Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)

Arab Regional Implementation Meeting for the Twentieth Session of the Commission for Sustainable Development (CSD-20)
Follow-up from the 2012 United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio +20)
29-30 May 2013
Dubai, United Arab Emirates

LOGISTICS INFORMATION NOTE

The Arab Regional Implementation Meeting for the Twentieth Session of the Commission for Sustainable Development (CSD-20) - Follow-up from the 2012 United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio +20) is organized as a collaborative effort between ESCWA, LAS and UNEP/ROWA, in cooperation with the UAE Ministry of Environment and Water and Zayed International Foundation for the Environment in the United Arab Emirates, within the framework of the regional implementation meetings for CSD-20.

Government representatives involved in social, economic and environmental development are invited to participate in the meeting. Regional organizations engaged in Rio+20 preparations are welcome to participate and share their experiences. This includes United Nations and League of Arab States specialized agencies, financial institutions, civil society, private sector, academic institutions, in addition to partner organizations responsible for implementing projects and activities related Rio+20. Consistent with the practice of the CSD, representatives from major regional groups are invited to participate as observers in the meeting.

1. Meeting Date and Venue

The Arab Regional Implementation Meeting for the Twentieth Session of the Commission for Sustainable Development (CSD-20) - Follow-up from the 2012 United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio +20) will be held in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE) from 29 to 30 May 2013, in the Dubai Police Academy. A dedicated consultative session for major groups will be held prior to the official meeting on the 28th of May, 2013.

This document is intended to provide participants with useful information to facilitate their participation in the meeting.

The meeting coordinators will be available to answer any questions regarding logistical or organizational matters that participants may have before or during the meeting.
The Dubai Police Academy particulars are as follows:
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Telephone: +971-4-3482255
Fax: +971-4-3481144
Website: www.dubaipolic.gov.ae

2. Languages
Both Arabic and English will be used at the meeting and simultaneous translation will be provided.

3. Documents
This meeting will be paper-smart and all official documents and statements will be available for viewing and downloading from the website: http://www.escwa.un.org/information/meetingdetails.asp?referenceNum=2044E. We urge you to bring your laptop, tablet, and/or other mobile device, as there will be a limited amount of printed documents available.

4. Hotel Reservations
A list of hotels with special UN rates is provided below- all participants are welcome to benefit from these preferential rates. Hotel reservations can be made personally. Hotel expenses will be settled by the participants directly with the hotel. We propose the following hotels due to their proximity to the meeting venue.

1) KEMPINSKI- MALL OF THE EMIRATES
Sheikh Zayed Road
P.O Box 120679 Dubai, UAE
Phone: +9714 341 0000
Fax: +9714 409 5013
Contact: Mustafa Hilal (mustafa.hilal@kempinski.com)
Group rate of AED 1100 (inclusive of taxes, breakfast and internet) is valid only for 10 rooms and more for Superior category (around $299.48).
Grand Deluxe room (Junior Suite) the rate will be AED 1475 inclusive of taxes, internet, 4 pieces of laundry per day and 3 meals per day (around $401.58).

2) HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS - SAFA PARK
P.O Box 282318 Dubai, UAE
Phone: +9714 317 3306
Mobile: +97150 7862833
Fax: +9714 317 3444
Contact: Mehzad Elavia (mehzad.elavia@hiexdubai.ae)
Single room with breakfast and 24 hrs wireless internet connection: AED 270 (around $73.51).
Double room with breakfast and 24 hrs wireless internet connection: AED 300 (around $81.86).

3) HOLiDAY INN - AL BARSHA
P.O Box 115443 Dubai, UAE
Phone: +9714 3234333
Fax: +9714 3234334
Direct: +9714 7040753
Mobile: +971502951358
Contact: Gulnara Babayeva (gulnara.babayeva@hialbarsha.com)
Single room with breakfast and 24 hrs wireless internet connection: AED 450.00 (around $122.52)

5. Airport Transfer
Participants will have to arrange airport/hotel transfer service at their own expenses.

6. Local Transportation
Commuting between the hotels and the Police Academy will be provided.

7. Opening Session
The opening session will be held at 8:30 am on Wednesday, 29 May 2013. Participants are kindly requested to arrive at the meeting venue one half-hour prior to the start to ensure their registration.

8. Useful Information
- Currency: UAE dirham (AED) - Exchange rate: U.S. $ 1 = 3.672 AED
- Voltage: 220 volts
- Time zone: GMT +4 (daylight saving time during the meeting)
- Weather: Temperature varies between 34 to 40 degrees Celsius (upper limit) during the months and between 23 to 26 degrees Celsius (minimum).
- Internet: 3G and Wifi internet access is available in hotels and most of the cafes.

9. Entry Requirements for the UAE
Participants requiring assistance in obtaining the entry visa to the UAE can communicate with ESCWA staff. All participants should send a colored copy of their national passport which should be valid for 6 months and a JPEG photo. Requests for visa support must be received at
least one month prior to the expected date of arrival. Holders of American, European, Australian, and Singaporean passports do not need visas; therefore, they can obtain it at the airport.

10. Meeting Coordination

For any questions or concerns regarding logistical arrangements, please do not hesitate to contact the following meeting coordinators:

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KEMPINSKI MALL OF THE EMIRATES Sheikh Zayed Road P.O.Box 130970 Dubai, UAE Phone: +971 4 341 0000 Fax: +971 4 406 5013 Mustafa Hail (mustafa.hail@kempinski.com) Group rate of AED 1100 (inclusive of...

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