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I. Introduction

The first-ever edition of the Middle East and North Africa Climate Week, MENACW 2022, will be held from March 28 to March 31 in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

The event is hosted by the Government of the United Arab Emirates Ministry of Climate Change and Environment, World Green Economy Organization and Dubai Electricity and Water Authority. MENWCW 2022 is jointly co-organized by core partners UN Climate Change, UN Development Programme, UN Environment Programme and the World Bank Group, with partners based in MENA – the UN Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, the International Renewable Energy Agency and the League of Arab States Secretariat.

MENA Climate Week 2022 will provide a platform for governments, cities, private sector leaders, financial institutions and civil society to discuss opportunities to build forward from the pandemic by identifying opportunities to enhance climate action. The event will bring together key stakeholders to take the pulse of climate action in the region, explore climate challenges and opportunities and showcase ambitious solutions.

II. Meeting Venue



Atlantis, The Palm

Crescent Rd, The Palm Jumeirah

Dubai

United Arab Emirates

Website: [HERE](#)

Google Map: [HERE](#)

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III. Participant Registration

Registration for MENACW 2022 is free of charge. To pre-register, please visit [the MENACW 2022 webpage](#) and follow instructions provided. Please note that confirmation of registration is subject to security check. For this purpose, a separate notification will be sent to each participant's e-mail, requesting for a copy passport copy. A final confirmation notification will be issued via email as soon as clearance is granted. Pre-registration is required by 25 March to attend the Opening Ceremony. Registration will also be available online after the opening, with all participants subject to security clearance.

Pre-registered participants can fast-track conference access by collecting their badge in advance at the Atlantis, The Palm venue. Please bring the digital badge received via email to the venue during these days/times to collect your badge:

- 26 March from 5:00pm to 10:00pm
- 27 March from 10:00am to 10:00pm

From 28 March, badges can be collected at the venue starting at 8:00am.

IV. Visas

The type of visa needed to enter Dubai depends on several factors such as your nationality, purpose of your planned visit and its duration. To view a list of countries that do not require advance visa arrangements to enter the UAE, please refer to the detailed information below.

Please note:

- MENACW 2022 participants are advised to visit the UAE on a tourism visa and must travel with a standard passport valid for more than six months
- Citizens from around 50 countries can receive a 30-day tourism visa from the date of entry upon arrival without an invitation letter – check the [list of countries HERE](#)
- Alternatively, tourism visas can be provided via hotel, travel agency or airlines
- MENACW 2022 participants from countries that cannot receive the 30-day tourism visa on arrival can apply for an e-visa till 18 March 2022
- For support with an e-visa, please send a clear scan of the standard passport identification page and a digital passport photo by email to **menacw@worldgreeneconomy.org**
- MENA Climate Week organizers cannot be held responsible should your visa not be approved for any reason

Detailed visa Information can be found [HERE](#).

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V. COVID-19 Measures

Health and safety of MENA Climate Week 2022 participants is a priority, and strict COVID-19 measures will be implemented as per regulations stipulated by Dubai Tourism.



We will observe all social distancing measures at the time of the MENA Climate Week to ensure each attendee’s safety, health and peace of mind. For more details, click [HERE](#).

All participants have a shared responsibility in event safety and must take actions to protect themselves and others from COVID-19, including providing their own face covering and washing hands regularly. If an attendee displays symptoms including high temperature, dry cough or fatigue, they will be asked to leave the venue. Attendees will be asked at the venue to self-certify they do not have symptoms and will comply with event safety policies and procedures, including wearing face coverings, physical distancing, and other requirements. Violation of policies will result in removal from the event by local authorities.

Participants are solely responsible for complying with any travel measures stipulated by the country of departure and arrival, and the respective airline.

Additional information is available under the following links:

- [UAE protocols for COVID 19](#)
- [Dubai Tourism COVID-19 FAQ](#)

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PCR Testing

Atlantis, The Palm, has a dedicated test center should you require testing during your stay in Dubai. The cost is AED250.00 per test. Alternatively, you can visit one of the many [official testing sites](#) around Dubai, which are more economical.

VI. Traveling to the UAE

Participants are responsible for their own travel bookings to Dubai. For more information about travel arrangements, procedures and documentations, click [HERE](#).

By Air

Dubai International Airport (3 terminals) and Al Maktoum International Airport connect Dubai to 260 destinations around the world, with 140 airlines operating 7,000 flights weekly.

- Dubai International Airport – code DXB
- Al Maktoum Airport – code DWC

It is also possible to travel to alternate airports in the UAE and arrive in Dubai by land. Alternate airports in the UAE include:

- Sharjah International Airport – code SHJ
- Abu Dhabi International Airport – code AUH
- Al Ain International Airport – code AAN
- Ras Al Khaimah International Airport – code RKT
- Fujairah International Airport – code FJR

By Land

Dubai is well connected by road to the other emirates as well as neighboring countries. Driving to Dubai from nearby countries is easy. Speed limits and other road signs are clearly marked in English and Arabic. If you drive to Dubai, please review license requirements before you travel. They may vary depending on the country where your license is issued. More details are available [HERE](#).

