

First ITU-T SG17RG-ARB meeting

Venue

Sundus Rotana **Hotel**



Sundus Rotana

Al Seeb-Airport Heights

Muscat, Oman

Website:

<https://www.rotana.com/rotanahotelandresorts/oman/muscat/sundusrotana>

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Room Rates:

Single Room - OMR 50+ / per night

On behalf of International Telecommunication Union (ITU), the ITU Arab Regional Cybersecurity Centre (ITU-ARCC), and the, Oman National CERT are pleased to invite you to participate to ITU-T Study Group 17 Regional Group for the Arab Region (SG17RG-ARB) will hold its first meeting in Muscat, Sultanate of Oman, on Sunday, 10 December 2017.

The meeting of the SG17RG-ARB will start at 0930 hours. The Regional Group meeting will, in principle, be restricted to delegates and representatives from Member States, Sector Members and Associates of the Study Group 17 in the region, in conformity with §2.3.3 of Section 2 of Resolution 1 of the WTSA-16.

Registration

For registration and agenda, please follow the following link:

ITU-T SG17 Regional Group for the Arab Region (SG17RG-ARB) <https://www.itu.int/md/T17-SG17RG.ARB-COL-0001/en>

Passport and Visa

Please ensure that your passport is valid for a period of six months from date of application. If you require an Invitation Letter to support the visa application, please send email to Mrs. Abir Hamed Humaiyad Al Harthy (Abir.AlHarthi@ita.gov.om)

Transportation

The Muscat International airport has all necessary amenities to welcome visitors. It is located less than 5 minutes from the forum venue - between 15 and 30 min. from the recommended hotels. It is used for arrival and departure of international flights.

For delegates who wish to take a venue shuttle, the airport transfer costs OMR 8+ per way (a car can accommodate max. 3 people). The cost of a journey of 10 kilometers is approximately cost 8/- OMR by Taximeter. For transportation from the hotels, other than the venue hotel, to the forum venue and vice versa, hotel's taxis and other means like car rental are available. All expenses are to be borne by the participants.

About Oman / Muscat

The Sultanate of Oman lies on the south east corner of the Arabian Peninsula latitudes 16° 40' and 26° 20' North and Longitudes 51° 50' and 59° 40' East. Its coast runs to a distance of 3165 Km from the Strait of Hormuz in the north to the borders of the Republic of Yemen in the south and overlooks three seas, the Arabian Gulf, Gulf of Oman and the Arabian Sea.

The Sultanate climate varies from one area to another. In the coastal areas we find a hot and humid weather in summer while it is hot and dry in the interior, except for some high areas as the weather is moderate over the same year. In the southern area the weather is more moderate. Rain in Oman is scarce and irregular.

Muscat is the capital and considered the pulsating heart of Oman. It is linked to Port Sultan Qaboos by Muttrah Corniche where the visitor to Muscat can view the wonderful variety of nature: golden beaches, mountainous heights, and golden sand dunes (Bawshar Sands).

Perhaps what is striking about Muscat is the breathtaking intermingling of ancient cultural heritage and modern style. You will see houses, gates, old markets, small shops, and winding roads redolent of authentic history, side by side with modern markets, shops, buildings, and streets stamped with modern architecture. This allows Oman to preserve its historic character, and at the same time enjoying its contemporary spirit. Muscat is renowned as one of the cleanest Arab capitals, and has gained the honor of winning the Cleanest Arab City Contest several consecutive times.

Coordinators

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Additional Information



Muscat weather in December

The weather in December is comfortable with a mean daytime temperature around 26 ° C. It can get quite cold at night in the mountains. Rainfall is expected during this month with an average of 16 mm per year.

Currency

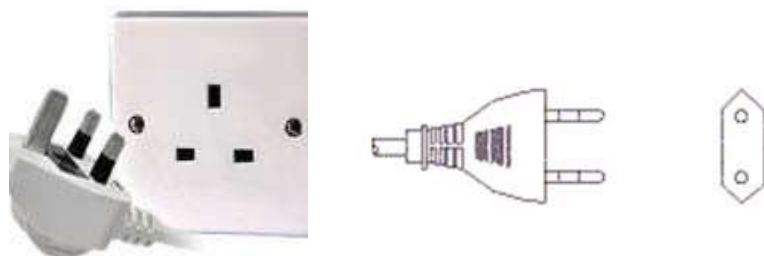
The official currency of Oman is the Omani Riyal. Visa, American Express, Access/MasterCard, and Diners Club cards can also be used. Banks are opened from Sunday till Thursday, from 8.00 to 1400.

The exchange current rate in Oman is as follows:

 USD - US Dollar	↔	 OMR - Omani Rial
1 USD		0.385 OMR (approx.)

Electrical appliances

AC power voltage in Oman is 220/240V, frequency ~50Hz. Most electrical outlets are as shown below.



Languages

Arabic is the main language. English is used to communicate with foreigners.

Medical assistance

Emergency and urgency medical assistance will be provided free of charge within the premises where the seminar will take place. Nevertheless, it is advised to take international travel insurance to cover any medical expenses in case of medical treatment.

Time zone

GMT +3 hours

Credit Cards

Many merchants in Oman 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.

For further information

- Please don't hesitate to contact us for any further information you need.
- For other information about Oman, please visit:
<http://www.omantourisme.com/>

List of Recommended Hotels

Hotel	Contact	More details
Holiday Inn AlSeeb Muscat	T: +968 2 2080555 E: sales.himuscatalseeb@ihg.com	https://goo.gl/maps/1mMwDwX764_Q2
Hormuz Grand Hotel	T: +968 2435 0661 E: reservations@hormuzgrandhotel.com	https://goo.gl/maps/18fj5AmKWVu
Mysk Al Mouj Hotel	T: + 971 4 4376460 E: info@myskhotels.com	https://goo.gl/maps/G7KqkoyDjJ62