

GET-2016

PRACTICAL INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

1. VENUE

The second Global Forum on Emergency Telecommunications will be held at the Regency Hotel, Kuwait City, Kuwait, from 25 to 28 January 2016.



Pre-events will take place on 25 January 2015 in the same venue. The exhibition will start from 26 January 2015 at the same venue..

The Regency Hotel, Kuwait

AI Bida'a, AI Tawoon Street, Salmiya

Tel.: +965 2576666

Fax: +965 25766999

E-mail: info@theregencykuwait.com

Website: <http://www.theregencykuwait.com>

Regency bookings: Local contact person in charge of room reservation:

Mr Sherif EI Sherif

Tel.: +965 55222087

Fax.: +965 85766671

E-mail: sherifel.sherif@theregencykuwait.com

1.2 About Kuwait City

Kuwait City is the capital and largest city of the State of Kuwait, a country with a population of 4 million people. Located at the heart of the country on the shore of the Arabian Gulf, and home to Kuwait's parliament, most governmental offices, the headquarters of most Kuwaiti corporations and banks, Kuwait City is the political, cultural and economic centre of Kuwait. It is also considered as a "Global City".

2. REGISTRATION

Registration for the Global Forum will be carried out online only.

To register, please click [here](#). If you are applying for a fellowship, tick the fellowship box when registering. The deadline for submitting requests for fellowships is **15 December 2015**.

3. VISA

A valid passport and visa are required to enter the State of Kuwait. Participants are requested to consult the Consulate or Embassy of Kuwait that covers their country of residence.

Note: Participants can contact their hotel or tour company to help with their visa application.

All **visa-related questions** should be addressed to:

Mr Ali ALSalem
Public Relations Department
Ministry of Communications
Tel.: + 965 969 664 05

Fax.: +965 24927485
E-mail: alsa1em69@gmail.com

The entry permits upon arrival at the airport in the state of Kuwait will be issued for the nationals of following countries:

United states of America, New Zealand, Australia, Canada, Germany, France, Luxembourg, Belgium, Netherlands, Japan, Norway, Sweden, Austria, Switzerland, Greece, Ireland, Portugal, Denmark, Vatican, Monaco, Spain, Finland, SanMarino, Andorra, Iceland, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Singapore, South Korea, United Kingdom of Great Britain, Italy, Brunei, Poland, Georgia, Vietnam, Slovenia, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Latvia, Estonia, Letonia, Turkey, Liechtenstein.

For more information on visas, please visit the website of Kuwait's Ministry of Interior [here](#).

Important notice:

In case participants face any problems obtaining a visa or entry permit, they should send a copy of their passport (the bio data page with photo and the expiry date page) to any of the contact points below for further assistance.

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4. ACCOMMODATION

Special rates have been negotiated with the Regency Hotel as well as other hotels listed below for GET-16 participants. Participants should book their own accommodation directly with the contact person mentioned in the table attached as Annex II. When checking in, delegates may be required to provide evidence that they are attending GET-16 (registration confirmation).

Please note that a 15 per cent value-added tax (VAT) will be added to these room rates.

5. TRANSPORTATION

Airport transfer and transportation between hotels and the meeting venue will be provided to participants staying at the hotels listed in Annex II. It is very important that participants indicate in the participant information form in Annex I, their exact arrival and departure information, and the name of the hotel where they will be staying.

Ministry of Communications will be receiving all of the participants at Kuwait International Airport and there will be a booth allocated for MOC inside the airport where the participants will be taken first to Regency hotel to collect their badges first then to their own hotel of accommodation

Please submit the participant information form attached as Annex I no later than 15 December 2015 to:

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WEATHER

The climate in Kuwait City is arid, and can be classified as moderately humid or subtropical. The summers are extremely hot, while winters are cooler. There is a minimal amount of rain during winter and rain seldom occurs during summer. January has the highest rainfall. Annual precipitation is 77mm. The weather in January is moderate to cold, and approximate temperatures vary between 13° C and 18°C. Weather averages for Kuwait City in January are as follows:

Temperature	13°C	55°F
Low temperature	7°C	45°F
High temperature	18°C	61°F

Chance of sunny day	50 %
Chance of rain	20 %
Chance of cloudy day	27 %

6. FOREIGN CURRENCY AND EXCHANGE RATE

The official currency is the Kuwaiti Dinar (KWD):

1 EUR = KWD 0.330 (approximately).

1 USD= KWD 0.303 (approximately).

Currency Import regulations

Import of local currency (and foreign currencies is allowed up to a maximum of KWD 3000 or its equivalent in other currencies or gold bullion.

Currency Export regulations

Export of local currency and foreign currencies is without restrictions. Gold bullion can be exported on condition that Customs Authorities are advised.

Under Kuwaitian law, cash and securities exceeding KWD 3000 (USD 10000) or its equivalent in other currencies carried by any person entering or leaving the customs border of Kuwait must be declared at a Customs Office. Failure to make such a declaration, or making any false declaration to a Customs Officer can be subject to a penalty or confiscation of the undeclared amount.

