

## Practical information for participants

### 1. Venue

#### Crowne Plaza Hotel

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### 2. About Kuwait City

**Kuwait City** is the capital and largest city of Kuwait. It has a population of 2.38 million in the metropolitan area. Located at the heart of the country on the shore of the Persian Gulf, and containing Kuwait's parliament, most governmental offices, the headquarters of most Kuwaiti corporations and banks, it is the political, cultural and economic center of Kuwait. Kuwait City is considered a **Beta** - Global city.



Kuwait City's trade and transportation needs are served by Kuwait International Airport, Mina Al-Shuwaik (Shuwaik Port) and Mina Al Ahmadi (Ahmadi Port) 50 kilometres (31 miles) to the south, on the Persian Gulf coast. Kuwait City is ranked as one among the 25 largest GDP cities in the world along with New York, Tokyo, Moscow, Mumbai and other financial hubs including Singapore and Dubai.

### 3. Weather

Kuwait City has a hot desert climate and is one of the hottest cities in summers on earth. Its winters are warm with very little rainfall. Sand storms are quite frequent in mid-year.

The weather in November is moderate and approximate temperatures will vary between 20<sup>o</sup>-25<sup>o</sup>C. Rain frequency does increase around November.

#### 4. Hotel Accommodation

##### **Crowne Plaza Hotel (also meeting venue for the events)**

Crowne Plaza Kuwait is an award winning, five-star deluxe international brand that offers a unique experience through its newly refurbished rooms, new meeting facilities, new sense of arrival, large parking facility and its 10,000 m<sup>2</sup> leisure facility.

The Crowne Plaza has undergone a major transformation in order to continue to lead the way in offering its guests unparalleled facilities and services.

All of the bedrooms and suites have been totally refurbished to provide supreme comfort for its guests.

Twelve brand new meeting rooms have been added to the remarkable range of state-of-the-art meeting facilities.

With adding a Convention Center of 3750 m<sup>2</sup> in the new extension, Crowne Plaza is all set to be the best place for business as well as leisure.

The new Viaggio Italian Restaurant brings the total number of international restaurants within the hotel to eight.

The new and exclusive 3500 m<sup>2</sup> Spa Aquatonic features an exotic 650 m<sup>2</sup> Aquatonic pool, the first of its kind in Kuwait.

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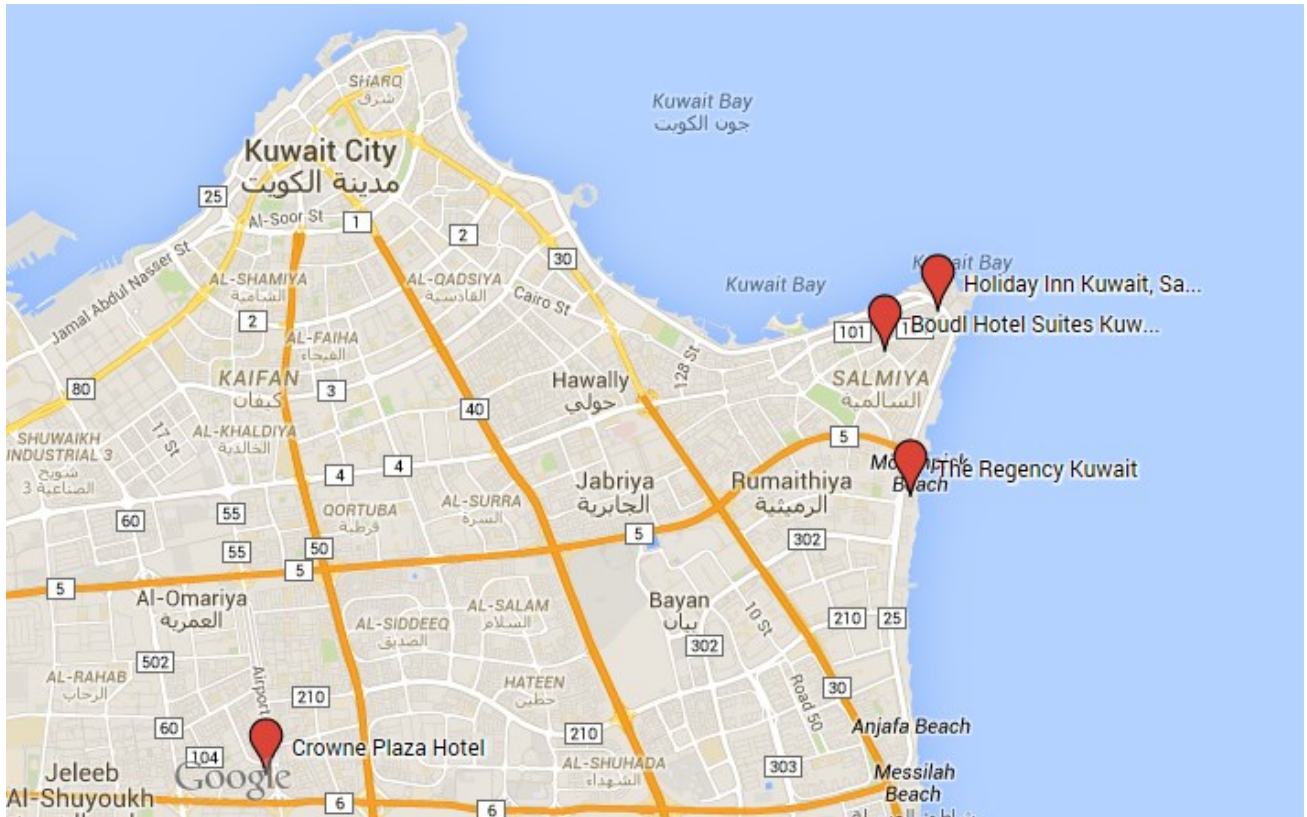
ROOM TYPE	ROOM RATE
<b>Single Room</b>	Single room 60 KD + 15% service + Shuttle service from/to the airport
<b>Double Room</b>	Double room 70 + KD+15% service breakfast included + Shuttle service from/to the airport

