Practical Information - GSR-23

Dates and Venue

The <u>Global Symposium for Regulators (GSR-23)</u> will be held from 5 to 8 June 2023 at Sharm el-Sheikh International Congress Center (SHICC) located in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt.

For further information on the event venue, please visit the Host Country website (will be available soon).

Schedule, Timetable and General Structure

GSR-23 daily programme and room allocation are indicated on the <u>GSR-23 website</u>. Up-to-date information on social events will be displayed on screens throughout the Congress Centre.

Security and access

Access to the official Conference premises within the SHICC will be strictly limited to persons wearing Conference category badges with photograph. Participants are advised that all delegates, observers, media representatives, ITU and Host Country Secretariat staff, and all technical and support staff of the SHICC, will only be admitted to the Conference premises upon presentation of these badges.

Conference participants are also requested to have in their possession at all times an official travel document (e.g. national passport) that may need to be presented in addition to the conference badge at the conference compound entry to the host country Egyptian Authorities.

All participants will be security screened at the access point in front of the Registration area.

Participants are reminded to safeguard their personal belongings at all times while in the SHICC and hotel areas.

Transportation and Parking at Sharm el-Sheikh (Shuttle buses and others)

Transportation between the official conference hotels and Sharm el-Sheikh International Congress Center (SHICC) for all conference participants will be provided. The Host country will also provide transportation for all delegates from the airport to the official hotels as well as back.

Meeting room management and reservations

Meeting rooms within SHICC are managed by the ITU Secretariat. Conference participants wishing to reserve a room for a bilateral meeting are kindly requested to contact the ITU Secretariat at <u>gsr@itu.int.</u>

Please note that requests will be processed on a first-come, first-serve basis and are restricted to two non-consecutive slots of 1.5 hours per day per delegation.

Kindly note that meeting rooms cannot be used as working spaces.

IT Facilities

• **Cybercafé and IT Service Desk:** The IT Service Desk is located near the Cybercafé. A limited number of PCs/laptops are available at the Cybercafé. As the event is meant to be paperless, only one LAN printer will be made available at the Cybercafé (accessible through the laptops set up at the Cybercafé).

- Laptop connectivity access to the Internet at GSR23 will be available using WiFi:
 - Username and password are printed on your event participant badge, each username supports up to 4 devices. Please do not share with others. After a successful logon with a device, re-logon from the same device will not be necessary within 7 days.
 - Please note that the installation and use of non-ITU wireless access points without prior authorization from the ITU/IS Department is strictly forbidden.
 - Please contact the IT support staff (with yellow armband marked "IT Support") for specific connectivity requirements or IT or Audiovisual assistance.

Documentation

In accordance with no. 8 of Annex 2 to Decision 5 (Rev. Dubai, 2018), **the event will be completely paperless.** Event presentations will be made available electronically on the <u>GSR-23 website</u> after the corresponding session.

Remote participation, Webcast and Captioning

Interactive remote participation will be provided for all pre-events and GSR-23 core sessions. Access to the interactive remote participation requires prior registration.

Public live webcast in the 6 languages of the Union will be provided during the following sessions.

- GSR-23 opening session,
- GSR-23 Session 1, right after the opening,
- GSR-23 closing session

Archives of the audio feeds will also be made available after the sessions.

Live captioning (in English only) will be provided for all pre-events and GSR-23 core sessions. Transcripts will also be made available after the sessions on the <u>GSR-23 website</u> for anyone holding an ITU user account with TIES access.

Currency and Banking

The official currency of Egypt is the Egyptian Pound (EGP). Visa, American Express, Access/MasterCard can be used. Banks are open from Sunday to Thursday, from 8.30 hours to 14.00 hours The exchange rates in Egypt can be found at <u>this link</u>.

Media and Communication facilities and services

Coming soon: This page will feature press releases, photos, videos, a social media pack and information for media. Contact: <u>bdtcommunications@itu.int</u> or <u>monica.albertini@itu.int</u>.

Accessibility

To enable persons with disabilities to fully participate at the event, ITU is committed to provide reasonable accommodation.

The Conference venue is generally accessible to persons with disabilities. Accessibility features and services available at the Conference will be announced on the official Conference website and will include captioning of all sessions, signage and dedicated lanes for persons with disabilities, amongst others. Any additional requests for the provision of accessibility services can be made during the registration process or by directly contacting <u>bdtmeetingsregistration@itu.int</u>. Additional requests made on site will be subject to the availability of resources.

Medical Service

Medical assistance during the Event is assured by the Host Country for all participants. There will be a clinic with a doctor at the conference center, in addition to an on-site ambulance for medical transport to the main hospital in Sharm El-Sheikh.

Other Inquiries

For other inquiries related to travelling to Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt (weather, vaccination, currency, etc.), please visit the host country website (will be available soon).
