



COMMITTEE ON EARTH OBSERVATION SATELLITES

9th Working Group on Capacity Building and Data Democracy (WGCapD) Annual Meeting

March 9-13, 2020 Sunnyvale, California

Travel Logistics Package



Working Group on Capacity Building & Data Democracy

The WGCapD looks forward to welcoming you to the 9th Annual Meeting of the Working Group on Capacity Building and Data Democracy (WGCapD) in Sunnyvale, California, USA, March 9-13, 2020.

The meeting will be tentatively held at the Radisson Hotel Sunnyvale – Silicon Valley with field trips and offsite activities within Silicon Valley and the San Francisco Bay Area.



This year, a new approach will be explored to focus some of the discussions regionally, with a focus on engaging agencies that haven't previously participated in the annual meeting.

We are exploring the theme of:

“Identifying Opportunities for Synergies and Innovation”

Registration:

Please register on the CEOS website at <http://ceos.org/meetings/wgcapd-9/> for the meeting. Registration will close on January 31st.

Please note if you will be joining in person or virtually.

Deadlines at a Glance:

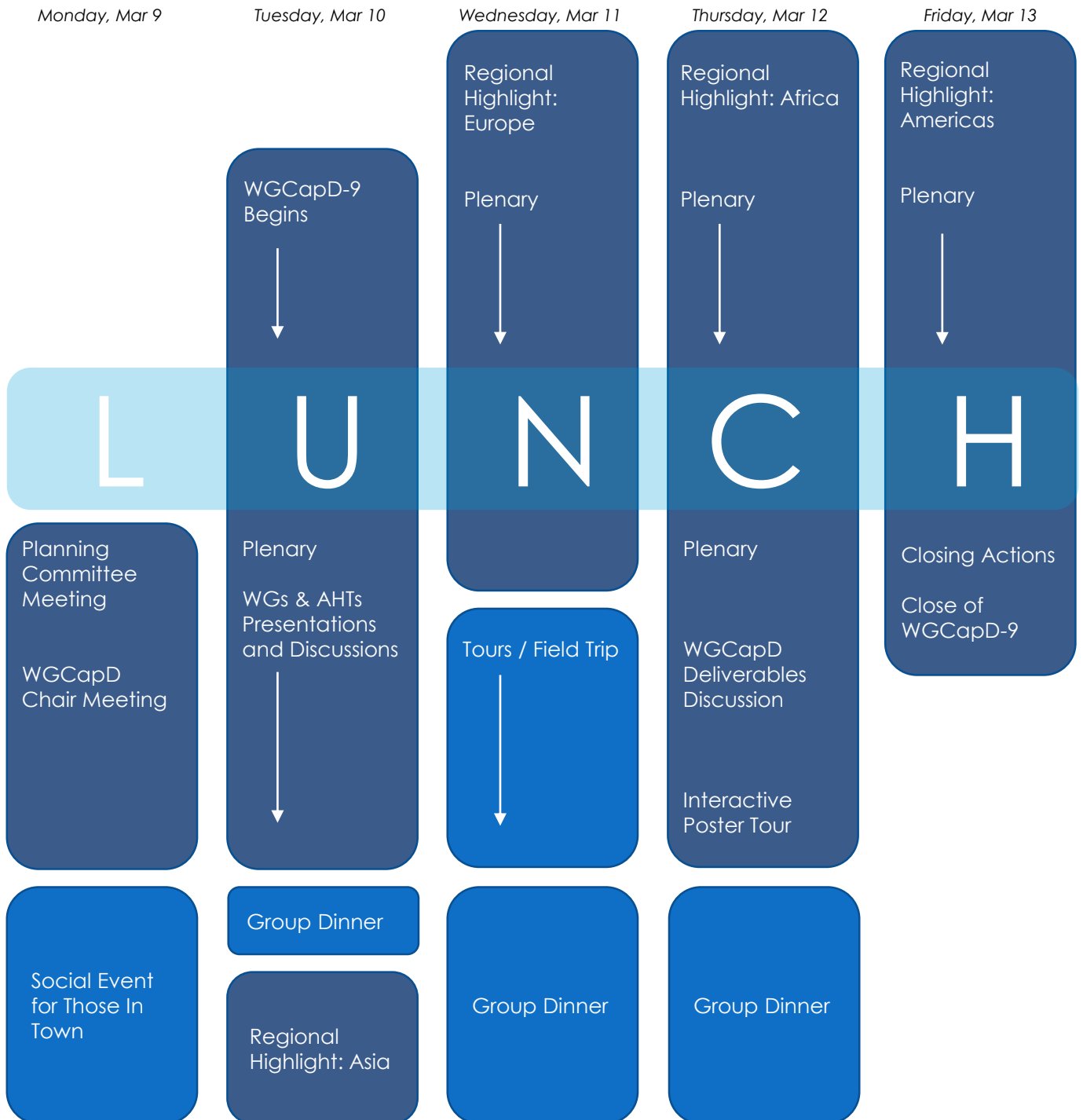
- Registration: Jan 31, 2020
- Hotel Block: Feb 17, 2020