Check In Time: **14:00 hours**

Check Out Time: **12:00 noon**

Credit Cards Accepted: **Visa Card, Master Card, JCB International, American Express, and Diners Club**

Recommended hotels location map:



### Other Recommended Hotels

Hotel	Rate per night	Address hotel	Booking address	Remarks
Crowne Plaza 5 stars	Single room 60 KD + 15% service + Shuttle service from/to the airport	Al-farwaniya	Tel: +965 96961416 Fax: +965 25759809 Email: <a href="mailto:Etidal.bakri@ing.com">Etidal.bakri@ing.com</a>	Venue of the forum and it is recommended
	Double room 70 + KD+15% service breakfast included + Shuttle service from/to the airport			
Regency Kuwait 5 Stars	Single room 70 KD + 15% service + Shuttle service from/to the airport	Al Bida'a, Al Tawoon Street, Salmiya	Tel: +965 2576666 Fax: +965 25766999 Email: <a href="mailto:info@theregencykuwait.com">info@theregencykuwait.com</a>	Away from the venue 20 minutes
	Double room 80 KD + 15% service + breakfast included + Shuttle service from/to the airport			
Boudl 3 Stars	Delux room 32 KD + 15% service + breakfast included + Shuttle service from/to the airport	Salmiya – Amro ibn Alaas st.	Tel: +965 97349340 Fax: +965 25757886	Away from the venue 25 minutes
	Suite (room & lounge) 38 KD + 15% service + breakfast included + Shuttle service from/to the airport			
Holiday Inn 5 Stars	Single room 30 KD + 15% service + breakfast included + Shuttle service from/to the airport & venue	140 Hamad Al Mubarak Street, Gulf road, Salmiya	Tel: +965 96961416 Fax: +965 25759809 Email: <a href="mailto:Etidal.bakri@ing.com">Etidal.bakri@ing.com</a>	Away from the venue 30 minutes
	Double room 45 KD + 15% service + breakfast included + Shuttle service from/to the airport & venue			

## 5. Visa Information

A valid passport & visa are required to enter The State of Kuwait except for nationalities from the following countries that will be issued entry permits upon arrival at the airport in the state of Kuwait:

United states of America, New Zealand, Australia, Canada, Germany, France, Luxembourg, Belgium, Netherlands, Japan, Norway, Sweden, Austria, Switzerland, Greece, Ireland, Portugal, Denmark, Vatican, Monaco, Spain, Finland, Liechtenstein, SanMarino, Andorra, Iceland, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Singapore, South Korea, China.

Each participant is requested to consult the Kuwaiti Embassy in his/her country of origin to obtain the visa.

Please note that the invitation letter will be circulated to all Kuwaiti Embassies abroad, in order to facilitate the procedures for obtaining a valid visa, furthermore, you can contact the hotel or the tour company you chose to apply for the visa at the following official website:

<http://www.e.gov.kw/MOI.en/Pages/ServiceContent/V2693StateVisit.aspx>

**Should you have any queries regarding obtaining a valid visa or need further assistance please feel free to contact:**

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### Very Important Note:

To facilitate the procedures for obtaining a visa, you should send a copy of your passport [data page and validity of the passport page (special visas countries)] and send it at the above mentioned fax and E-mail.

### Official Working hours:

Working days: Sunday - Thursday (From 8.00 am to 2.00 pm)

Weekends: Friday & Saturday (holidays)

## 6. Transportation from Airport to Hotel

In order to secure reception at the airport and transportation to hotels, participants are requested to fill the hotel reservation form (**Form 2**) and send it to the hotels, which they chose for accommodation.

The Ministry of Communications will provide transportation only from the hotels to the forum's venue and vice versa.

Tariff for Kuwait airport taxi services ranges between KD 4 for areas near the airport and KD 20 for border areas.

Regarding mobile taxis the fare will be according to the odometer.

Taxi fares in Kuwait city ranges between 2.5 - 3.5 KD.

There are two companies in Kuwait that run public buses: **Kuwait Public Transport Company (KPTC)** and **City Bus**, operating around 50 routes.



City Buses are slightly more expensive with prices around 150 - 250 fils for most trips. Travel on KPTC Buses range from as little as 50 - 150 fils.

**7. Time zone**

UTC/GMT + 0300 hours

**8. Currency**

The national currency of Kuwait is the “*Kuwaiti Dinar (KD, KWD)*”.

Banking hours are from 8.30am to 3.00pm, from Sunday to Thursday. Some branches open from 4pm to 6pm.

The exchange rate in Kuwait is pegged to the dollar, other currencies rate can be consulted at <http://www.bbkonline.com/Pages/CurrencyConvertor.aspx> or <http://www.xe.com/> .

As of September 2014:

**1 Euro = 0.383 KWD** (approx.).

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**9. Electricity (voltage used)**

AC power voltage in Kuwait is 240V/50 Hz. Find below used outlets (UK plug):



**10. General Information**

Government:	Constitutional Monarchy
Emir:	Sabah al-Sabah
Crown Prince:	Nawaf al-Sabah
Prime Minister:	Jabber Al-Hamad al-Sabah
Area:	17'820 sq.km.
Population:	4,044,500 (approx.)
Capital:	Kuwait City
Language:	Arabic