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T20 U.S. SUMMIT Welcome Kit

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About The Summit

The T20 U.S. takes forward in 2026 the **Think Tank 20 (T20) policy research network** of policy researchers, scholars, policy-makers, and policy practitioners, producing and widely promoting practical and timely knowledge products for all G20 policy-makers. Under the banner of **"Harnessing Knowledge and Ensuring Continuity for Better Policymaking in Uncertain Times,"** the T20 U.S. is committed to continuing the work on major T20 legacy issues, including sustainability, inequality, international financial architecture and collective security reform, human rights, pandemic prevention and public health, migration and refugees, gender and youth empowerment, disabilities, humanitarian action, food insecurity, and peace.

TRAVEL PREPARATIONS

Visa Preparations for the T20 U.S. Summit in New York City

Before making travel plans, please make sure to inform yourself about current U.S. visa regulations.

Ensure that your visa is valid for all days you will be traveling within the U.S., rather than just for the days of the conference.

If you need assistance in obtaining a visa invitiation letter, please contact t20us@stimson.org. More information on U.S. visa regulations here.

ARRIVING IN NEW YORK:

FROM JFK TO MANHATTAN

This page outlines the easiest ways to travel from JFK to Manhattan, including taxi, rideshare, and public transportation. For the simplest and most convenient arrival, we recommend taking an official yellow taxi.

Yellow Taxi

- The JFK → Manhattan fare is $70 flat fare, plus applicable fees, tolls and tip. Plan for approximately $100 total.
- After collecting your luggage, follow signs for Taxi / Ground Transportation.
- Use only the official yellow-taxi stand and ignore anyone offering a ride inside the terminal.
- Give the driver the full name and street address of your hotel.
- Allow 60–90 minutes or more, depending on traffic.
- Credit cards are accepted.

Uber/Lyft: Available at JFK, but pickup locations vary by terminal and may require an AirTrain transfer. Prices can range from $100-150 depending on the time of day. For many travelers, a yellow taxi is the easier option after a long flight.

Public Transportation: The AirTrain ($8.75 per ride) connects JFK with the subway ($3 per ride) and is the most economical option, but it requires transfers and may be less convenient with luggage.

Useful Links:

- JFK Airport — Taxi Information
- NYC Taxi & Limousine Commission — Taxi Fares
- JFK Airport — AirTrain Information
- JFK Airport — Uber/Lyft Pickup Information

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LOCATION & DIRECTIONS



Conference Venue

The T20 U.S. Summit will be hosted at the **Ford Foundation**. Specific address details are included within formal invitations.

Additionally, on Day Two from 1:30pm-3:00pm, two panels will take place at the **UN Headquarters** (405 E 45th St, New York, NY 10017). It is a short, 5-minute walk from Ford Foundation, and you can find the directions on the map above.

Please contact t20us@stimson.org if you have difficulty accessing either venue.

Public Transportation

New York has an extensive public transportation network. The main options for public transport are:

- Subway
- Local buses

Tickets & Fares

New York City's contactless payment system, OMNY, allows you to pay by tapping a contactless credit or debit card, smartphone, or OMNY card at subway turnstiles and on buses.

- The subway/local bus fare is $3.00/ride.
- Subway/local bus transfers are free when using OMNY.

Operating Hours

- Subway: Operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week (routes linked here.)
- Local buses: Operate throughout the day, with schedules and frequency varying by route (schedules and routes here).

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FORD GUEST ARRIVAL

Entrance

Please enter via 320 East 43rd Street (between Tudor City Place and Second Ave).

The 42nd Street entrance is closed.

Photo ID Requirements:

Accepted forms: Driver's license, non-driver's license, passport, UN Security badge.

If unavailable: a work/staff ID + credit card in the same name.

Not accepted: business cards.

All guests without photo ID will be denied entry.

Bag Screening

All visitors must undergo a weapons detection screening

All bags are screened by trained security.

Large bags and luggage are not permitted.

Guests should allow extra time for screening.

Attendees may not transfer their registration to another person the day of. Every registered attendee will receive a badge printed with their registered name.

Security Authority

All visitors must follow posted signage and security instructions.

WiFi Details

Network Name (SSID): @FordGuest
Username: guest@fordfoundation.org
New Password: compassion

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ACCOMODATIONS

To assist with travel planning for the T20 U.S. Summit in New York City on November 18–19, 2026, we have compiled two types of hotel accommodation options.

Select hotels offer **discounted T20 Summit room blocks with designated group rates and booking links.** We have also listed alternative hotels near the Ford Foundation Center for Social Justice that do not offer a confirmed Summit room block or group rate.

We encourage attendees to book as early as possible, as availability, pricing, and group rates are subject to hotel inventory and booking deadlines.

Reserved Hotel Room Blocks

1. EVEN Hotel New York – Midtown East
   - **Address:** 221 E 44th Street, New York, NY 10017
   - **Stay Dates:** November 17–20, 2026

2. Club Quarters Grand Central
   - **Address:** 128 E 45th Street, New York, NY 10017
   - **Stay Dates:** November 17–20, 2026

3. Millennium Hilton NY One UN Plaza
   - **Address:** One UN Plaza, New York, NY 10017
   - **Stay Dates:** November 17–20, 2026

Alternative Hotels

1. Westgate New York Grand Central
   - **Address:** 304 E 42nd Street, New York, NY 10017
   - **Estimated Rate:** $350 per night
2. Little Charlie Hotel
   - **Address:** 837 2nd Avenue, New York, NY 10017
   - **Estimated Rate:** $360 per night
3. The Renwick Hotel
   - **Address:** 118 E 40th Street, New York, NY 10016
   - **Estimated Rate:** $390 per night
4. Pod 39
   - **Address:** 145 East 39th Street, New York, NY 10016
   - **Estimated Rate:** $280 per night
5. Pod 51
   - **Address:** 230 E 51st Street, New York, NY 10022
   - **Estimated Rate:** $250 per night
6. Hyatt Grand Central New York
   - **Address:** 109 E 42nd Street, New York, NY 10017
   - **Estimated Rate:** $400 per night

RESTAURANTS

Top 10 Recommended Restaurants Near the Ford Foundation Center

1. Alcala Spanish Restaurant
   - Address: 246 East 44th Street, New York, NY 10017
2. Patsy's Pizzeria
   - Address: 801 2nd Ave, New York, NY 10017
3. Osteria Laguna
   - 209 East 42nd Street, New York, NY 10017
4. Sinigual Mexican Cuisine
   - Address: 640 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10017
5. Zara Terrace
   - Address: 862 Second Avenue, New York, NY 10017
6. Muna Indian Restaurant
   - Address: 152 East 46th Street, New York, NY 10017
7. Grand Central Dining Concourse & Grand Central Oyster Bar
   - Address: Grand Central Terminal, 89 East 42nd Street, New York, NY 10017, lower level
8. PacRim Sushi & Asian Cuisine
   - Address: 308 East 49th Street, New York, NY 10017
9. Sakagura Japanese Restaurant
   - Address: 211 East 43rd Street, Basement, New York, NY 10017
10. Aragvi Georgian Restaurant
    - Address: 230 East 44th Street, New York, NY 10017

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CONTACT

For all T20 inquiries regarding logistics, programming, visa letters, venue locations, or registration, please contact the T20 Project Coordinator.

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