INFORMATION SHEET

22nd Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP22/CMP12/CMA1)

7 - 18 November 2016
Bab Ighli, Marrakech, Morocco

VENUE

For centuries, Bab Ighli, located on avenue Mohammed VI, was the main entrance to the medina of Marrakech. The site will consist of 223,647 square meters of various spaces to welcome delegations and participants.

IETA COP22 Business Hub will be located on the Blue Zone, right after the “Main Entrance and Accreditation Area”. The "Blue Zone" is placed under the authority of the United Nations and, will only be available to those with accreditation from the UNFCCC.
ACCOMMODATION


For all tourist information please also consult: http://www.visitmorocco.com

TRANSPORTATION

As the number one tourist destination in Morocco, the city of Marrakech is well connected by air travel. The "Ochre city" is located only 3 hours by plane from major European capital cities and is directly served by approximately 20 airlines.

COP22/CMP12/CMA1 will provide a free of charge shuttle between the hotels and the convention center and vice-versa, running on a 24 hour basis.

Taxis:
Upon arrival to the airport Mohammed V Casablanca and Marrakech, you will have to pay a fee to transfer to your hotel. Large and small taxi’s rank – parking lot 1 - terminal 1 – 24/7. Taxis are identified by their sign and their taxi number. Tariffs: Airport to city center or opposite direction One-way ticket: 20.00 MAD / Round trip: 30.00 MAD

Small taxi tariffs: Meter is compulsory and there is a 50% automatic increase in meter price starting at 9 pm. until 5 am. Small taxis' color is beige.

For more information on the Marrakech Ménara Airport, please visit: http://www.onda.ma/en/Our-Airports/Marrakech-M%C3%A9nara-Airport/Services/Taxi-Bus

NOTE ON TRAVEL AND VISA ISSUES

Visa information for Marrakech is available on the official COP22/CMP12 host country website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Morocco (http://www.cop22.ma/).

All visitors entering Morocco must have a passport valid at least 6 months after the arrival.

In preparation for COP22/CMP12/CMA1 special procedures have been put in place to facilitate the issuance of visas for participants if they so require. To ensure optimal management of visa requests, a visa entry management process has been set up by the Government of the Kingdom of Morocco. For more information on visa issues, please visit http://www.cop22.ma/en/content/my-journey-marrakech-0

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

For general information purposes, the participants can check on the current health requirements, for Morocco, posted by the World Health Organization on its website, which can be accessed from this link http://www.who.int/ith/en/index.html. We hope the information will familiarize the participants with the general health requirements for Morocco. At all times, the participants are individually and personally responsible for making their own assessment relating to health requirements. We do not assume any responsibility for the accuracy of the information on the website, nor do we assume any liability resulting from compliance (or non-compliance) with the requirements posted on the above named website.

CURRENCY

The currency used in Morocco is the Dirham (MAD). The average exchange rate is MAD 9.67 to one U.S. dollar (as of 26.08.16, Source: www.oanda.com). Currencies can be exchanged at local banks and hotels or in local money changers around the city, but ATMs will likely give you the best rates. If you are buying from small street vendors, they will not calculate prices in dirhams. They will use Riyals. One riyal is equivalent to a five-centime gold-colored coin. There are 20 riyals to the dirham. (www.expatfocus.com)
HELPFUL HINTS

Electric current in Morocco is 220-240 volts, [two-pin, round, Europlug / Schuko connection]

Plug type:

Communications: The international dialling code for Morocco is +212.

Time Zone: GMT in November

Bank Hours: 9:00 am to 2:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

Restaurants: For restaurants around town, please visit the below website: <http://www.arrivalguides.com/en/Travelguides/Africa/Morocco/MARRAKECH/eating >.

Emergency Telephone Numbers:

- Police: 119
- Ambulance: +212 (0)524.443.724
- Fire Brigade: 115
- Tourist Police: +212 (0)524.384.601

For comprehensive information and useful links related to your visit to Morocco, please check the Government of Morocco, host country website at: http://www.cop22.ma/en/infos.

CREDENTIALS

Access to the COP grounds is restricted to observers who are granted credentials. The credentials must be obtained through accredited organizations like IETA. The credentials are not transferrable, so only the named individual can use them to gain access. IETA will issue confirmations to credentialed members with instructions for time and location to pick them up. Please read all instructions carefully and be prepared to authenticate your identity with a passport. UN Security strictly enforces the rules of use throughout the 2 weeks of COP meetings.

In these days of heightened security concerns, UN Security is extremely cautious. They have been known to revoke credentials for any violation of access or abuse of observer status, and they have the power to sanction the sponsor organizations (such as IETA) for any violations by its members. We support the UN Security team’s efforts to keep us safe, so we urge you to honor their requirements. This means you must guard your credentials carefully and report any problems promptly to the IETA Secretariat.

PICKING UP YOUR COP22 BADGE

Onsite accreditation badge issuance for Non Governmental Organisations will be opened from:

- Tuesday, 1 November, to Friday, 4 November 2016, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (18:00)
- Saturday, 5 November, to Friday, 18 November 2016, from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. (19:00), except Sunday, 13 November 2016
  - Guidelines for the participation of representatives of NGOs
  - Use of cameras and audio/ video recording devices
  - UN Security guidelines on media actions, publicity materials, and use of UN emblem
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