

**Staff & Delegate Security Briefing RA-19 / WRC-19** Sharm el Sheikh - Egypt

## **OBJECTIVE**

The General Aim of the briefing is to raise awareness in order to minimize security related risks during your stay in Sharm El Sheikh, and to assist the Event Security Team (Comprising of the Host Country Police, NTRA, ITU SSD, and UNDSS).

# Threats and Risks to RA-19 & WRC-19 Delegates and Staff in Sharm el Sheikh

- Sharm el sheikh is an important tourism and international conference epicenter in Egypt. The city is located in the South Sinai and is heavy protected and cordoned off by the Egyptian Security Authorities, i.e. Army, Police and Navy. No terror and civil unrest related incidents were reported during the past year.
- Petty crimes
- No UN permanent presence.
- RA-19 & WRC -19 Delegates/UN system staff are NOT directly targeted.

# **Personal Security Tips**

- Keep a low profile and be cautious about petty crimes
- Keep jewelry to a minimum or out of sight tucked away under clothing.
- Always carry one form of ID with you, a limited amount of cash and bank cards, and lock the rest away in the hotel safe.
- Important: do not resist if you are the target of a theft bag snatching or otherwise.

- Delegates and staff are advised to avoid secluded, poorly lit areas, large gatherings and public transportation.
- Females should cover their heads and arms when entering a mosque and everyone should remove their shoes.

- Tourist sites can be visited, but preferable when accompanied by a reputable tour guide recommended by the hotel or a friend.
- Ask the guide about paying tips at the various places you are visiting; pay only people who provide a service.
- Always inform a friend or colleague/s of your plans or whereabouts.



• In October and November the Egyptian summer is hot and dry in most of the country with an average temperature between 20°C - 32°C.

#### **Exchanging money & banks**

- Foreign currencies can be exchanged at exchange offices or banks.
- Many higher-end hotels will gladly accept dollars or euros as payment.
- ATMs are ubiquitous in the cities and probably the best option overall.
- Bank hours are Sunday through Thursday, 08:30-14:00.



#### **Currency restriction**

- The import and export of local currency is limited to EGP 5,000.
- The import and export of foreign currency is limited to US\$10,000 or equivalent

# **Transportation**



- Wear a seatbelt at all times even when sitting in the back of the vehicle;
- Use reputable transportation, such as cars or taxis provided by or arranged by hotels or hired with drivers from approved companies;
- Most not all signs are in Arabic and English;
- Official travel between cities whilst on official duty is prohibited after sunset and before sunrise.
- General Speed limits in Egypt (unless otherwise posted): Main highways 100/120km/h Inside city - 60 km/h;

- Do not use minibus taxis or old model black & white taxis. New white taxis are equipped with meters - important to remind the driver to activate it.
- Do not use public transportation unless you are with local friends who know the routes and ways.
- Take great care while crossing roads as a pedestrian. Use side walks and marked cross walks.
- Speak to colleagues to get an indication of general taxi fees.
- **Uber and Careem taxi services in Egypt are not recommended for official travels as** they don't have appropriate insurance coverage.

#### Accommodation

Delegates are recommended to select a secured accommodation as listed in the RA-19 & WRC-19 recommended official hotel site. Please find below some guidelines when you are staying at a hotel:

- All Official Hotels are Protected by Tourist Police and Hotel Security.
- Do not entertain strangers in your hotel room.
- Be alert to overly friendly locals who may have theft in mind.
- Never leave valuables in your hotel room unattended, even in a locked suitcase. Place all valuables: money, jewelry, air tickets, credit cards, and passport in the safety deposit box located in your hotel room or at the main reception.
- Familiarize yourself with escape routes in case of fire or another emergency.
- Use the Door Lock Chain and Security Door Viewer when you are in your room.



#### **Health & Safety**

- Maintain immunizations and ensure that you travel to Egypt with proof of current vaccinations.
- Get a refill of your medication, if any, and carry it with you and in your carry-on luggage in two places in case one is lost.
- Delegates and staff should not be eating food prepared by street vendors to avoid digestive problems;
- Only eat food that is well cooked, fresh and served hot.
- Eat cooked vegetables, avoid salads.
- Only eat fruits you can peel.
- Avoid raw or soft cooked (runny) eggs.
- Do not eat raw or undercooked meat or fish.



- Drink bottled water that is sealed or water that has been disinfected.
- Avoid sharing personal care items that may have come in contact with another person's blood, such as razors or toothbrushes.
- Resist feeding or touching stray dogs and cats. If you are bitten, immediately commence with the series of injections as a precaution.

