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Subject: **WMO-ITU Regional Training Workshop on Use and Management of Radio Spectrum for Meteorology for the Arab States, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, 9-10 February 2026**

### 1 Introduction

In continuation of the joint WMO–ITU training activities in the lead-up to WRC-27, I am pleased to inform you that the World Meteorological Organization ([WMO](https://www.wmo.int)) and the International Telecommunication Union ([ITU](https://www.itu.int)) are organizing a Regional Training Workshop on the Use and Management of the Radio Spectrum for Meteorology for the Arab States. The event will be kindly hosted by the National Center of Meteorology (NCM) of the United Arab Emirates and will take place in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, on 9-10 February 2026.

The workshop aims to increase awareness about national meteorological or hydrological services (NMHS), the importance of meteorological related spectrum protection and the growing need for their participation in national and international spectrum management activities, especially in the framework of the preparation to ITU World Radiocommunication Conferences. Also, the workshop will provide spectrum managers and state telecom administrators with an overview of contemporary meteorological and Earth observation applications' use of radio spectrum and their future development in light of preparation to World Radiocommunication Conference 2027 and will illustrate the socio-economic importance of these services.

### 2 Workshop programme

A webpage for participants is to be found at:

ITU Web page at: [www.itu.int/Global-ITU-WMO](https://www.itu.int/Global-ITU-WMO)

Further information will be posted as soon as possible, together with a detailed programme of the workshop and the presentations.

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The workshop will be conducted in English.

### **3      Meeting venue**

The workshop will be held in the National Center of Meteorology of the United Arab Emirates.

Address:    19<sup>th</sup> Street, Al Shawamekh, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

### **4      Participation**

ITU Member States and Academia as well as ITU-R Sector Members and Associates from the Arab States are invited to attend the workshop. Registration for ITU-R events is mandatory and carried out exclusively online through Designated Focal Points (DFPs). Each ITU-R Member has been requested to designate a DFP responsible for the handling of all registration formalities. Individuals wishing to be registered for an ITU-R event should directly contact the DFP for their entity. The list of ITU-R DFPs (TIES protected) as well as detailed information on event registration can be found at:

[www.itu.int/en/ITU-R/information/events](http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-R/information/events)

Please consider that the deadline for registration is **15 January 2026**. Please be aware that the capacity of the meeting room is limited.

### **5      Practical information for participants**

All practical information for participants is presented in the Annex. Please check the workshop webpage regularly for possible updates.

## **6 Remote participation and webcast**

The workshop will be conducted in an in-person format only. Audio webcast, recording of the proceedings of the workshop and remote participation will not be provided.

Yours faithfully,

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Director

## **Annex: 1**

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## Annex

### Information for participants

#### Regional Training Workshop on Use and Management of Radio Spectrum for Meteorology for the Arab States

##### 1 Workshop venue

The workshop will be held in the National Center of Meteorology of the United Arab Emirates.

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The event will commence at 09:00 AM (UTC+4) each day.

##### 2 Travel

###### Arrival and transport arrangements

- Abu Dhabi International Airport is located approximately 30 km from the National Center of Meteorology (NCM).
- Please see more detail at: [Abu Dhabi Airport \(AUH\) to Abu Dhabi - 4 ways to travel via bus, taxi, and car.](#)



Airport-Hotel

##### 3 Entry and visa requirements to the United Arab Emirates

This invitation letter may be required for visa application purposes. If additional documentation is needed, participants are advised to contact the UAE Embassy or Mission in their country of residence. The National Center of Meteorology (NCM) will issue an official visa support letter upon request.

Participants must hold a passport valid for at least six months from the date of entry into the United Arab Emirates.

**Visa Application Timing:** All visa applications should be submitted **at least two weeks before the expected travel date.**

Nationals of many countries are **exempt from obtaining a visa in advance** and are eligible for **visa on arrival**. Participants are strongly encouraged to consult the following official resources for the most up-to-date entry requirements:

- [UAE Ministry of Economy - Entry Requirements](#)
- [Etihad Airways Travel Guide](#)
- [UAE visa information | Visa and Passport | Before You Fly | Emirates](#)

#### 4 Accommodation

All participants are encouraged to book their accommodation themselves. Please refer to the [booking.com](#) website at: [Booking.com: Search results: National+Center+of+Meteorology. Book your hotel now!](#)

NOTE - Participants are requested to make the necessary arrangements for accommodation at the earliest as prices of accommodations usually surge when making bookings with short notice.

#### 5 Currency exchange

Official currency: Emirati Dirham (AED)

- 1 USD  $\approx$  3.6729 AED
- 1 EUR  $\approx$  4.315 AED
- 1 CHF  $\approx$  3.78 AED

NOTE – Exchange rates are subject to daily fluctuations.

#### 6 Local time zone

Local time in Abu Dhabi is (UTC +4).

#### 7 Mains voltage

Power voltage in UAE is 220 V, frequency 50 Hz, and G socket type.



#### 8 Weather

Climate data for the period of the session in Abu Dhabi are listed below:

Mean temperature	20.5 °C
Mean maximum temperature	25 °C
Mean minimum temperature	15.7 °C
Mean precipitation	0-3 mm
Mean daily sunshine duration	~9-10 hours
Mean relative humidity	60%

## **9 Wi-Fi access**

The meeting room is equipped with Wi-Fi access.

## **10 Language**

The training will be conducted in English.

### **Local Coordinator Committee**

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