

Practical information for Participants

Riyadh

1. Location and Access

Situated in the center of the Arabian Peninsula on a large plateau, Riyadh lies in the central corridor of Saudi Arabia. It is the capital city of Saudi Arabia and is both a modern metropolis and a historical and cultural treasure. Its characteristics are diverse, that range from the shimmering golden sand dunes, to modern shopping malls, distinctive heritage and cultural sites to urban construction panaches. Such diversity makes Riyadh city the core of life and vitality in the Kingdom.

1.1 King Khaled International Airport (RUH or KKIA)

Riyadh is served by King Khaled International Airport, which is located about 35 km north of the city. Flights to Riyadh King Khalid International Airport come in from all over the world, including cities in Europe, Asia and the Middle East. King Khalid International Airport has three main passenger terminals. Terminal 1 and terminal 2 operates the arrivals/departures of international flights and terminal 5 the arrivals/departures of demotic flights.

1.2 Transportation

Modern and safe transportation network is available in Riyadh. Visitors can use modern transportations Apps to move around Riyadh. Taxis (limousines) are also a significant form of transportation in Riyadh. Taxis abound and can be hailed on any major road. Prices are determined by meter, or by negotiating with the driver before boarding the taxi. Always check the meter is activated as you enter the limousine. the price starts at SR 5. The price from King Khaled International Airport to Riyadh downtown is approximately SR 60-80.

2. Venue

The meeting will be held at the Communications and Information Technology Commission, Riyadh. Its address is:

Communications and Information Technology Commission (CITC)
P.O Box 75606 – Riyadh 11588
Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
Phone: 00966114618000
Fax: 00966114618120

Alnakheel Quarter - At the corner of Prince Turki Bin Abdulaziz Road and Imam Saud Bin Abdulaziz Bin Mohammed Road

Figure below shows the plain map of the Imam Saud Bin Abdulaziz Bin Mohammed Road and Prince Turki Road intersection, highlighting the location of CITC:

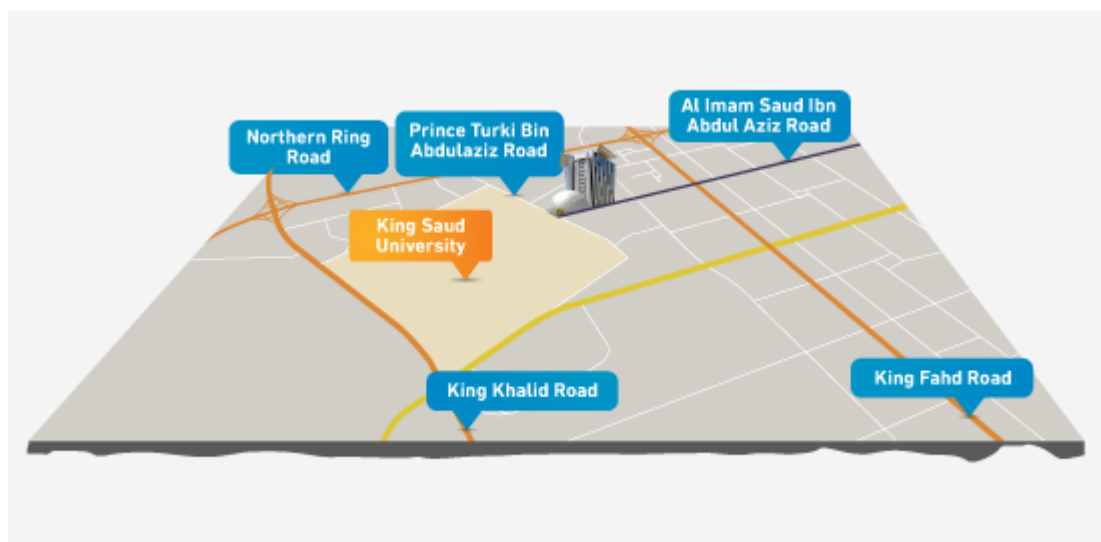


Figure 1 Map of CITC



Figure 2 CITC Premises

3. Hotels

The following list indicates hotels situated nearby the meeting venue. Please consult your travel agent **for other options.**

AlMashreq Boutique Hotel

Urubah and Prince Turki Road intersection, Riyadh 11458.

Web page: <http://www.almashreqboutiquehotel.com/>

Note: This hotel is approximately 5 minutes' drive to CITC.

Executives Hotel

King Fahd Road, Alaqiq District, 99999 Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

Web page: <http://www.executives-hotel.com/contactus.php?hotelid=3>

Note: This hotel is approximately 10 minutes' drive to CITC.

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Riyadh - Al Muroj Business Gate

Northern Ring Rd, Al Muroj, Riyadh 11552

Web page: <http://doubletree3.hilton.com/en/hotels/saudi-arabia/doubletree-by-hilton-hotel-riyadh-al-muroj-business-gate->

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Note: This hotel is approximately 10-15 minutes' drive to CITC.

Ritz-Carlton Hotel

AlHada Area, Mekkah Road, Riyadh. Tel.: +966-1-8028020 Web Page: Web page:

<http://www.ritzcarlton.com/en/Properties/Riyadh/Default.htm>

Note: This hotel is approximately 15-20 minutes' drive to CITC.

4. Transportation from and to CITC:

Shuttles, upon request, will be provided from and to the hotels indicated in section 3 above. Please note that the shuttles will leave at 8:30-8:45 in the morning and will be back once the meetings finish. All requests has to be sent to Mr. Mohammed AlMaarik (mhmaarik@citc.gov.sa) maximum by November 2nd 2017 indicating the hotel you will stay in.

5. Visa application process

In case you need an invitation letter to support your visa application, **please register first for the meeting** at*****. Once you have received a confirmation kindly provide your full name, affiliation, nationality and passport number to Mr. Mohammed AlMaarik (mhmaarik@citc.gov.sa) and copy to Mcharek, Amine (amine.mcharek@itu.int).

IMPORTANT NOTE: All visa requests has to be sent to the above emails not later than 9 Oct 2017.

6. Additional information

6.1 Currency

Saudi Riyal (SR). The SR is always fixed to the US dollar (\$); \$1 equals to 3.75 SR.

6.2 Climate

In Riyadh, the month of November is characterized by rapidly falling daily high temperatures. The high seasonal norm is 27°C. In the morning the temperature drops to 21°C. Thus, the mean temperature average in November in Riyadh is almost 24°C.

6.3 Electricity

220V, plug type is as shown in the figures below.



6.4 Time zone

GMT +3 hours

6.5 Language

Arabic is the official of Saudi Arabia, however English language is used widely in Riyadh.

6.6 Credit Cards:

Many merchants in Riyadh accept credit cards.

6.7 ATMs:

ATMs are available and work on international networks. Foreign travelers can use their credit cards to obtain cash through the cash advance or use debit cards to withdraw cash from their bank account.

6.8 Other information

Please visit <http://sauditourism.sa/en/aboutKSA/Regions/Riyadh/Pages/default.aspx>.
