



LOGISTICS INFORMATION NOTE for Participants

**Intersessional workshop to develop elements for the consideration of outputs component
of the first global stocktake**

12-14 October 2023, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

Meeting venue

The intersessional workshop to develop elements for the consideration of outputs component of the first global stocktake will be held at **Anwar Garghas Diplomatic Academy** from **Thursday 12 to Saturday 14 October 2023 in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates (UAE)**.

Venue address: President Joko Widodo Street (Al-Ma'arid Street), opposite Zayed Military Hospital, Embassies District, Abu Dhabi, UAE PO Box 35567.

Getting to the meeting venue

Participants may reach the meeting venue by using the following means of transportation:

By bus

From Abu Dhabi International Airport

Bus line "A1/2" (airport express) services direct routes from/to Abu Dhabi international airport terminals 1 and 3 and stop at Khaleej Al Rabi St/Bus Interchange where participants could head to the meeting event via bus lines 103/161 with the direction to Sheikh Rashid Bin St/Rabdan St. From there, participants should continue on foot on Rabdan St (direction to Al Akwar St) and turn left on President Joko Widodo St.

From the city

Bus line No. 42 and 44 Zayed the First St/Fatima Bint Mubarak. Stop at Sheikh Rashid Bin Saeed St/Rabdan St station, walk on Al Yaqout St for about 600 meters and turn left on President Joko Widodo St.

For more information about public transport in Abu Dhabi, visit [here](#).

By taxi or Uber

from city centre municipality and at Sheikh Rashid Bin Saeed St/Rabdan St station it is around EUR 8. Uber is available and the central phone number for taxi booking is 600 535 353. Taxis accept credit cards or cash. In case, participants prefer cash, please make sure you have small change rather than pay with big notes (e.g. AED 100-200 notes), as most probably, drivers will not be able to give you change from such a large note.



Accommodation

Participants are responsible for making their own hotel arrangements and airport transfer bookings. They are also advised to book the hotel accommodation in the city center of Abu Dhabi or the nearby areas of the meeting venue. Below are some recommended hotel accommodations:

<i>Hotel</i>	<i>Telephone</i>	<i>Website</i>
Aloft Abu Dhabi	009712 654 5000	https://aloft-hotels.marriott.com/
Andaz Capital gate Abu Dhabi	009712 596 1234	https://www.hyatt.com/andaz
Centro Capital Center by Rotana	009712 409 6666	https://www.rotana.com/
Pearl Rotana Capital center	009712 307 5555	https://www.rotana.com/rotanahotelandresorts/unitedarabemirates/abudhabi/pearlrotana?
Premier inn Abu Dhabi	600 500503	https://mena.premierinn.com/en/hotel/abu-dhabi-capital-centre
Holiday inn Abu Dhabi, an IHG hotel	009712 657 4888	https://www.ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/de/de/reservation
Novotel Albustan	009712 501 6444	https://all.accor.com/hotel/6533/index.en.shtml

Further information regarding accommodation in Abu Dhabi can be found at:
<https://visitabudhabi.ae/en/plan-your-trip/article-hub/abu-dhabi-hotel-guide>

DURING THE WORKSHOP PERIOD

On-site registration

Registration is open to participants on 12 October 2023 from 8.30 – 10.00 am, at the entrance of workshop venue. Participants shall present their passport or proof of their identification to get registered to get the workshop badge.

For security purposes, participants who miss the registration are not allowed in the meeting room.

Daily subsistence allowance (DSA) disbursement and travel

Participants eligible for funding may visit the DSA desk at the workshop venue on 12 October 2023 from 10.00 am – 14.30 pm. To expedite DSA payment, kindly bring along the passport, electronic flight ticket confirmation, and boarding pass(es).

The DSA will be distributed 100% with pre-paid bank cards at the venue. After receiving clearance from the DSA office, participants can proceed to an ATM to collect their DSA approximately one working day after the registration. Pre-paid bank cards will be issued in USD and offer the following features:

- Reload and reuse through a 3-years validity
- Use as a standard Mastercard/Visa
- Withdraw cash
- Make payment at shops and hotels as other cards



Participants can also communicate directly with the provider (Swiss Bankers) for balance inquiries, fund transfers, and other related services.

Participants who already hold a Swiss Bankers Card should bring it with them.

