First meeting of the Board of the Fund for responding to loss and damage

28th of April to 2nd of May 2024

Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

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First meeting of the Board of the Fund for responding to loss and damage- Logistical Note

Venue

The First Meeting of the Board of the Fund for responding to loss and damage will convene from 28th of April to 2nd of May 2024 and will convene at Abu Dhabi Energy Centre.

Google Maps link [here](#).

Agenda & Information note

The meeting documents are available at the following link: [https://unfccc.int/event/first-meeting-of-the-board-of-the-fund-for-responding-to-loss-and-damage](https://unfccc.int/event/first-meeting-of-the-board-of-the-fund-for-responding-to-loss-and-damage)

Registration

**Venue access/On-site registration**

Registration and welcome coffee for the Board meeting will take place from on the 28th of April 2024.

For registration, please bring your personal ID to receive your conference badge. Please note that access to the conference area is restricted to registered participants of the meeting only. In order to comply with the security requirements of the secretariat, participants are expected to wear their badges visible at all times and in all areas. If you lose your badge, please report it to Ms. Mary Grace Barrientos (MBarrientos@unfccc.int) from the UNFCCC Secretariat immediately.

**Virtual Participation & Webcast**

The Board meeting can be followed through webcast via the dedicated YouTube channels indicated on the meeting website.

The webcast link will be provided in due course.

**Visa**

Should you require any visa support from the COP28 team, please send a copy of your passport and your flight itinerary to:

- Ms. Asma Al Rayssi
  aalrayssi@cop28.com
Accommodation

COP 28 Affiliate Hotels
Participants are responsible for making their own accommodation arrangements.

For reservation:

Grand Hyatt Abu Dhabi Hotel & Residences Emirates Pearl
- To avail a special rate please use this code [COP28]
- Email nada.shawky@hyatt.com to avail the special rate.

Bab Al Qaser Hotel
- To avail a special rate call (+97122053000) and use this code [BAQCOP]

Hilton Conrad
- To avail a special rate please use this code [GUNFCC]

Intercontinental Abu Dhabi
- Email Reservations.icabudhabi@ihg.com to avail the special rate.

Traders Abu Dhabi Hotel (20 min drive from the venue)
- Email mohammad.turk@shangri-la.com to avail the special rate.

Other hotels near by

Khalidiya Palace Rayhaan By Rotana
- Book here: [https://www.rotana.com/rayhaanhotelandresorts/unitedarabemirates/abudhabi/khalidiyapalacerayhaanbyrotana](https://www.rotana.com/rayhaanhotelandresorts/unitedarabemirates/abudhabi/khalidiyapalacerayhaanbyrotana)

Residences Emirates Pearl
Transportation from Abu Dhabi and Dubai

Abu Dhabi

- Taxi: From Abu Dhabi International Airport to any hotel in Abu Dhabi: approx. AED 100

Dubai

- For those flying with Emirates Airlines to Dubai – please contact Emirates Airline or your local travel agent to ensure you have free bus transportation to Abu Dhabi and back to Dubai after the Board meeting.

General Information for the meeting

Dress code

The dress code for the meetings is smart casual. It is recommended to dress conservatively when in public places outside the hotel. Please keep in mind that conference rooms can be cold due to air conditioning.

Language

The meeting will be conducted in English.

Internet Access:

Free wireless internet is available during the meeting.

Banking

ATM near the Venue:

Please be informed that there is no ATM at the venue; however, several ATMs are in the surrounding area from the venue. Please ask the venue reception for assistance.

Other ATMs can be easily found in shopping malls, such as Galleria Mall, Abu Dhabi Mall, Al Wahda Mall, etc., in Abu Dhabi.
Eateries Near By

Selection of restaurants:

- **Verso** *(Italian)*
  
  offers good food that is made to be enjoyed slowly and socially. Slow, because eating the Italian way is about so much more than the meal, it's about sharing moments. And socially, because we are a lot of Italian, we like to talk and laugh and cook and sometimes everything all together, but it's just because we're passionate about what we do, we're passionate about life. Verso, where food means family.