Any Customs-related questions should be sent to:

Mr. Ali M. Alshammari
Head of land & transient Section - land customs Department
the General Administration of Customs
Mobile: +965 99 527 201
Email: ali4008@outlook.com

7. FLIGHT RESERVATIONS AND RECONFIRMATION

Many international airlines operate regular flights to and from Kuwait City (see table below). Participants are advised to secure their return ticket prior to their departure for Kuwait City.

If you have any questions, please contact:

Tel.: + 965 25766609
+ 965 25766611

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E-mail: sales@theregencykuwait.com

Or Tel.: + 965 25766663

Airlines
Kuwait airways
Jazeera airways
Emirates airways
Etihad airways
Qatar airways
KLM airways
Turkish airways

8. CUSTOMS

PROHIBITED ITEMS - IMPORT

In Kuwait, the following articles (among others) are prohibited for importation:

- Pork and pork products

- Alcohol
- Beer and wine-making kits
- Illegal drugs or associated paraphernalia
- Gambling devices, games of chance, and playing cards
- Ivory products
- Religious articles affiliated with religions besides Islam
- Political and/or religious materials that may be considered offensive to the Kuwait government or Islamic faith
- Pornographic material and magazines with swimsuits or depicting under garments
- Radio transmitter/communication equipment (walkie-talkies, short wave, VHF, marine, police band equipment, binoculars, telescopes).

For a full list, please visit: <http://www.customs.gov.kw/en/Law.aspx>

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Official working hours in Kuwait:

Working days: Sunday - Thursday (From 0800 hours to 1400hrs)

Weekends: Friday and Saturday (holidays)

Time Difference:

Standard time zone: UTC/GMT +3 hours

9. MAIN CONTACT PERSONS IN KUWAIT

All visa related questions:

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All questions regarding transportation:

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For any further information please contact:

Main contact person or Focal Point of the GET-16
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Annex I – Participant Form for Airport and Hotel Transfer

2nd GLOBAL CONFERENCE ON EMERGENCY TELECOMMUNICATIONS

**25 – 28 January 2016
Kuwait City, Kuwait**



PARTICIPANT INFORMATION FORM

Delegates are kindly requested to fill in all fields clearly to facilitate logistical arrangements.

DELEGATE DETAILS:

First name:

Surname:

Title:

Organization:

Address of organization:

Telephone:

Fax:

E-mail address:

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Arrival Date and Time:

Flight Number:

Departure Date and Time:

Flight Number:

Please include all flight details in order to facilitate pick-up service at Kuwait International Airport.

ACCOMMODATION:

Name of hotel in Kuwait:

Check-in date:

Check-out date:

ANY OTHER RELEVANT DETAILS:

PLEASE SEND COMPLETED FORM TO:

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Or

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E-mail: hussain.moc@gmail.com or hussainl@ties.itu.int

Annex II: Recommended hotels

Hotel	Rate per night	Hotel address	Contact	Category	Remarks
Regency	Single room 70 KWD Double room 80 KWD + 15% service + breakfast included + shuttle service from/to the airport	Al Bida'a, Al Tawoon Street, Salmiya	Tel.: +965 2576666 Fax.: +965 25766999 E-mail: info@theregencykuwait.com	5 Stars	Venue and official hotel of the Forum
	Deluxe/ Single room 80 KWD Deluxe/Double room 90 KWD + 15% service + breakfast included + shuttle service from/to the airport				
Radisson Blu	Single room 70 KWD + 15% service + breakfast included + shuttle service from/to the airport	Al Bida'a, Al Tawoon Street, Salmiya	Tel.: +965 25673000 Fax.: +965 25750155 E-mail: aziz.amin@radissonblu.com and Mr Shajit Kumar Shajit.kumar@radissonblu.com	5 Stars	Next to the venue
Palms	Single room 70 KWD Double room 80 KWD + 15% service + breakfast included + shuttle service from/to the airport	Al Bida'a, Al Tawoon Street, Salmiya	Tel.: +965 1824060 – ext: 30 Mobile: +965 99759626 Fax.: +965 25667382 E-mail: reservations@thepalms-kuwait.com	4 stars	Around 5 minutes away from the venue

