

# BSG interactive workshop on Effectiveness in Standardization, Inter-regional Standardization Forum on “Operational issues on numbering, emergency service and OTTs”

Dubai, United Arab Emirates, 22 October 2019



Practical Information

# MEETING VENUE

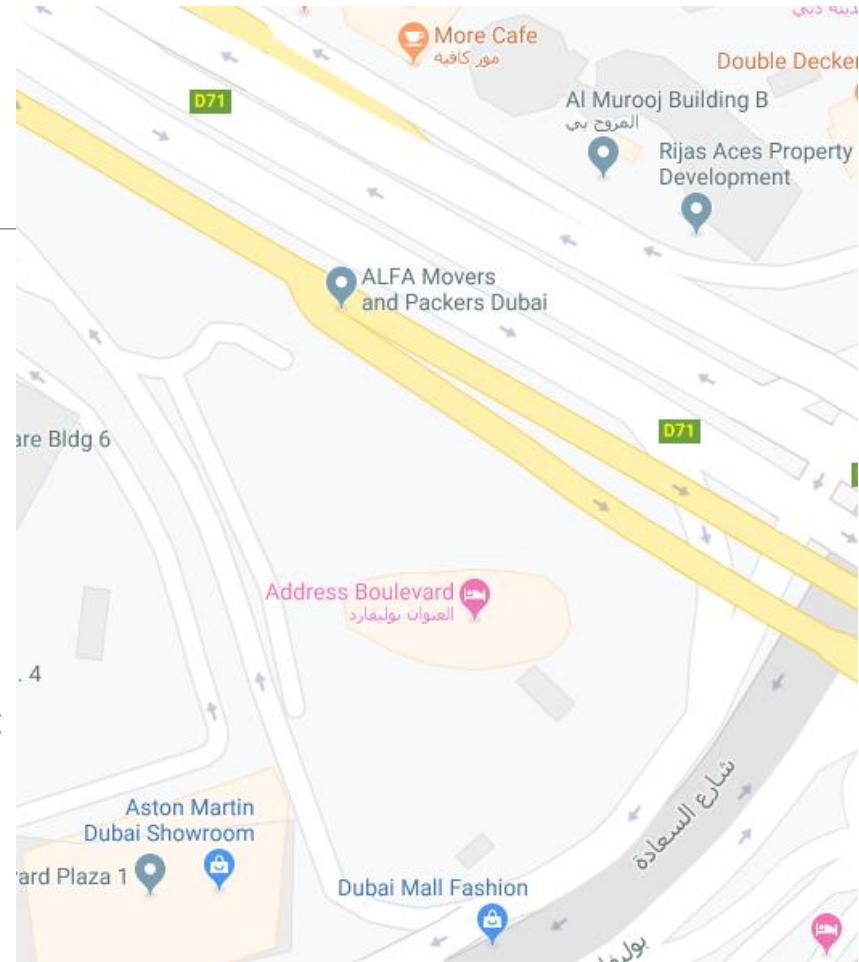
## Address Boulevard Hotel

Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashed Boulevard  
Downtown Dubai,  
Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Transportation to/from **Dubai International Airport:**  
The venue is approximately 15 km by car.

### Estimated taxi fare:

- Public taxis are readily available at all terminals at Dubai International Airport.
- All taxis are metered. Fares must be charged according to the taxi meter, plus applicable surcharges.
- More information can be found here:  
<http://www.dubaiairports.ae/before-you-fly/to-from-the-airport/by-taxi>



# REGISTRATION

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Please register online no later than **15 October 2019** at:

- <https://www.itu.int/net4/CRM/xreg/web/registration.aspx?Event=C-00006410>

IMPORTANT: Please note that all badges must be collected personally for access control security. Badges are therefore strictly non-transferable.

# VISA INFORMATION

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Focal point: For any further information you may require or if you need a personal invitation letter or official document for your travel clearances, please contact either:

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**IMPORTANT:** All invitation requests have to be sent to the above emails no later than **23 September 2019**.

# BANKS & CURRENCY

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**Currency:** The name of the currency in the United Arab Emirates is the dirham (AED or Arab Emirate Dirham – also commonly abbreviated to Dhs or DH). Notes come in denominations of 5, 10, 20, 50, 100, 200, 500 and 1,000 dirhams. Online exchange rates are shown at: [www.xe.com](http://www.xe.com)

**Banks:** All banks operate from 8.00am to 1.00pm, Saturday through Wednesday and 8.00am to 12.00pm on Thursdays. Currency exchange houses are open until late in the evening.

**Credit cards:** All international credit and debit cards are widely accepted.

# SERVICES AVAILABLE FOR PARTICIPANTS DURING MEETINGS

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**Communication center:** Internet Access free of charge will be available at the event meeting room.

**Security:** For security reasons, all participants should be permanently using their badges during the meeting and in all social activities.

# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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**Climate:** Warm and dry. Temperatures range between 24 and 35 degrees Celsius

**Clothing:** Taking into consideration the temperature in Dubai for the month of October, casual business attire is recommended.

**Time zone:** The standard time in Dubai is 4 hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT+4:00), and no seasonal time changes are made.

**International access code to call in UAE:** +971

**Official Language:** Arabic

**Taxes:** Restaurants and Hotels charge 10% service tax rate on the bill.

**Tips:** It is customary to leave 10-15% of the service amount in cafeterias and restaurants and give a tip.

# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (2)

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Electricity: In the United Arab Emirates, the power sockets are usually of type G. The standard voltage is 220/240 volts and the standard frequency is 50 Hz.

The electrical sockets used are:



Type G



# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (3)

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About UAE: The United Arab Emirates is a constitutional federation of seven emirates; Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Sharjah, Ajman, Umm al- Qaiwain, Ras al-Khaimah and Fujairah. The federation was formally established on 2 December 1971.

The United Arab Emirates (UAE) occupies an area of 83,600 sq. km along the south-eastern tip of the Arabian Peninsula. Qatar lies to the west, Saudi Arabia to the south and west, and Oman to the north and east. The capital and the largest city of the federation, Abu Dhabi, is located in the emirate of the same name. Four-fifths of the UAE is desert, yet it is a country of contrasting landscapes, from awe-inspiring dunes to rich oases, precipitous Rocky Mountains to fertile plains. The United Arab Emirates, one of the world's fastest growing tourist destinations, has all the right ingredients for an unforgettable holiday, sun, sand, sea, sports, unbeatable shopping, top-class hotels and restaurants, an intriguing traditional culture, and a safe and welcoming environment.

<b>Government</b>	<b><i>Federal Government</i></b>
<b>President</b>	<b><i>H.H Sheik Khalifa bin Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan</i></b>
<b>Prime Minister</b>	<b><i>H.H Sheik Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum</i></b>
<b>Area</b>	<b><i>83,600 km<sup>2</sup></i></b>
<b>Population</b>	<b><i>8,264,000</i></b>
<b>Capital</b>	<b><i>Abu Dhabi</i></b>
<b>Official Language</b>	<b><i>Arabic</i></b>
<b>Country Code</b>	<b><i>+971 / .ae</i></b>
<b>Time Zone</b>	<b><i>GMT+4</i></b>

# CONTACTS

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Here are some useful contacts to have at your fingertips while you are in UAE.

- Police: 999
- Ambulance: 998
- Fire: 997
- Telephone Directory Enquiries: 181