  Everyday: Noon - 11:00 PM

  Dress Code: Smart Casual

  Phone: +971 2-5101234

- **Lexx**
  
  A sophisticated bar, where legendary moments are made around cellar wines, vintage cigars and classic cocktails complemented by fine cheese and charcuterie. It features a large outdoor terrace with some of the Corniche’s most spectacular views. A smoking lounge and separate private room are available to accommodate lovers of privacy and unhurried conversation, while the bar food menu will please all food enthusiasts. It boasts a classic yet understated atmosphere, with the main onyx bar where the biggest sports events of the year are broadcasted live.

  Everyday: 5:00 PM – 2:00 AM

  Dress Code: Elegant Casual

  Phone: +971 2-5101234

- **Sahha** *(Middle Eastern)*
  
  Represents home cooking styles of the Chef’s displaying their country’s food cultures including cuisines within the Silk Route from North – West Africa till South – West Asia such as Turkish, Moroccan, Thai, Indian, Lebanese, Arabic, Indonesian and Malaysian cuisines. In line with the bequeath of the Founding Fathers of UAE to live in harmony with other nationalities and develop social and cultural diversity in the region, Sahha connects people from different countries by featuring authentic ingredients, sourced locally.

  Everyday
  
  Breakfast
  
  6:30 AM – 11:00 AM

  Dinner
  
  6:30 PM - 10:30 PM

  Dress Code: Casual

  Phone: +971 2-5101234

- **Pearl Lounge**
It is a lobby lounge, a café, a shop, a crêperie, and a bar. It is a place to meet and talk, eat or wait, think or drink. Or simply to pause by yourself to relax. Pearl Lounge is what you want it to be.

Everyday: 8:00 AM - 2:00 AM

Dress Code: Smart Casual

Phone: +971 2-5101234

**General Information for travelers to Abu Dhabi**

**Currency and Forms of Payment**

The UAE Dirham (AED) is the national currency of the UAE. Most airport exchanges handle foreign currencies, but it is advisable to convert currencies into USD or GBP before arrival. Credit cards are widely accepted. However, it is useful to keep some cash on hand. Currency exchange services are available at international airports, commercial banks or ‘Bureau de Change’ offices in all major malls and popular shopping districts.

**Language**

The official language is Arabic. UAE is renowned for the diversity of its workforce and English is commonly spoken.

**Climate and Weather**

Due to its location, the UAE has a subtropical and dry climate and is generally hot and sunny year-round. The average temperature in Abu Dhabi in October is 29°C. The average relative humidity in Abu Dhabi in October is 65%.

**Telephone Country Code**

The UAE country code is +971.

**Sim Cards**

Mobile phone sim cards can be purchased at the airport upon arrival to the UAE. The two main carriers are e& (Etisalat), and Du. Tourist packages are available for convenience during short stays.

**Time Zone**

UAE is located in the Gulf Standard Time (GMT+4) zone.

**Electrical appliances**

Domestic supply is 220 volts. Sockets are generally suitable for three-pin plugs of British standard design. It is a good idea to bring an adapter.
Health, Safety and Security

Disclaimer
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-sessional meetings.

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Medical services
The closest hospital is Corniche Hospital, [https://www.seha.ae/hospital-detail/3](https://www.seha.ae/hospital-detail/3)

Outside conference premises, call the following numbers for assistance:
- Police: 999
- Fire brigade: 997
- Emergency doctor / ambulance: 998 (ambulance)

Hospitals in Abu Dhabi
- Corniche Hospital : Al Zahiyah – Abu Dhabi (Number: 800 55) [https://www.seha.ae/hospital-detail/3](https://www.seha.ae/hospital-detail/3)
- Medeor Hospital (number: 800 55): Al Falah St - Al Danah - Zone 1 - Abu Dhabi [https://medeor.ae/](https://medeor.ae/)