Movenpick Albida'a	Single room 75 KWD Double room 80 KWD + breakfast included + shuttle service from/to the airport	Al Bida'a, Al Tawoon Street, Salmiya	Mr. Bassem Alhajj Director of Sales & Marketing Tel: +965 22253100 ext: 5600 Mobile: +965 99686661 & Mr. Ibrahim Alrefai Sales Manager-Government Tel: +965 22253100 ext: 5619 Mobile: +965 96007821 Fax: +965 2225 3226 E-mail: hotel.albidaa.reservation@movenpick.com	5 stars	Next to the venue, walking distance @ approximate distance of 100 meters
Jumeirah	Single room 65 KWD Double room 78 KWD + 15% service + breakfast included + shuttle service from/to the airport	Al Bida'a, Al Tawoon Street, Salmiya	Tel.: +965 2226 9600 Mobile: +965 9696 42 85 Fax.: +965 2-226-9700 E-mail: jmbinfo@jumeirah.com Bahaa.malaeb@jumeirah.com	5 stars	Around 5 minutes away from the venue
Boudl	Single room 31 KWD Deluxe single room 38 KWD + 15% service + breakfast included + shuttle service from/to the airport	Al Bida'a, Al Tawoon Street, Salmiya	Tel.: +965 920000666 Mobile: +965 97349340 Fax.: +965 25757886 E-mail: regional.kuwait@boudl.com	3 stars	Around 10 minutes away from the venue
Holiday Inn	Single room 40 KWD Double room 50 KWD + breakfast included + shuttle service from/to the airport	140 Hamad Al Mubarak Street , Gulf road, Salmiya	Tel.: +965 96961416 Mobile: +965 Fax.: +965 25759809 E-mail: Etidal.bakri@ihg.com	5 stars	Around 10 minutes away from the venue

Symphony Style	Single room 60 KWD Double room 70 KWD + 15% service + breakfast included + shuttle service from/to the airport	Arabian Gulf Road , Salmiya	Tel.: +965 2577 0000 +965 2577 0000 Mobile: +965 966 2 965 Fax.: +965 2577 0001 +965 2577 0001 E-mail: info@symphonystylehotel.com reservations@symphonystylehotel.com	5 stars	Around 11 minutes away from the venue
Ibis	Single room 40 KWD + 15% service + breakfast included + shuttle service from/to the airport	Salmiya, Salem Al Mubarak Street	Tel.: +965 25761222 +965 25761240 Mobile: +965 51710600 +965 99922425 Fax.: +965 25713909 E-mail: H6169-SL@accor.com H5970-SM@accor.com	3 stars	Around 11 minutes away from the venue
Marina	Single room 80 KWD Double room 89 KWD + 15% service + breakfast included + shuttle service from/to the airport	Arabian Gulf Road , Salmiya	Tel.: +965 22230030 Mobile: +965 55 333 074 Fax.: +965 22244972 E-mail: reservations@marinahotel.com ziad@marinahotel.com	4 stars	Around 12 minutes away from the venue
Costa Del Sol	Single room 40 KWD Double room 50 KWD + 15% service + breakfast included + shuttle service from/to the airport	Shaab – Arabian Gulf Road	Tel.: +965 1830083 Mobile: +965 99609934 Fax: +965 22 66 29 02 +965 4742460 E-mail: Info@costadelsolhotels.com.kw	4 stars	Around 20 minutes away from the venue

Crown Plaza	Single room 40 KWD Double room 50 KWD + breakfast included + shuttle service from/to the airport	Al-farwaniya	Tel.: +965 4732100 Mobile: +965 96961416 Fax.: +965 25759809 E-mail: Etidal.bakri@ihq.com	5 stars	Around 20 minutes away from the venue
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Annex III – Additional information on Kuwait



Kuwait City's trade and transportation needs are served by Kuwait International Airport, Mina AI-Shuwaik (Shuwaik Port) and Mina AI Ahmadi (Ahmadi Port) 50 kilometres (31 miles) to the south, on the Arabian Gulf coast. Kuwait City is ranked as one of the 25 largest cities in the world in terms of gross domestic product (GDP), along with New York, Tokyo, Moscow, Mumbai and other financial hubs, including Singapore and Dubai.

Places to visit

- American Hospital
- Mubarakiya Market
- Kuwait Towers
- Fish Market
- Scientific Center
- Aquarium
- Dickson House
- Kuwait National Museum
- Al-Qurain Martyrs' Museum
- Al Shaheed Garden Park
- Kuwait Equestrian Club
- Arabella Complex
- Sahara Kuwait | Kuwait's Premier Golf Resort
- Beit Lothan
- Dar Althar Al-Islamiyyah
- Sabah Al-Ahmad Heritage Village
- Alhamra Tower

For shopping

- Avenues Mall
- 360 Mall
- Al Kout Mall
- Marina Mall
- Olympia Mall

- Souq Sharq
- Al Salam Mall
- Al Mohalab Mall
- Gate Mall
- Salem Al Mubarak Street Malls

For further information about Kuwait, please visit the following website:

<http://www.da.gov.kw/eng/>

Constitutional Monarchy	Government:
Shaikh Sabah al-Sabah	Emir
Shaikh Nawaf al-Sabah	Crown Prince
Shaikh Jabber Al-Mubarak al- Sabah	Prime Minister
17'820 sq.km.	Area
4,044,500 (approximately)	Population
Kuwait City	Capital
Arabic	Language

Electricity

Voltage: 240 V

Frequency: 50 Hz

Power sockets: type C/G

In Kuwait, the standard voltage is 240 V. The standard frequency is 50 Hz. The power sockets that are used are of type C/G. Pictures of these power sockets are shown below, along with their corresponding plugs.

