

I-CoDI Regional Workshop: The New ITU Arab Regional Initiatives

19-22 November 2024
Dubai, UAE

PRACTICAL INFORMATION NOTE

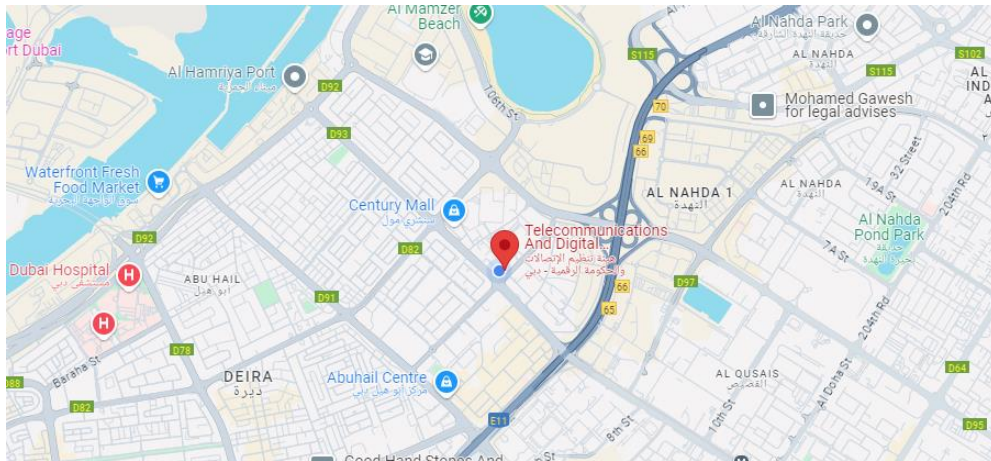
Welcome to the I-CoDI Regional Workshop: The New ITU Arab Regional Initiatives, scheduled to take place in Dubai from 19 to 22 November 2024. This note provides practical information to ensure your participation in the workshop is both enjoyable and fruitful.

1. Workshop Venue

The four-day workshop will take place at the Telecommunications and Digital Government Regulatory Authority (TDRA) in Dubai.

Address: Telecommunications and Digital Government Regulatory Authority (TDRA) in Dubai, Al Wuheida St - Deira – Dubai

Location on Google Map: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/DUqstn2LoXugasxBZ>



2. Accommodation provided by TDRA

All workshop participants will be accommodated at the InterContinental Dubai Festival City, an IHG Hotel.

Address: InterContinental, Dubai Festival City - Dubai

Phone: +971 4 701 1111

Location on Google Map: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/1AuAueWPWwLB8YW96>

Hotel Website:

https://www.ihg.com/intercontinental/hotels/gb/en/dubai/dxbhb/hotelldetail?cm_mmc=GoogleMaps-_-IC--AE--DXBHB

This modern and stylish hotel is situated in a vibrant area, offering easy access to Dubai's notable attractions and the workshop venue. The hotel offers a range of amenities including complimentary WiFi, a fitness center, a swimming pool, and several dining options.

3. Contact

We have set up a dedicated WhatsApp group for all workshop participants. This group will serve as a platform for sharing important updates, coordinating travel plans, and facilitating networking among attendees. Here's how you can join:



Scan the QR Code: Simply scan the QR code with your smartphone to join the group automatically.



Direct Link: Alternatively, click on this direct link

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/GCUxELDZ8kQ2i3NpLaYPNe>

Email: For any question or concern you can reach out to the ITU focal point

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4. Transportation and site information

a. Transportation from and to the airport

Airport transfer to and from the InterContinental hotel will be arranged for all the distinguished delegates (workshop participants) whose travel tickets were issued by TDRA.

Please note that if you choose to stay longer in Dubai after the conclusion of the workshop, the responsibility for arranging transportation to the airport will be yours.

For those who tickets have not been issued by TDRA, please note:

- Public taxis are readily available at all terminals at Dubai International Airport.
- All taxis are metered. Fares must be charged according to the taxi meter, plus applicable surcharges. More information can be found here: <http://www.dubaiairports.ae/before-you-fly/to-from-the-airport/by-taxi>

b. Transportation to and from the workshop venue

Buses from the InterContinental Hotel will be available daily at 9:00 am to TDRA and at 5:00 pm from TDRA to the InterContinental Hotel.

5. Passport and Visa

A passport of 6-month validity is required to enter the United Arab Emirates and countries requiring Visa must ensure they have obtained a valid entry Visa.

6. Nearby Hotel Suggestions

If the participant has not requested funding from TDRA, a list of recommended hotels closest to the venue is provided below:

Mövenpick Hotel Apartments Al Mamzar Dubai	4-star hotel
Swissotel Living Al Ghurair	4-star hotel
Pullman Dubai Creek City Centre Residences	4-star hotel

Please be advised that participants are encouraged to reserve their hotel accommodations in advance, either by phone or through the preferred hotel's booking website.

7. Contact Points

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8. Electrical Plug/Socket

The standard voltage is 220 V, with a frequency of 50 Hz. The power plugs and sockets are type G, the British three-pin.



9. Currency

The local currency is the United Arab Emirates Dirham (AED). Credit and debit cards are widely accepted, and ATMs are available throughout the city.

10. Weather

In November, Dubai experiences mild and comfortable weather, with daytime temperatures typically ranging from 22°C to 30°C. Evenings can be a bit cooler, so bringing a light jacket is advisable.

11. Emergency services

Police: 999
Ambulance: 998
Fire: 997

12. Additional Information

Wi-Fi Availability: Complimentary Wi-Fi is available throughout the hotel.

Local SIM Cards: You may consider purchasing a local SIM card for cost-effective communication during your stay.

13. Tourist attraction

After the workshop sessions, we encourage you to explore some of the city's most iconic attractions. Here's a curated list to get you started:

Burj Khalifa: Stand atop the world's tallest building, offering breathtaking views of the city from its observation decks on the 124th, 125th, and 148th floors. Pre-booking your ticket is recommended to avoid long waiting times.

Dubai Mall: Just steps away from the Burj Khalifa, the Dubai Mall is not just for shopping; it's a place where you can explore an indoor ice rink, a massive aquarium, and the captivating Dubai Fountain show.

Dubai Creek and Al Fahidi Historic District: Take a step back in time and explore the heart of old Dubai. Enjoy a traditional Abra ride across Dubai Creek, visit the Dubai Museum, and wander through the historic Al Fahidi neighborhood.



Gold and Spice Souks: Experience the vibrant atmosphere of Dubai's traditional markets. The Gold Souk offers dazzling jewelry, while the Spice Souk is a sensory delight, filled with fragrant herbs and spices.