



Communications and Information Technology Commission

Practical Information

Event: Meeting of ITU-T Study Group 20 Regional Group for the Arab Region (SG20RG-ARB) and the fourteenth meeting of the Arab Standardization Team

Host country: Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Location: Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Date: 7 October 2019

1 Location

Riyadh is located on the Najd plateau in the centre of the Arabian Peninsula. It inhabits an area that geological studies refer to as the Arabian Shelf, characterized by its sedimentary rock, and is the capital city of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Today, with its strategic location, Riyadh is no more than a two hour-flight away for the entire population of the Arabian Peninsula. Increase the radius to a seven hour-flight and Riyadh becomes a viable market for more than half of the global population. This fact, along with Saudi Arabia's significant population growth, has played a significant role in the economic growth, diversity and development in Riyadh, which, along with its surrounding areas, has been attracting unprecedented levels of local, national, regional and international investment.

1.1 King Khalid International Airport (RUH)

Riyadh is served by the King Khalid International Airport, approximately 35 km to the north of the city, running flights to and from all corners of the globe, including cities in Europe, Asia and the Middle East. The airport has three main terminals: Terminals 1 and 2 serve international departures and arrivals; and Terminal 5 serves domestic flights.

1.2 Transport

Riyadh has a safe, modern public transport network. In addition, there is a list of smart transport applications which have been approved by the public transport authority and can be downloaded onto smartphones. Taxi/limousine services can also be used to get around Riyadh. Taxi prices vary according to distance travelled and are either set by a meter or negotiated with the driver beforehand.

2 Meeting location

The meeting of ITU-T Study Group 20 Regional Group for the Arab Region and the fourteenth meeting of the Arab Standardization Team will be held at the headquarters of the Communications and Information Technology Commission at the following address:

Communications and Information Technology Commission (CITC)

P.O. Box 75606 – Riyadh 11588

Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Tel.: 00966114618000

Alnakheel Quarter - At the corner of Prince Turki Bin Abdulaziz Road and Imam Saud Bin Abdulaziz Bin Mohammed Road

(<https://goo.gl/maps/joTwsKmWZYD2>)



The CITC building

3 Hotels

A list of suggested hotels for the meeting dates is provided (see Attachment 1). For other options, please contact your travel agent.

4 Registration

The registration desk will register attendees on the day of the meeting.

5 Entry visas

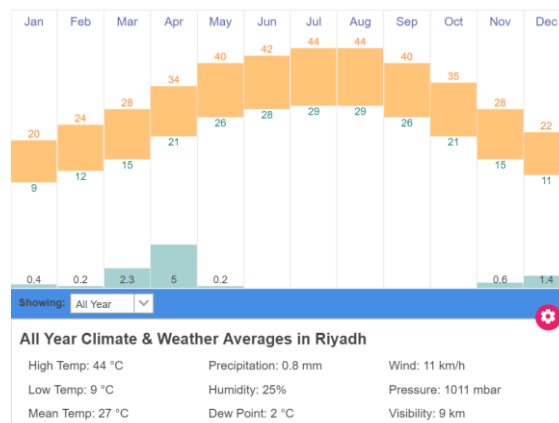
Participants requiring visas to enter the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia are kindly requested to complete the form attached to the invitation and send it and a copy of the personal information page from their passport by e-mail to: intaff@citc.gov.sa and to contact their local Saudi embassy in good time for information.

6 Additional information

6.1 Currency

Saudi riyal (SAR) – USD 1 = SAR 3.75.

6.2 Weather



6.3 Electricity

220V. Socket type shown in figure below:



6.4 Time

GMT+3

6.5 Language

Arabic is the official language of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

6.6 Credit cards

Credit cards are accepted by most businesses in Riyadh.

6.7 ATMs

ATMs are widely available and operate on international networks. Foreign visitors can use either their credit cards to obtain a cash advance or debit cards to make a cash withdrawal from their bank accounts.

6.8 Tourism and recreation

Possible leisure activities include:

<https://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/>

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Communications and Information Technology Commission, Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

ATTACHMENT 1

Suggested hotels

Hotel	Star Rating	Distance to Venue	Contact
Crowne Plaza Riyadh RDC and Convention Center Hotel	5 Stars	50 m 1min/walking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tel. :+966 11 813 1313 Ext/1099 • Fax. :+966 11 813 1300 • reservations.cprdc@ihg.com • Website
Executives Hotel / KAFD	4 Stars	8.9 km 9mins/car	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mob: +966 55 362 1430 • Tel :+966 11 455 5599 • Fax :+966 11 400 3222 • Sales4@executives-hotel.com • Website
Novotel Al Anoud Hotel	4 Stars	8.9km 9mins/car	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tel :+966 1 288 2323 Ext/5444 • Fax :+966 1288 2424 • H6532-RE@accor.com • Website
Narcissus Hotel and SPA	5 Star	10.4km 11mins/car	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mob: +966 59 759 9717 • Tel :+966 11 294 6392 • Tel :+966 92 000 0777 • Fax :+966 11 2946391 • info@narcissusriyadh.com • Website
The Ritz-Carlton	5 Stars	12.8km 15mins/car	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tel :+966 11 802 8888 • Fax :+966 11 802 8777 • Reservation.Riyadh@ritzcarlton.com • Website
Rosh Rayhaan by Rotana	5 Stars	14.5km 15mins/car	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tel :+966 11 447 9888 Ext/3144 • Fax :+966 11 447 9801 • hamad.alowaid@rotana.com • Website
Courtyard Riyadh by Marriott Diplomatic Quarter	4 Stars	15km 16mins/car	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tel :+966 11 477 9300 Ext/7171 • Fax :+966 11 479 2432 • Riyadhres@marriotthotels.com • Website