



Global Observance World Cities Day 2021

31 October 2021 – Luxor, Egypt

LOGISTICAL NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS



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PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

This note contains important information about the Global Observance of World Cities Day and is designed to help you plan and make the most of your time. Please read carefully and do not hesitate to get in touch with us if you have any questions about your attendance.



VENUE

The conference will be taking place in Luxor, Egypt, at Jolie Ville Resort and Spa Kings Island Luxor

Address: Awameya Road, Kings Island, East bank, Luxor, Egypt

Telephone: +2 095 2274855

Google Maps Location: <https://g.page/JolieVille?share>

CONFERENCE LANGUAGE

The conference will be conducted in Arabic, English and French with available simultaneous interpretation during both days of the event. Further simultaneous interpretation in Chinese, Spanish and Russian will also be available specifically for the high-level opening and closing ceremonies on 31 October 2021.

CONFERENCE FACILITIES

All conference facilities and meeting rooms are equipped with WIFI. Due to COVID restrictions, it is considered to minimize the number of attendees in each room to cater for the highest measures of safety and social distancing.

CATERING

Lunch and coffee/tea breaks will be provided for registered participants at the conference venue.

REGISTRATION AND BADGE

Participants will receive their badge upon arrival at the registration desk, which will be located at the hotel lobby/ conference center entrance. Participants are asked to wear their badge during the entire conference, and to show their badge upon request. All participants are asked to bring their passport or equivalent national identity card (with photo) to obtain their badge. Please register prior to your arrival here if not yet done.

BROADCASTING

The Global Observance of World Cities Day will be broadcasted on Zoom Webinar and the World Cities' Day webpage, which can be accessed on the following link: <https://urbanoctober.unhabitat.org/wcd>. All sessions and roundtables will be streamed online on the Zoom Webinar platform. Details will be included in the detailed agenda.

ARRIVAL INFORMATION AND VISA ARRANGEMENTS

Nationals of the countries listed below may be issued with an e-Visa, which is an official document permitting entry into and travel from Egypt.

To obtain a visa for Egypt, please visit the Egypt e-Visa Portal, through the following link: <https://visa2egypt.gov.eg/eVisa/FAQ>

Albania, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Belarus, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech, Denmark, Ecuador, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Hungary, Iceland, India, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Korea (South), Kuwait, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Macedonia, Malaysia, Malta, Mexico, Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Oman, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Russian Federation, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom (England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales), United States of America, Uruguay, Vatican and Venezuela.

Applicants obtain their visas electronically after entering the required information and making payments by a credit or debit card. A link to download your e-visa will be sent to you. Passport authorities at ports of arrival can check the validity of your e-Visa on their system.

Entry requirements (on arrival)

- Passport valid for at least six months from arrival date
- e-Visa printout
- Travel itinerary/ Conference agenda
- Supporting letter from the organizers will be provided, if needed
- Accommodation details

If you are not a citizen of one of the countries listed above, you must apply for an Egyptian visa in person at your local embassy or consulate. Please get in touch with us as soon as possible as we will provide participants with a visa supporting letter for the embassy appointment.

For more information regarding arrival and visa arrangements to Egypt, including UNLP and diplomatic passport holders, please contact the Egyptian embassy located in your respective country.

COVID-19 RELATED TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

All passengers travelling to Egypt must be in possession of a negative PCR test certificate for COVID-19, issued and stamped from the country of departure. The PCR test should be maximum 72 hours (before flight departure time). Precautionary procedures should be always maintained throughout the whole trip.

COVID 19 PCR testing and other entry requirements

You must carry a printed negative COVID 19 PCR test certificate from an accredited lab in English or Arabic. The printed COVID 19 PCR test certificate must be original and must either be stamped by the laboratory/hospital or contain a clear readable QR code with relevant passenger details. The certificate must have the following information:

- Full name of the passenger
- Passport number
- The date and time the sample was taken
- Details of the type of sample taken for the swab

All passengers, irrespective of their vaccination status, who have been in or transited/ transferred through Argentina, Bangladesh, Belize, Bolivia, Bhutan, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, India, Mexico, Myanmar, Nepal, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Puerto Rico, Sri Lanka, Suriname, Uruguay, Venezuela and Vietnam in the past 14 days from the date of arrival in Egypt will be subject to an "ID Now COVID 19 test" on arrival in Egypt.

The Government of Egypt will be providing complementary PCR testing facility at the hotel venue to take samples from travelling participants for their return flights. Details of the scheduled tests will be provided upon arrival in Egypt, depending on the traveler's return ticket date.