Tentative Draft Schedule

Agenda

The WGCapD-9 Meeting will begin the morning of Tuesday March 10th and conclude on March 13th. New to this year, WGCapD-9 will include regionally-focused sessions, break out discussions, and an interactive poster tour.

A more refined and specific agenda will be shared in January.



Accommodations & Tentative Meeting Venue

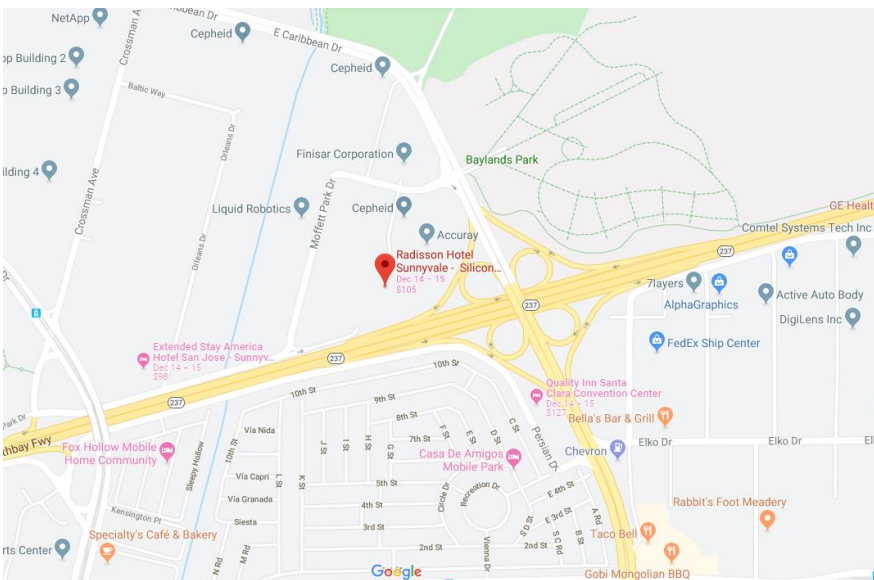
A room block is being held at the Radisson Hotel Sunnyvale – Silicon Valley for travelers until **February 17th**. Rooms are offered at \$229/night (not including taxes) and this includes breakfast, Wi-Fi, and parking. Book using this code: BAYN. +1-408-747-0999.



Radisson Hotel Sunnyvale – Silicon Valley

www.radissonhotels.com/en-us/hotels/radisson-sunnyvale-silicon-valley

Room Block Code: BAYN



1300 Chesapeake Terrace
Sunnyvale, CA 94089

DEADLINE TO BOOK:
February 17th 5pm PT



Transportation

Local Airports

- SJC: San Jose International. <https://www.flysanjose.com/>
- SFO: San Francisco International. <https://www.flysfo.com/>
- OAK: Oakland International Airport. <https://www.oaklandairport.com/>

Airport to Hotel

- Car Rentals
- Taxicabs
- Uber / Lyft

- CalTrain (SFO or SJC to Sunnyvale, then would need to take a cab or walk to hotel --- see map)

Local Transportation

International visitors please coordinate with Christine Mataya (Christine.J.Mataya@nasa.gov) to work out transportation logistics. Transportation for tours will be provided.

