



1st Steering Committee Meeting of the ITU Centers of Excellence (CoEs) Network for the Arab Region

19-20 Feb. 2019
Riyadh – Saudi Arabia

INFORMATION NOTE

VENUE OF THE MEETING

1. Location and Access

Situated in the center of the Arabian Peninsula on a large plateau, Riyadh lies in the central corridor of Saudi Arabia. It is the capital city of Saudi Arabia and is both a modern metropolis and a historical and cultural treasure. Its characteristics are diverse, that range from the shimmering golden sand dunes, to modern shopping malls, distinctive heritage and cultural sites to urban construction panaches. Such diversity makes Riyadh city the core of life and vitality in the Kingdom.

1.1 King Khaled International Airport (RUH or KKIA)

Riyadh is served by King Khaled International Airport, which is located about 35 km north of the city. Flights to Riyadh King Khalid International Airport come in from all over the world, including cities in Europe, Asia and the Middle East. King Khalid International Airport has three main passenger terminals. Terminal 1 and terminal 2 operates the arrivals/departures of international flights and terminal 5 the arrivals/departures of domestic flights.

1.2 Transportation

Modern and safe transportation network is available in Riyadh. Visitors can use modern ride-hailing apps to move around Riyadh. Taxis (limousines) are also a significant form of transportation in Riyadh. Taxis abound and can be hailed on any major road. Prices are determined by meter, or by negotiating with the driver before boarding the taxi. Always check the meter is activated as you enter the limousine. The price starts at SR 5. The price from King Khaled International Airport to Riyadh downtown is approximately SR 60-80.

2. Venue

The meeting will be held at the Naif Arab University of Security Sciences (NAUSS), Riyadh. Its address is:

Address: Khurais Road, Ar Rimaya. P.O .Box: 6830 Riyadh 11452 Saudi Arabia

Tel: (+966) 112463444 - Fax: (+966) 112464713

Website: www.nauss.edu.sa

GOOGLE Map of NAUSS:

<https://www.google.jo/maps/place/%D8%AC%D8%A7%D9%85%D8%B9%D8%A9+%D9%86%D8%A7%D9%8A%D9%81+%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%B9%D8%B1%D8%A8%D9%8A%D8%A9+%D9%84%D9%84%D8%B9%D9%84%D9%88%D9%85+%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%A3%D9%85%D9%86%D9%8A%D8%A9%E2%80%AD/@24.7898624,46.8629712,1049m/data=!3m2!1e3!4b1!4m5!3m4!1s0x3e2faae0e5c04517:0x81a72951fb2c1818!8m2!3d24.7898575!4d46.8607825?hl=ar>

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REGISTRATION

Online Registration link will be available on the ITU website ([Click Here](#)).

VISA APPLIATION PROCESS

The participants requiring an entry visa to Saudi Arabia are requested to fill the form on the registration page or attached to the invitation and send it along with a copy of their passport biographical data page to the email address (raed.alrashidi@nauss.edu.sa) and to contact local Embassy of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for information well in advance.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- **All visa requests has to be sent to the above emails not later than 19 Jan 2019.**

ACCOMMODATION

Kindly be advised that the university has a hotel for housing for those who wish to live in and its free housing inside the university. The level of housing is good and the hotel is organized in the form of independent rooms with a private bathroom and all the other needs.

For the recommended hotels below (see annex1) in which NAUSS has special rate, participants are kindly requested to reserve their hotel accommodations via telephone, fax or E-mail, directly with the hotels of preference indicating their arrival schedules before 10 of Jan 2019, with a copy to the meeting coordinator (mentioned above), to ensure the reception at the airport of Riyadh. Please be aware of the fact that the transportation between the hotels and the airport and between the hotels and the venue will be provided only for delegates who are staying in the official recommended hotels.

TRANSPORTATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

Transfers to and from Riyadh Airport and official hotels and the meeting venue will be provided to participants who have provided their flight details through the identified channels.

The airport has all necessary amenities to welcome participants properly. It is located [90] minutes from the official hotels of the Meeting.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Currency:

Saudi Riyal (SR). The SR is always fixed to the US dollar (\$); \$1 equals to 3.75 SR.

Climate:

The weather in Riyadh city during Feb. 2019 will be lovely.

Electricity:

220V, plug type is as shown in the figures below.

**Time zone:**

GMT +3 hours

Language:

Arabic is the official of Saudi Arabia; however, English language is used widely in Riyadh.

Credit Cards:

Many merchants in Riyadh accept credit cards.

ATMs:

ATMs are available and work on international networks. Foreign travelers can use their credit cards to obtain cash through the cash advance or use debit cards to withdraw cash from their bank account.

Tourism and Entertainment:

Please visit:

<http://sauditourism.sa/en/aboutKSA/Regions/Riyadh/Pages/default.aspx>.

<https://www.imax.com/theatres/vox-riyadh-park-imax>

<https://www.amccinemas.net/>

<https://roznamah.sa/en/>

Annex 1
Recommended Hotels

Hotel	Star Raring	Price per night	Contact
Madareem Crown Hotel	5 Stars	499 RS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mob:+966531820473 • Tel :+966 112758888 •
Mövenpick Hotel Riyadh	5 Stars	900 SR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mob: +966 561404142 • Tel :+966 11 4759999
Baira Qurtubah	4 Stars	350 SR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mob: +966 581882558 • Tel :+966 11 2254221
Holiday Inn Riyadh - Izdihar	4 Stars	450 SR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mob :+966593189718 • Tel :+966 11 4815858