



**FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE - Secretariat
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**UNFCCC technical workshop on increasing economic resilience to climate change and reducing
reliance on vulnerable economic sectors through economic diversification**

**Cairo, Egypt
28 to 30 April 2009**

INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

HOTEL AND CONFERENCE VENUE

The meeting will take place in the Grand Hyatt in Cairo. The Government of Egypt has made a block booking for all participants in the Grand Hyatt at a special negotiated rate: USD 141.00 for a single room and USD 188.00 for a double room, these rates are including services charges, taxes and breakfast. Please contact Ms. Alexandra Kriegsheim (AKriegsheim@unfccc.int) at the UNFCCC secretariat to obtain the hotel reservation form in order to receive the special rate. The organizers highly recommend that participants stay in this hotel during the period of the workshop in order to facilitate easy and secure access to the workshop premises.

The hotel contact information is:

Grand Hyatt Cairo Corniche El-Nil
P. O. Box 2288
Garden City – Roda Island
Cairo
Egypt
Tel.: +202 2 365 1234
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Web: <<http://www.cairo.grand.hyatt.com/hyatt/hotels/index.jsp>>
E-mail: mohamed.ismail.m@hyatt.com, cc: daniel.fanselow@hyatt.com

VISA AND PASSPORT:

Participants requiring visas for Egypt, or transit visas, are strongly encouraged to contact the appropriate consular authorities as soon as possible. A copy of the invitation to the workshop should be attached to the visa request in order to facilitate issuance. If further assistance is required in obtaining visas, please contact the secretariat.

Non-Egyptian visitors arriving in Egypt are required to be in possession of a valid passport. Entry visas may be obtained from Egyptian Diplomatic and Consular Missions abroad. It is, however, possible for most tourists and visitors to obtain an entry visa at any of the major ports of entry. Please check with your nearest Egyptian consular mission for more details concerning visa regulations applying to your citizenship.

If you do need a visa support letter from our Host in Egypt, please contact Ms. Lydia ELEWA at the Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency (EEAA) by e-mail: lydiaelewa7@hotmail.com.

Ms. Elewa would also need a clear photocopy of your passport, in order to inform the immigration department at Cairo airport of your arrival.

TRANSPORTATION FROM THE AIRPORT TO THE CONFERENCE VENUE:

It takes about 40 minutes by taxi (20 km) from the airport to the Grand Hyatt. The price for the taxi is approximately US\$ 20.

**CONTACT PERSON IN CAIRO (ALSO IN CASE OF EMERGENCY):**

Mr. Nagy ElNakhal, Tel.: +2 012 310 99 33 - Head of public relationship department at EEAA.

REGISTRATION: Participants are required to register and obtain identification badges prior to the opening of the meeting on Tuesday, 28 April from 8:30 a.m. For this purpose, a registration counter will be set up in front of the meeting room to be announced in the lobby of the Grand Hyatt.

DSA PAYMENT FOR FUNDED PARTICIPANTS:

All funded participants: Please bring your passport, flight ticket and boarding passes with you to the meeting. These documents need to be copied in order to make the DSA payment.

GENERAL INFORMATION ON THE ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT AND CAIRO

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| Time zone: | GMT + 3 |
| Average temperature for April: | 14/28°C |
| Currency: | Egyptian Pound (£E) |
| Current exchange rate: | 1.00 US Dollar = 5.62 Egyptian Pound 1 Egyptian Pound = 0.177 US\$ |
| Credit Cards: | Most credit cards are widely accepted. |
| Language: | Official language is Arabic. English and French are widely spoken. |
| Electricity: | 220V 50Hz |
| Electric Plug Details: | European plug with two circular metal pins. |
| Telephone country code: | +20 |
| Health: | We recommend that you consult the appropriate health authorities in your country well in advance in connection with possible vaccinations and health precautions for Egypt. Note that it is highly recommended that you only drink bottled water during your stay in Cairo. |

Local map of the Hotel