NOTE on travel for participants funded by UNFCCC secretariat: Any changes made to the date of departure and/or arrival may incur a fee. Changes for private reasons are to be paid by the traveller. The **UNFCCC secretariat will not be responsible for any costs associated with any changes you may wish to make to your ticket**, for example upgrading, re-routing or stop-overs.

Seating arrangements

Seating will be arranged á la Carte, with nameplates being made available outside of the room. Party delegates are invited to take seats at the front of the room, with observer organizations and other non-Party stakeholders to be seated at the rear of the room.

Before attending the meeting

Testing is recommended for participants who show COVID-19 symptoms.

IF YOU HAVE COVID-19 SYMPTOMS OR OTHER SYMPTOMS OF ILLNESS

- Please do not leave your room or come to the meeting venue, but immediately carry out a test.
- The current list of symptoms can be found [here](#).

IF THE TEST IS POSITIVE

- Please self-isolate in your room until you have two negative Lateral Flow Tests on two consecutive days.
- List the persons you have been in close contact with and inform the focal point of contact from the UNFCCC, so that they can inform those affected.
- If symptoms get worse and you are unable to reach hotel staff, please contact the emergency number (998) from any phone to speak with the emergency services.

Prior to the workshop

Visa for travel to the UAE

All foreign delegates entering the UAE must have a valid passport for at least six months at the time of entry. To check whether a visa to enter the UAE is required, kindly click [here](#).

Participants who already hold a valid “COP28 UAE Visa” may use the visa for this meeting and re-apply for “COP28 UAE Visa” again using the same link ([please click here](#)), once they exit the UAE.

Participants who do not have a valid “COP28 UAE Visa” and are required to have one, are strongly encouraged to contact the appropriate consular authorities, as soon as possible, if not already done. The issuance of a visa for the UAE may take up to two weeks from the date of submission of the visa application. They can also apply for an e-visa through <https://smart.gdrfad.gov.ae/HomePage.aspx> (Please copy this link onto Chrome or Firefox, then create an account first before processing the visa application).



Participants are advised that obtaining a UAE visa is contingent on the participant securing comprehensive insurance that covers their entire stay. If travelling more than once, it is recommended to obtain insurance that covers the period of all intended stays.

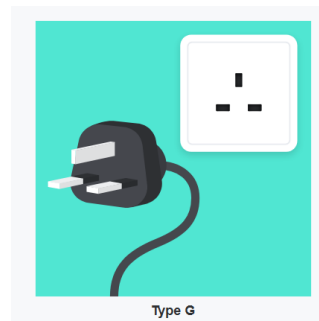
Time zone

Abu Dhabi is currently in UAE Standard Time, given by Gulf Standard Time, which is 2 hours ahead of Central European Summer Time (CEST+2) and 4 hours of Greenwich Mean Time (CMT+4).

Electricity

Power systems generally range from 100-240 volts. An adaptor may be necessary.

Participants are advised to bring their own plug adapters to plug into Abu Dhabi power sockets. Information on the appropriate plugs may be found on the Internet (for example, [here](#)).



Weather

Abu Dhabi boasts a warm and sunny climate all-year round. The weather in October is pleasant, with the daily temperatures ranging from 28 to 35°C. Humidity levels and cloud cover remain stable.

Health requirements and Covid19 related issues

Up-to-date information on international travel and health requirements are provided by the [World Health Organization](#) (WHO).

Participants are strongly advised to obtain comprehensive international medical insurance for the duration of their stay. The United Nations and the UNFCCC secretariat disclaim all responsibility for medical, accident and travel insurance, for compensation for death or disability, for loss of or damage to personal property and for any other costs or losses that may be incurred during travel or the period of participation at the conference including pre-session meetings.

In the interests of the security and safety of all participants and the smooth running of the sessions, the UNFCCC secretariat reserves the right to deny and/or restrict access to the conference premises, or to request participants to leave the premises. The UNFCCC secretariat shall not be responsible for any expenses incurred by participants who are requested to leave the premises or refused registration or access to the sessions for which they have been nominated and/or registered as participants.

All COVID restrictions have been lifted in Abu Dhabi. More information about travel requirement to Abu Dhabi could be found [here](#).

CONTACTS

For further information regarding the workshop, kindly contact our GST team at gst@unfccc.int.