**PARTICIPANTS’ INFORMATION**

**Venue Information**

Address:

[OMAR IBN EL KHATTAB STREET, P.O. BOX 1026 • CAIRO, 11737 • Egypt](http://www.ichotelsgroup.com/intercontinental/en/gb/locations/maps-directions/cairo-citystars)

Front Desk: ++20-2-24800 100 • Fax: ++20-2-24800 200 •

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**Visa information**

The host country contact person for visa related issues is:

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 **About the country**

Egypt is officially named the Arab Republic of Egypt, it is situated in North Africa and it has the Sinai Peninsula, which is a land bridge to Asia. Covering an area of about 1,001,450 square kilometres (386,560 sq mi), Egypt borders Libya to the west, Sudan to the south, the Palestinian Authority and Israel to the east. The northern coast borders the Mediterranean Sea and the eastern coast borders the Red Sea.

The Nile, which traverses over 1,000 miles within Egypt, from Wadi Halfa in the South to the Mediterranean in the north, divides the country into four broad regions; the Western Desert which occupies almost two-thirds of the total area, the Eastern Desert, the Sinai Peninsula, and the Nile Valley and Delta, which is the most densely populated region of the country.

**Weather**

Cairo has a typical warm and agreeable weather during spring time. In Apriltemperatures vary between 15 and 25 C degrees (58 and 80 F). The weather is usually warm in the morning, but it can get chili at night, so you might need a jacket.

**Time zone**

Standard Time Zone: UTC/GMT +2 hours
No daylight saving time

**Telephony**

The international country calling code of Egypt is +20

Mobile codes:

* Mobinil: 12
* Vodafone: 10
* Etisalat: 11

e.g. to dial a mobile within Egypt you dial 012 xxxx xxxx and from outside of Egypt you dial 002012 xxxx xxxx or +012 xxxx xxxx.

To dial a telephone number from a mobile in Cairo, you dial 02 then the local telephone number.

You can purchase a SIM with less than 1 to 2 USD in addition to credit card as required.

**Banking facilities**

The currency in Egypt is the Egyptian Pound (LE). Please review the current exchange rate for the Egyptian Pound. Major credit cards are widely accepted in hotels, chain stores and most restaurants. ATMs are widely used and can be found at most large hotels, in front of most banks and in some stand-alone locations.

**Tipping**

A 12% service charge is included in the bill in most restaurants, but add a little extra since that 12% does not necessarily go to the waiter. Doormen receive a 1 pound minimum as well as other servicers.

**Electricity (voltage used)**

Electricity is supplied as 50Hz alternating current and the voltage is 220V (U.S./Canada are 110-120 Volts).

Electrical sockets (outlets) in the Arab Republic of Egypt are one of the two European standard electrical socket types: The "Type C" Europlug and the "Type E" and "Type F" Schuko. If your appliance's plug doesn't match the shape of these sockets, you will need a travel plug adapter in order to plug in. Travel plug adapters simply change the shape of your appliance's plug to match whatever type of socket you need to plug into. If it's crucial to be able to plug in no matter what, bring an adapter for both types.

**Transportation**

Taxis are widely available in Cairo. You can ask your hotel to arrange for a taxi for you.

**Airport transfer**

For transfer from/to the airport, the host country contact person is:

Ms. Maha Badr
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International Relations Department
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**Vaccination requirements**

There are no particular vaccination requirements for Egypt.

**Customs regulations**

Please provide shipment information, customs regulations, etc. for the expedition of documentation and material destined for participants.

The Egyptian Customs Law can be found here : <http://www.mof.gov.eg/SiteCollectionDocuments/Customs%20Law.pdf>

**Local host contacts:**

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**List of suggested hotels in Cairo**

1. **Beirut Hotel**

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| Single Standard room based on bed & breakfast including services and taxes | $ 75.00 |
| Double Standard room based on bed & breakfast including services and taxes |  $ 95.00 |

Free transportation from and to Cairo Airport

**Reservations**: Please contact: Ms. Meriham Demian; Tel: 00202 241 45 078; E-mail: res.ca@beiruthotelseg.com

1. **Intercontinental City Stars Hotel
Website**: <http://www.ichotelsgroup.com/intercontinental/en/gb/locations/cairo-citystars>

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| Single Standard room based on bed & breakfast  | US $ 140.00 |
| Double Standard room based on bed & breakfast | US $ 160.00 |

Inclusive of taxes & service charge

**Reservations:** Please contact: Mr. Moamen Abdel Aziz, Phone: + 202 24800 100 | Direct: + 202 24800 111 |
Fax: + 202 2480 0480 | Email: Moamen.Abdelaziz@interconticitystars.com

1. **Holiday INN**

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| Single Standard room based on bed & breakfast  | US $ 110.00 |
| Double Standard room based on bed & breakfast | US $ 120.00 |

Inclusive of taxes & service charge

**Reservations**: Please contact: Mr. Moamen Abdel Aziz, Phone: + 202 24800 100 | Direct: + 202 24800 111 | Fax: + 202 2480 0480 | Email: Moamen.Abdelaziz@interconticitystars.com

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