VII. Transportation

The UAE has a modern road system. The road signs are readily understandable and clear in English and in Arabic. GPS or online map applications such as Apple Maps and Google Maps

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are useful for navigation purposes. [Dubai the Road Transport Authority](#) maintains the roads, manages the Salik tolls, enforces parking regulations and provides public transportation.

- [Metro](#) – The Dubai Metro, a modern and fully automated rail system with red and green lines, provides many great features in addition to convenient means of travel, including retail outlets, Wi-Fi connectivity and ATM machines
- [Palm Monorail](#) – The Palm Monorail is the most iconic way to navigate across the Palm Jumeirah
- [Bus](#) – The Dubai bus service network covers 87% of the Dubai urban area
- [Tram](#) – The Dubai Tram network covers 10.6 Km with 11 stations in urban areas
- [Taxi](#) – Dubai Taxi service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week all around Dubai
- Uber, Careem – These popular applications for hiring cars and taxis are available

More information about transportation tariffs, routes, timetables and stations is found [HERE](#).

VIII. Accommodation

Participants are responsible for their own hotel bookings and should directly contact the hotel of choice. Participants are also responsible for payment of their accommodations and any cancellation/no show fees, as applicable, according to hotel policies. A list of recommended hotels near the venue is provided below.

HOTELS	Distance from/to the venue	Indicative price in local currency (AED)
Aloft Palm Jumeirah	5 minutes	From 792 (per night)
Adagio Premium The Palm	6 minutes	From 902 (per night)
Oceana Residences	9 minutes	From 959 (per night)
Media One Hotel	12 minutes	From 557 (per night)
Grand Plaza Mövenpick Media City	12 minutes	From 967 (per night)
Arjaan by Rotana – Dubai Media City	17 minutes (rush hour congestion may occur)	From 562 (per night)

**Reservations subject to rooms availability. Prices may vary depending on the reservation.*

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IX. General Information for your Stay in Dubai

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. During MENACW 2022, the weather is expected to be nice. Dubai average temperatures in March range from 17°C to 26°C with an increased chance of rain. This is a great time to visit Dubai as evenings are cool and the heat is manageable for most travelers.

Communications

GSM SIM cards can be obtained through telecommunications providers such as Etisalat or du but be sure to bring your passport with you. To get a phone and internet connection, visitors need to go to a provider branch location with a copy of their passport.

Telephone Country Code

The UAE country code is +971, followed by the national codes 04 for Dubai.

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.

X. In Case of Emergency

In case of an emergency, you can call the following numbers from anywhere in the UAE:

- 911 for Police
- 998 for Ambulance
- 997 for Fire Department (Civil Defense)

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Police are notified with the help of Advanced Mobile Location when a distress call is made.

A list of hospitals and pharmacies near the MENACW 2022 venue is found [HERE](#).

We look forward to welcoming you in Dubai!

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Q: Do I need a Covid 19 test before arriving in Dubai?

Yes, all passengers arriving in Dubai from any point of origin, including GCC countries, must hold a negative PCR test certificate. The test must be taken no more than 72 hours prior to the time of departure. Travelers from certain countries must hold a negative PCR test taken no more than 48 hours prior to the time of departure. Please check your country's travel advisory for the latest guidance on outbound trips, as well as your carrier requirements.

Q: Do I need to be insured?

Medical travel insurance with international coverage that covers COVID-19 before traveling is recommended.

Q: Do I have to wear a mask?

Yes, mask-wearing is mandatory in all indoor and outdoor settings, except when eating or drinking. You are not required to wear gloves.

Q: Will there be masks and hand sanitizer available at the venue?

Yes, although we recommend that you provide your own face covering and sanitizer.

Q: What is the current social distancing?

The current social distancing requirement is 1.5 meters.

Q: Where is the nearest test center?

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Q: If I have symptoms during my stay, what do I have to do?

Participants who show symptoms on arrival or test positive for COVID-19 must comply with 10-day isolation. Once the isolation period is completed, a clearance certificate will be provided. Options are available for those facing potential financial hardship due to hotel isolation costs. For more information, please visit this [Dubai Health Authority page](#).

Q: Is there a mandatory quarantine for participants?

No, only if you test positive for COVID-19.

Q: Are shops and restaurants open?

Yes, the majority of retail and entertainments outlets are open. Dubai has launched a 'DUBAI ASSURED' stamp to certify hotels, retail stores, restaurants, attractions, and event venues that have implemented health and safety protocols.

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