

Global Observance of World Cities Day

31 October 2024 – Alexandria, Egypt

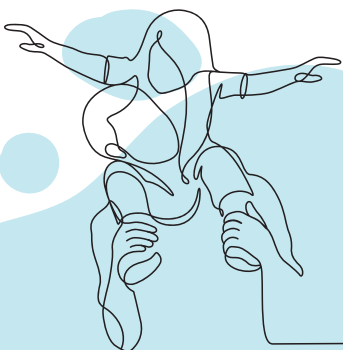
Location: The Bibliotheca Alexandrina

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This note contains important information about the Global Observance of World Cities Day (WCD) 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 at the [Bibliotheca Alexandrina](#) located in Alexandria, Egypt.

REGISTRATION AND BADGE

Registration

Participants will receive their badge upon arrival at the registration desk, located at the WCD entrance. Participants are asked to wear their badge during the entire meeting, and to show their badge upon request. All participants are asked to bring their passport or equivalent national identity card (with photo) used during online registration to obtain their badge.

Please register online before Tuesday, 22 October 2024 at 06:00 PM (UTC +03:00, Egypt time) prior to your arrival [here](#) if not yet done.

Broadcasting

The Global Observance of World Cities Day, featuring the high-level celebration and afternoon roundtables, will be streamed live on UN Web TV. Links to the broadcasts will be available on the World Cities Day [webpage](#).



CONFERENCE LANGUAGE

The conference related events will be held in Arabic, Chinese, English and French.

CONFERENCE FACILITIES

All conference facilities and meeting rooms are equipped with WIFI.

ARRIVAL INFORMATION

AIRPORT

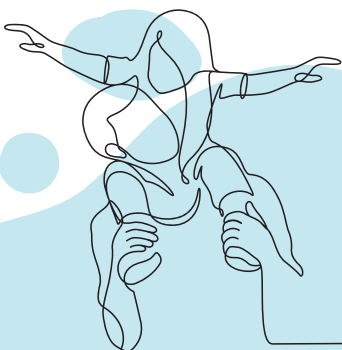
Borg El Arab International Airport is the primary international airport located in the Southwest of Alexandria and 48km or 48-minute drive from the Bibliotheca Alexandrina.

VISA ARRANGEMENTS

For information on how to obtain a visa for Egypt, please visit the [Egyptian Visa Portal](#) or if eligible apply through this [E-visa](#) link.

INSURANCE

The organizers are not responsible for the medical, accident and travel insurance. It is recommended that international medical insurance be obtained for the period of participation.



COVID-19 RELATED TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

Based on recent updates, the vaccination requirement for entry into Egypt has been lifted, eliminating the need for proof of vaccination or recovery. However, it is crucial to acknowledge that prioritizing health remains paramount. Travelers are strongly advised to take care of their well-being and stay updated on their health status, even though it is no longer a prerequisite for entry. Ensuring personal health and staying informed are recommended practices for a safe and secure travel experience.

TRANSPORTATION

PUBLIC TRANSPORT:

Alexandria's public transport system includes minibuses and trams that run through the city.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

Traditional taxis and ride-sharing apps like Uber and others offer flexible transportation.

ACCOMMODATION

Participants have the flexibility of selecting their preferred accommodation from any of the existing online platforms.

SAFETY AND SECURITY

The country is regarded as a secure tourist destination, offering ample opportunities to explore, discover, and enjoy your surroundings with ease.

ABOUT ALEXANDRIA

GENERAL INFORMATION

Alexandria is Egypt's second-largest city and the largest on the Mediterranean coast and is situated at the western edge of the Nile River delta. Known as the "Bride of the Mediterranean," Alexandria is a popular tourist destination and an important industrial hub, particularly for natural gas and oil pipelines from Suez.

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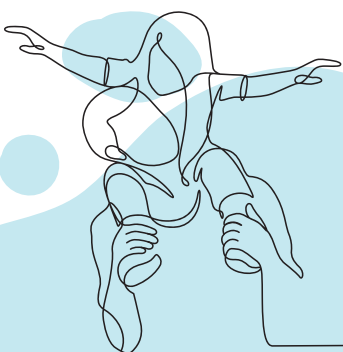
Arabic (Official)

CLIMATE

The weather in Alexandria, Egypt in October is expected to be as follows:

Average daily high temperature is 29°C and the average daily low temperature is 20°C.

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



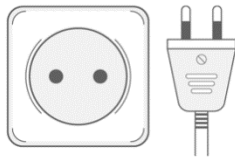
TIME

The time in Egypt is (UTC+3)

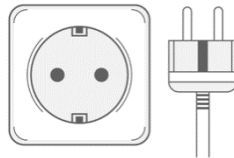
POWER SUPPLY

In 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 48.58

EUR 1.0 = EGP 52.85

Please note that the exchange rate is defined on a daily basis and changes might occur many times during the day. For more information, please visit the following link: <https://www.xe.com/>

Exchanging money: It is recommended to exchange money into EGP (Egyptian Pounds) at the forex bureau within the airport.

Payment methods: We recommend settling small expenses while in Egypt with cash, however debit and credit cards are accepted widely in hotels (sometimes with an extra fee), restaurants and shops.

SIM CARDS

The Egyptian country code is +20. You can purchase a Sim card upon arrival at the airport. We recommend using a SIM card from Vodafone, however other providers also serve well.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

- **Police: 122**
- **Ambulance/Medical emergency: 123**

HOSPITALS

For any medical needs, participants are rest be assured that Egypt offers a selection of well-established and reputable hospitals with high standards of care. In the event of illness or medical attention, it is advised to visit medical institutions with valid international medical insurance.

CONTACT US

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