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LOGISTICAL INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

Forty-ninth meeting of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group

24 to 27 February 2026¹

Nouakchott, Mauritania

(Version of 5 February 2026)

¹ Full meeting dates are 24–27 February for the LEG members. Other participants are invited to join the meeting on the last two days on 26 and 27 February 2026.

This document is intended to be regularly updated; we therefore strongly advise you to consult it periodically for any revisions.

1. ABOUT THE MEETING

The forty-ninth meeting of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG) will take place from 24 to 27 February 2026, in Nouakchott, Mauritania, in response to an offer to host the meeting from the Government of Mauritania.

At this meeting, the LEG will develop the work programme for 2026–2027 considering ongoing work and new mandates arising from COP 30. The meeting will also include discussions with representatives of the least developed countries (LDCs), and relevant organizations, including the Adaptation Fund Board secretariat, the Green Climate Fund secretariat, the Global Environment Facility and its agencies, and regional centres and networks, regarding support to the LDCs.

More information about the meeting including the agenda will be made available at <https://unfccc.int/event/leg-49>.

2. VENUE

The meeting will be held at FASQ Hotel.

The full contact details of the hotel are below

Address: Mokhtar Ould Daddah, Nouakchott, Mauritania

Phone: 00222 44 25 00 34

E-mail: info@fasqhotel.com

3. NOTE FROM THE SECRETARIAT

Information for funded participants

Registration

Registration for participants will take place for LEG members from 8:00 to 9:00am on Tuesday, 24 February 2026 and for all other participants from 8:00 to 9:00am on Thursday, 26 February 2026.

Travel for eligible funded participants to and from Mauritania will be arranged at the lowest cost and most direct economy fare. The UNFCCC secretariat will not be responsible for costs associated with any changes that the funded participants may wish to make to their tickets, for example: upgrading, re-routing or stopovers.

Funded participants are kindly requested to bring their passports and boarding passes with them on the first day of the meeting in order to facilitate DSA payment.

Insurance

Participants are strongly advised to obtain international travel and medical insurance to cover the period of their departure for the event until the time of their return to their home country. The United Nations and the UNFCCC secretariat disclaim all responsibility for medical accidents and travel insurance, for compensation, death or disability, loss or damage to personal property and for any other costs or losses that may be incurred during travel time or the period of participation at the meeting.

4. REQUIREMENTS FOR ENTRY INTO MAURITANIA

Passport

Participants are required to have a signed passport, valid for at least six months from the date of arrival in Mauritania.

Visa

It is the responsibility of each participant to obtain a visa for Mauritania.

As of 5 January 2025, any person subject to visa requirements who wishes to travel to Mauritania must obtain an electronic visa authorization prior to departure. The application for this authorization must be made by completing an electric form available exclusively on the website <http://anrpts.gov.mr/fr>, under the heading “visa authorization”.

5. LOCAL TRANSPORTATION

Transportation applications are available in Nouakchott for participants to use at their own responsibility should they need to travel.

6. ACCOMMODATION

Participants will need to make their own hotel arrangements.

The FASQ Hotel has offered a preferential rate of 8,000 MRU (200 USD) per night for participants. There are also many reasonably priced hotels located near the venue (address provided in the related section above) that participants may wish to consider. There will not a pick up/drop off service from/to hotels, so please consider distances to the meeting venue when making your hotel arrangements.

7. FURTHER INFORMATION

Language

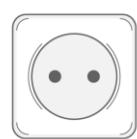
Arabic is the official language of Mauritania. French is commonly used in administration, business, and education, and often serves as a working language in urban areas.

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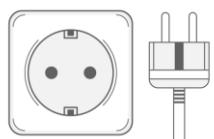
Nouakchott, the capital of Mauritania, has a hot, arid desert climate with extremely low annual rainfall and consistently warm temperatures throughout the year. Rainfall is scarce—averaging only around 1–2 mm in February—and the city experiences long stretches of dry, sunny days.

Electricity voltage

The standard voltage in Mauritania is 220 volts with a frequency of 50 Hz. Power plugs are typically type C and F type. Travelers from countries using different plug types or voltages may require an adapter and/or voltage converter.



Type C



Type F

Banking/Currency

The currency of Mauritania is the Mauritanian Ouguiya (MRU). Cash in local currency is the most used method of payment. Card payments may be accepted in some hotels and larger establishments in Nouakchott, but availability is limited. It is advisable to avoid using ATMs located on the street and instead use those inside banks or reputable hotels.

Time Zone

Mauritania operates on Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) with a UTC offset of UTC±0. The country does not observe daylight saving time.

Telephone services

The international dialling code for Mauritania is +222. Local mobile SIM cards can be purchased upon arrival at the airport or in the city. The main mobile operators include Mauritel, Chinguitel, and Mattel.

Dress code

Participants may dress casually during the meetings.

8. MEETING CONTACTS

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