TRANSPORTATION

EgyptAir is providing a 20% discount on all flights to and from Luxor for the Global Observance of World Cities Day participants. **To get the discounted rate on your flights, please use the following link: <https://bit.ly/2Xpmb5>. For the username and password, please use any of the following:**

User Name	Password
Wcitiesday#1	2No#0Qi5
Wcitiesday#2	2Sf#8Aw6
Wcitiesday#3	7Aq_5Sp7
Wcitiesday#4	1Fo_3lf7
Wcitiesday#5	8Fp_5Jq2

Moreover, there will be an EgyptAir booth at the hotel in case participants require flight assistance, cancellations, or changes. There is also another EgyptAir booth located at Luxor Airport.

ACCOMMODATION

For self-sponsored participants, the special rate at **Jolie Ville Resort**, where the event is taking place, for the single room is **67 USD/night (bed & breakfast)**, for the double room is **84 USD/night (bed & breakfast)** and a dinner supplement is for **20 USD per person**. **For reservations, please contact Reservation@jolievilleluxor.com, while mentioning your attendance at the World Cities Day event.**

Here are other nearby recommended hotels, which are cleared by our United Nations Department for Safety and Security (UNDSS):

- **Steinberger Nile Palace (5 stars) – 3.6km/2.2 miles from venue**
 - Standard single room special rate on Bed & Breakfast basis is **70 USD/night**,
 - Nile View single room special rate on Bed & Breakfast basis is **90 USD/night**.

For reservations, please contact the following, while mentioning the World Cities Day event:

- Email: res.mgr@luxor-steigenberger.com
- Mob: +201553149445 ; Phone: +2095236699

Website: <https://www.steigenberger.com/en/hotels/all-hotels/egypt/luxor/steigenberger-nile-palace>

Location: <https://goo.gl/maps/3VdphZJLhn8mW4pc8>

- **Sofitel Winter Palace Luxor Hotel (5 stars) – 5.3km/3.3 miles from venue**

Website: <https://all.accor.com/hotel/1661/index.en.shtml>

Location: <https://goo.gl/maps/3SPrMo4xuFDoc9J9A>

- **Hilton Luxor Resort and Spa (5 stars) – 10km/6.2 miles from venue**

Website: <https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/luxhitw-hilton-luxor-resort-and-spa/>

Location: <https://g.page/HiltonLuxor?share>

ABOUT LUXOR

CLIMATE

The weather in Luxor in October is expected to be as follows:

Average high temperature: 34 °C, Average low temperature: 18 °C

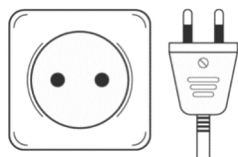
It is recommended for participants to be prepared and pack their clothing accordingly.

TIME

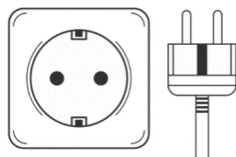
The time in Egypt is (GMT+2). According to the new Egyptian regulations and COVID restrictions, Cairo's commercial shops and centers open from 7am until 10pm in the winter, while bazaars and restaurants open from 5am to 12am in the winter.

POWER SUPPLY

For Egypt there are two associated plug types C and F. Plug Type C is the plug which has two round pins and plug type F is the plug which has two round pins with two earth clips on the side. Egypt operates on a 220V supply voltage and 50Hz.



Plug Type C



Plug Type F

FOREIGN EXCHANGE AND CURRENCY

The exchange rate: USD 1.0 = EGP 15.70
EUR 1.0 = EGP 18.15

Please note that the exchange rate is defined on daily basis and changes might occur many times during the day.

For more information, please visit the following link: <https://www.nbe.com.eg/en/ExchangeRate.aspx>

Exchanging money: It is recommended to exchange money into EGP (Egyptian pounds) through Exchange shops and/or banks. Exchanging money at the venue will also be available. Banking business days in Egypt are from Sundays to Thursdays, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Payment methods: You can pay all your purchases during your stay in Egypt either in cash or using credit/debit cards such as visa or Master card, except for small shops where you will have to pay in cash as it is the only available option. Dollars are accepted in some places as well.

SIM CARDS

The Egyptian country code is +20. You can purchase a Sim card upon arrival at the Cairo International Airport.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Police: 123-122, Ambulance: 123, Fire: 180, Tourist police: 123-095-237-6820

HOSPITALS

In case of sickness, there will be a clinic available at the premises - Hotel Jolie Ville. It is also recommended to visit the main hospitals in Luxor such as Luxor Medical Center in St. Joseph St (Number: 123095-228-4092) or International Hospital in Television St., as they have professional doctors in all medical fields who speak English.

CONTACT US

Should you have questions or concerns prior to the conference, please contact the main participant coordinator:

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