#### **Sharm International Hospital**

Address: Sharm El Shiekh City, South Sinai, Egypt

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web-link: <a href="https://sharmih.webs.com/contactus.htm">https://sharmih.webs.com/contactus.htm</a>

### Security at the SHICC Event Venue

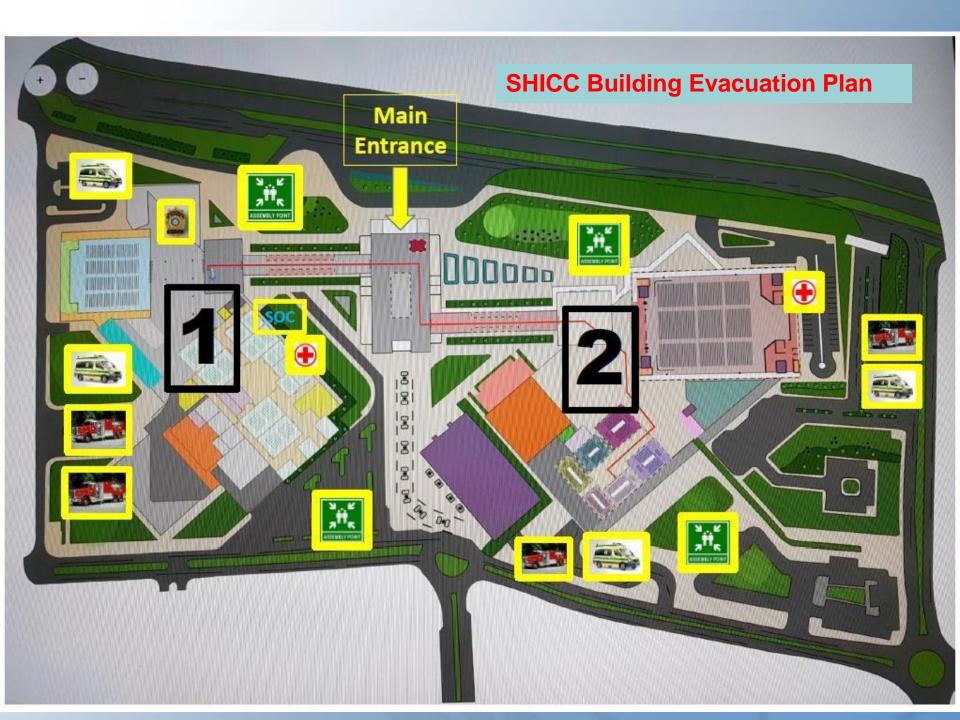
In order to assist the Event Security Team (comprising of the Host Country Police, NTRA, ITU SSD, and UNDSS) to undertake their duties efficiently, the following rules need to be observed while you are at the SHICC Event Venue:

- Display and wear visibly your "RA-19 / WRC-19 Event Photo Badge" at all times.
- Do not leave bags and parcels unattended; if found by the Event Security Team they will be confiscated, and if NOT reclaimed they will be destroyed.
- Display official passes assigned to vehicles at all times.
- Do not bring unaccredited persons and children into the event venue.
- Safeguard your valuable property at all times.
- Check for your documents and personal items before you leave meeting rooms and the SHICC **Event Venue.**

- If you lose any valuable items within the premises, report this information forthwith to the **Event Security Team.**
- Orient yourself on the premises with the nearest fire exit route.
- Follow instructions from the Event Security Team.
- All persons are requested to cooperate with security personnel who are apart of the Event Security Team; they will be implementing the above measures with the sole purpose of maintaining a safe, secure and harmonious environment for everyone.
- Two [2] medical clinics are located in the SHICC venue: i.e. Summit & Capital Bldgs., which are fully functional, and have emergency medical response capacity, being operated by doctors, paramedics and nurses.
- Contact the Event Security Office, located in the lobby of Capital Bldg. to report any security or safety related incidents.

# Access Control & Special Accreditation Arrangements for the WRC-19 Opening Ceremony on 28th October 2019

- Many Egyptian Security Forces will be deployed at the SHICC Venue before & during the Egyptian Presidential visit to the OC.
- Secondary accreditation will normally be distributed 24-hours in advance to ITU Staff and Delegates by the Presidential Guards from a dedicated location at the Jolie Ville Maritime Peninsula Hotel. (Block No. 43, Unit No. 4303).
- The cut-off date for Delegates, ITU Staff, and other participants to pre-register to attend the OC is the <u>15<sup>th</sup> October</u>.
- During the morning of the 28<sup>th</sup> October the secondary pass will become <u>"the REQUIRED pass"</u> to enter the ICC venue.
- The WTDC-19 Registration Centre will also be temporarily closed during the OC and until the President has left the SHICC premises.
- CAVEAT NOTE: The Presidential Guard will CONTROL the ICC venue leading up to the arrival of the President and during his stay for the OC event. The planning points listed above, MAY CHANGE, if decided by the Presidential Guard, and this information would then be provided to the WRC-19 participants at that time....



Event Emergency Contact Numbers & Email	
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Fire Brigade	+20 (0) 109 997 8256
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