

# IETF Venue Assessment Report: SHENZHEN, CHINA

This is a recommendation made by the IETF Executive Director with respect to the appropriateness of **Shenzhen, China** as a location for an IETF meeting, based on the assessment made by the IETF Secretariat of mandatory and important criteria taken from the requirements documented in RFC 8718<sup>1</sup>, and the results of the community feedback process.





## Recommendation

This is a final report incorporating community feedback made on 11 June 2024.

Based on the assessment below of the conditions for hosting an IETF meeting in **Shenzhen, China**, the recommendation is that **Shenzhen, China** be **APPROVED** as a potential location for an IETF meeting,

### Classification system

This assessment uses the following classification system for each criterion:

Assessment	Indicator	Methodology
Met		Each test is applied on a country, city or venue basis. For some, local level exceptions may be considered. Some tests use an external source with no IETF LLC assessment, some require the IETF LLC to assess multiple sources and make an assessment and some require community feedback to assess. To be approved, a venue must not have any Not Met criteria.
Uncertain but possible		
Not met		
Unable to assess / not assessed		

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.rfc-editor.org/rfc/rfc8718.html>

## Assessment of individual criteria

**CRITERION:** City includes one or more venues able to accommodate an IETF meeting.

#	Test	Assessment	Indicator
1.1	<u>Venue:</u> Possible venues evaluated for size and general location acceptable to hold an IETF meeting	Shenzhen has multiple convention centers and hotels capable of hosting a meeting. At least one of those venues is acceptable.	

**CRITERION:** Open Internet access to venue and IETF Hotels.

#	Test	Assessment	Indicator
2.1	<u>Venue and IETF Hotels:</u> Open and unfiltered Internet access can be provided at the venue and IETF Hotels  <i>May require community feedback to assess</i>	There is a process to obtain suitable Internet access for the acceptable venues and IETF Hotels.	

**CRITERION:** An overwhelming majority of participants who wish to do so can attend.

#	Test	Assessment	Indicator
3.1	<u>Country:</u> Visa requirements are such that 80% of IETF attendees will be able to obtain a visa without excessive effort or cost	80% of attendees, by country, <b>can</b> enter China without a visa or through a standard application process at reasonable cost.	

3.2	<p><u>Country:</u> Visa rules are not discriminatory on the basis of race, ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation or gender identity (note: this intentionally does not include nationality)</p>	<p>The visa rules for China <b>are not</b> discriminatory on the basis of race, ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation or gender identity.</p>	
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**CRITERION:** Travel risks associated with holding an IETF meeting are acceptable.

#	Test	Assessment	Indicator
4.1	<p><u>Country:</u> US State Dept travel advisory<sup>2</sup> is not at level 4 (<i>Do Not Travel</i>)</p> <p><i>Region/City exceptions may override</i></p>	<p>US State Dept travel advisory is at level <b>3 as of 24 May 2024</b>, which is <b>ACCEPTABLE</b>.</p>	

**CRITERION:** Health risks associated with holding an IETF meeting are acceptable.

#	Test	Assessment	Indicator
5.1	<p><u>Country:</u> No epidemic, local disease outbreak of concern; or vaccination requirements, for serious diseases other than those we reasonably expect that all participants vaccinated against (<i>Currently: Chickenpox, COVID, Diphtheria, Hepatitis A, Measles, Mumps, Pertussis, Polio, Rabies, Rubella, Tetanus and Typhoid</i>)</p> <p><i>Region/City exceptions may override</i></p>	<p>There are no disease outbreaks of concern or unreasonable vaccination requirements.</p> <p>Hepatitis B is recommended but not required for all travelers.</p> <p><a href="https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/none/china">https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/none/china</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.who.int/emergencies/disease-outbreak-news">https://www.who.int/emergencies/disease-outbreak-news</a></p>	

<sup>2</sup> <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages.html>

#	Test	Assessment	Indicator
5.2	<p><u>City</u>: Air Quality Index in March, July or November is below 50 (<i>Good</i>), or below 100 (<i>Moderate</i>) or below 150 (<i>Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups</i>) for at least 16 days of the month for the last three years.</p> <p><i>May require community feedback to assess</i></p>	<p><b>March</b> AQI (PM2.5) is <b>acceptable</b>.</p> <p><a href="https://aqicn.org/map/world/">https://aqicn.org/map/world/</a></p>	
5.3	<p><u>City</u>: No war, violent demonstrations, or political unrest that would make the city unsafe for IETF participants.</p> <p><i>May require community feedback to assess</i></p>	<p><b>Shenzhen</b> is <b>safe</b> for IETF participants in respect of war, violent demonstrations, or political unrest.</p>	

**CRITERION:** Human rights risks associated with holding an IETF meeting are acceptable.

#	Test	Assessment	Indicator
6.1	<p><u>City</u>: City is not unsafe for IETF participants due to discrimination on the basis of race, ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation or gender identity, based on the lived experience of IETF participants</p> <p><i>May require community feedback to assess</i></p>	<p><b>Shenzhen</b> is <b>safe</b> for IETF participants in respect of race, ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation or gender identity.</p>	

## Community feedback

- [Community feedback announcement](#) on 23 May 2023
- [Community discussions](#)

- [Summary of community feedback](#)

## IESG Confirmation of meeting viability

Community feedback **has** indicated a need for the IESG to assess the viability of a meeting in this city. This is because of the significant number of comments that corporate policies regarding the security of devices/data will prevent normal participation in the standards process at an IETF meeting in Shenzhen.

### Summary

All criteria have been assessed as Met; no criteria have been assessed as Uncertain but Possible; no criteria have been assessed as Not Met; and no criteria have not been assessed.