Getting around in Sunnyvale, CA

<http://gis.sunnyvale.ca.gov/portal/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=6abe34c9435644e79d9929b6a9635076>



About

Sunnyvale is the seventh most populous city in the San Francisco Bay Area with a population of 155,567 and one of the major cities comprising Silicon Valley. It is bordered by portions of San Jose to the north, Moffett Federal Airfield to the northwest, Mountain View to the northwest, Los Altos to the southwest, Cupertino to the south, and Santa Clara to the east. It lies along the historic El Camino Real and Highway 101.

The city is a center of technology and innovation, but also a town of quiet family neighborhoods, strong schools, and a diverse community of people. Sunnyvale's historic downtown, home to a variety of local eateries and merchants, hosts frequent art festivals, concerts and a year-round farmers' market. The city takes immense pride in the thoughtful leadership and dedication to community that has made Sunnyvale the true heart of Silicon Valley.



City of Sunnyvale

History

Sunnyvale was given its current name in 1901 due to its location in a sunny region next to more significantly foggy areas. The town grew as industry developed, including dried fruit production with the opening of a fruit-packing factory by meat-packing company Libby, McNeill & Libby in 1906 (known in the modern era as Libby's, which is famous for canned fruit cocktail). In 1912, residents voted to officially incorporate the city and the first high school opened in 1923. The second female mayor in the history of the state of California, Edwina Benner, was elected to her first term as Sunnyvale mayor in 1924. Following World War II, the area's fruit orchards and sweetcorn farms were cleared to build homes, factories and offices. Since 1956 and the arrival of aircraft manufacturer Lockheed, numerous high-tech companies have established offices and headquarters in Sunnyvale.



Sunnyvale City Hall

Weather and Geography

Sunnyvale has a warm-summer Mediterranean climate. Summers are warm and dry, while winters are mild and wet. In March, the average high is 65.6 F / 18.7 C and the average low is 45.4 F / 7.4 C. The month gets an average of 2.57 inches of rain. The city has a total area of 22.7 sq mi (58.8 km²), of which, 22.0 sq mi (56.9 km²) of it is land and 0.69 sq mi (1.8 km²) of it (3.09%) is water. Its elevation is 130 feet above sea level.

Points of Interest

There are 476 acres of parks in the Sunnyvale area. These include Las Palmas Park, Ortega Park, Seven Seas Park, Washington Park near downtown, two public golf courses, and Baylands Park. Charles Street Gardens, Sunnyvale's oldest and largest community garden, is located adjacent to Sunnyvale's Public Library.

The Joshua Hendy Iron Works, a company originally established in Sunnyvale from San Francisco in 1906 to produce mining equipment and then steam engines, is now a museum located within the Northrop Grumman plant and tours are open to the public by advance scheduling.



Joshua Hendy Iron Works Museum

A water tower painted to resemble the first Libby's fruit cocktail can label identifies the former site of the city's historical fruit-packing factory.

More Information: <https://sunnyvale.ca.gov/default.htm> and https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sunnyvale,_California

Additional Information

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Registration on Meeting Site: <http://ceos.org/meetings/wgcapd-9/>

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Visas

Check individual country requirements: <https://travel.state.gov/>

You must have a passport that is valid for at least 6 months after your planned departure from the United States.

Currency and Means of Payment

United States Dollar (USD)

Electricity

In the United States of America the power plugs and sockets are of type A and B and the standard voltage is 120 V and the frequency is 60 Hz.

Plug A



Plug B



Time Zone

Pacific Daylight Time (PDT)

Sunnyvale observes Pacific Daylight Time between March 8 – November 1, 2020

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