

The 12th Americas RCE Meeting

Atlanta, Georgia, 27 – 29 September 2023

Guidelines for in-person participation

1. **Travel:** It is the responsibility of the participant to book and pay for all travel and accommodation for the meeting. Financial support is not available through UNU this year.
2. **Visa:** It is the responsibility of each participant to apply for a visa if required. Please contact the U.S. Consulate/Embassy in your country of residence. Note that visa application support will be given to members of acknowledged RCEs ONLY.
3. **Registration fee:** Free for all participants, however accommodation, meals and travel arrangements are to be covered individually (unless it is indicated that a specific meal is provided by the conference, per the official conference agenda).
4. **Venue:** Georgia Institute of Technology
North Avenue, Atlanta, Georgia, 30332 USA <https://www.gatech.edu/>.
5. **Accommodation:** We recommend you consider one of the listed hotels below which are within walking distance of Georgia Tech’s campus. We have secured a conference rate at the Hampton Inn – please use the reservation link to book there. Rooms at the other listed hotels may only be reserved on a first-come- first-served basis and do not have a conference rate. If you need assistance in locating other hotels in the area, please contact RCE Greater Atlanta (kchatfield@gatech.edu).

Hotel Name	Distance to the Meeting Venue	Room Rate
Hampton Inn – Atlanta https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/atlgthx-hampton-atlanta-georgia-tech-downtown/ (404) 881-0881	0.1 miles (3 minute walk)	\$149/night 2 queen sized beds or 1 king bed RESERVATION LINK
Georgia Tech Hotel and Conference Center https://www.gatechhotel.com/ (404) 347-9440	0.6 miles (4 minute drive or 13 minute walk)	NO CONFERENCE RATE – Book individually
Hilton Garden Inn Atlanta Midtown https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/atlamgi-hilton-garden-inn-atlanta-midtown/ (404) 524-4006	.9 Miles Away (5 minute drive or 18 minute walk)	NO CONFERENCE RATE – Book individually

6. **Transportation from Hartsfield Jackson International Airport to the meeting venue:**

We encourage you to take public transportation. The MARTA train is particularly convenient and leaves directly from the airport. The Georgia Tech main campus can be accessed via the MARTA train stations at the Midtown/10th Street location and the North Avenue location. MARTA bus service also serves the Georgia Tech campus through bus route 12 (leaving from the Midtown Station), and bus routes 26 and 1 (leaving from the North Avenue Station). In addition, the Tech Stinger bus provides service between the Midtown Station and the Georgia Tech campus. Complete information on the Tech Stinger bus routes can be found [here](#). Full MARTA travel instructions to the Georgia Tech campus can be found [here](#).

7. **Visit the King Historic District (optional):** RCE Greater Atlanta plans to organize an optional site visit before the meeting on September 26th for anyone arriving early for the meeting. There are no entrance fees required for this trip. Shuttles will be provided to drive those to the site from Georgia Tech's campus.

8. **Additional Conference Activities:** RCE Greater Atlanta is planning off-site activities for the afternoons of September 27th and September 28th as part of the conference experience. While attendance is not mandatory, participation is strongly encouraged by all conference participants. These will be at no charge to participants. Additional information will be provided closer to the conference, or you may continue to check the updated conference schedule.

9. **Local information**

The Atlanta Metropolitan Region, located in the American South, is a relatively young city with a rich history of challenging the status quo to advance social progress. Literally left in ashes following the American Civil War, the City of Atlanta was rebuilt to become the beacon of a "New South" - a post-slavery southern region that would shift away from agrarian traditions and towards a modern economy. Though hardly exempt from the racial tensions that plagued the postbellum south, Atlanta became a cornerstone of the Civil Rights Movement in the 1960s, meanwhile broadly proclaiming it was a city "too busy to hate," emphasizing the willingness of white leaders to appease some progress by black leaders in order to pursue economic growth as compared to most southern cities at the time.

Today's Atlanta Metro region is a vibrant and diverse southern metropolitan region that pays homage to its history of advancing civil rights and economic growth, while still struggling to reconcile the systemic racism woven into the fabric of the community. The City is home to fifteen Fortune 500 companies, 57 institutions of higher education (including the largest concentration of HBCUs in America), and a huge network of small, medium, and large enterprises and nongovernmental organizations leading the City in innovation and growth. The metro area is particularly well-known as a logistics hub and technology center, often compared to Silicon Valley in terms of higher education and private technology resources.

10. **Climate and living information**

Average weather in September in Atlanta, Georgia is the following:

Daily high temperatures in the mid-70s F to low-80s F. Daily low temperatures in the mid-50s F to low-60sF. September in Atlanta is often one of the driest months of the year.