to EVE IWG participants through a designated link. They have set a room booking deadline of <u>August 28, 2023.</u>

To book a room, please use the following link: https://hil.tn/ik50zt

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There are many hotel options in the downtown region of Ottawa that are close to the meeting room location. It is highly recommended that participants who are travelling to Ottawa opt for a hotel in the downtown area to be close to Ottawa's main attractions, restaurants, grocery stores, and the meeting location.

Below is a Google map of some example hotels, prices and locations in the downtown Ottawa area:



Interactive link found here:

https://www.google.com/maps/search/Ottawa+hotels/@45.4276435,-75.7168547,14z

## Local travel information

## **Travel from the Ottawa International Airport to downtown Ottawa**

A taxi is recommended to travel from the airport to downtown Ottawa, which will take approximately 20 minutes. Taxis can be found outside in a taxi queue on Level 1 (Arrivals).

Please see the following link for more information on travel options: <u>Ground Transportation</u>
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If taxis are required from the Ottawa International Airport, here are some of Ottawa's taxi services and numbers:

- Blue Line Taxi (613)-238-1111
- Capital Taxi (613)-744-3333
- Coventry Connections (613)-746-8740
- Executive cabs (613)-248-3558
- Lyft (requires download of an app)
- Uber (requires download of an app)