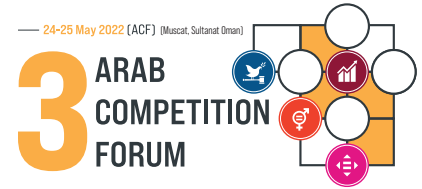


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OECD

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This note is to inform you about the general logistical information you may need for your travel to Oman to attend the **3rd Arab Competition Forum**. This note is not exhaustive, so please do not hesitate to contact us if you have further inquiries.



MEETING VENUE | The two-day forum will be held at
Oman Convention and Exhibition Centre in Muscat.



MEETING REGISTRATION | Participation in the forum is by invitation only. Participants must register through this link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeAFWsEz-AjiFuuFDqcmQnDI6I5jwz2Ik6i_AFToSf30AxT0w/viewform

On the first day of the forum, the registration desk will open on **24 May 2022** from **8:30 a.m.** to **9:00 a.m.**



**WORKING METHODS/
MEETING LANGUAGES**



Speakers have the flexibility to choose whether to use a **PowerPoint presentation** or **prepare other written contributions**.

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To have the presentations ready in time during the speaker's respective session, please send your presentations or contributions **ahead of the meeting**, at the latest by **18 May 2022**.



The meeting **language is Arabic**. Simultaneous **interpretation to English** is available.



MEETING DOCUMENTS | Relevant documents will be circulated electronically. PowerPoint presentations will not be printed for distribution but will be uploaded to the website after the meeting.

<https://acf-2022.unescwa.org/>

Unless explicitly requested not to do so, we intend to share all written contributions (e.g. presentations) in PDF format on our website for reference.



FINANCIAL SUPPORT/ DSA PAYMENT

ESCWA and our partners from OECD and UNCTAD are covering the cost of two participants from each member country, therefore we will purchase your ticket according to the applicable United Nations rules and regulations (the most direct and economical route will be chosen), and an electronic ticket will be sent to you. Eligible participants will receive the standard Daily Subsistence Allowance to cover their accommodation and meal expenses (**\$270 per day * 3 days = \$810**) and terminal expenses of **\$188** to cover local transfers; therefore, total cash to be received in **USD** will be approximately **\$998**. ESCWA will also cover any other expenses such as visa fees and PCR fees upon submission of receipts.

Please bring your ticket, boarding passes, receipts and passport with you on the first day of the meeting to have your payment processed on time.

Kindly note that participants will receive the DSA payment in cash during the second day of the meeting, and so you will have to settle your bill with the hotel and pay other expenses directly.



ACCOMMODATION

We advise you to book your rooms at the **Crowne Plaza Muscat OCEC**, in Al Irfan city, which is located within walking distance of the Oman Convention and Exhibition. In addition, a preferential rate for the United Nations has been negotiated as below:

- Superior Single: OMR 39.04
- Junior Suite: OMR 45.14
- Executive Suite: OMR 102.85

Room rates include a complimentary buffet breakfast and Wifi access and cover all service taxes.

Crowne Plaza Muscat OCEC

Mr. Mohammed Adnan

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🌐 <https://www.ihg.com/crowneplaza/hotels/us/en/muscat/msccp/hoteldetail>

Other recommended nearby hotels are:

Novotel Muscat Airport Hotel

- Classic Single: OMR 26.21
- Classic Double: OMR 32.63
- Superior Single: OMR 42.27
- Superior Double: OMR 48.70
- Deluxe Single: OMR 59.58
- Deluxe Double: OMR 66

Room rates include complimentary buffet breakfast and Wifi access and cover all applicable taxes.

Novotel Muscat Airport Hotel

Mr. Eddy Daccache, Sales Manager

Al Maardih street, Airport Heights, Seeb, P.O. Box 2688, PC 111, Muscat, Oman

☎ +968 71555183 | ☎ 968 24511890

✉ HB7A7-SL@accor.com

🌐 novotel.com/Novotel

Radisson Collection Hotel, Hormuz Grand Muscat

○ Single Room: OMR 45

○ Executive Room: OMR 65

○ Junior Suite: OMR 85

○ Suite: OMR 105

○ Presidential Suite: OMR 200

Room rates include complimentary buffet breakfast and Wifi access and cover all applicable taxes.

Hormuz Grand Muscat Hotel

Mr. Hamood Ali abdallah Almaqbali, Country Sales Manager, MICE – Oman

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✉ Hamood.maqbali@radissonhotels.com

🌐 www.radissonhotels.com

Kempinski Hotel Muscat

○ Superior/Deluxe Resort View Room: OMR 125.49

○ Grand Deluxe Sea View: OMR 158.42

○ Junior Suite: OMR 188.60

○ Deluxe Suite: OMR 324.30

Room rates are on a single occupancy basis, and double occupancy rates are an additional OMR 10 or more. Rates include complimentary buffet breakfast and Wifi access and cover all applicable taxes.

Kempinski Hotel Muscat

Khadija Al-Lawati, Group & Events Executive

P.O.Box: 57 Postal Code 138 Muscat Sultanate of Oman

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🌐 kempinski.com/muscat

All participants are welcome to benefit from these rates and make their bookings directly with the hotel through the above email addresses. Alternatively, we will be happy to support you upon sending your request via email to the meeting organizers. All hotel expenses are to be settled by participating guests directly.



AIRPORT TRANSFER / HOTEL TRANSPORT | You can book your **pick up from the airport** directly through the Crowne Plaza hotel for **OMR 12 Net** (per way/per car), or you can pick up any taxi service from Muscat airport.



VISA REQUIREMENTS

Depending on your nationality, a visa may be required before departure. Participants are required to obtain their own entry visas to Oman via one of **two ways**:

- Apply directly through this link: <https://evisa.rop.gov.om/ar/loginportal>. Please watch this video for further instructions on how to apply online through this link: <https://youtu.be/-2gutETkFjo>. The cost of the visa is OMR 30.
- Or if you have trouble applying yourself, you can contact Mr. Maneah Al Kayoumi, agency support, to issue your visa to Oman. Please note that an additional service fee will be added of OMR 5 per visa.

Mr. Maneah Al Kayoumi's mobile number is: +968 9903 8989.

In either case, participants must submit a receipt for visa fees in order to be able to receive reimbursement of them (OMR 30).



COVID-19 PROCEDURES | Passengers must have a COVID-19 vaccination **certificate** showing that they were fully vaccinated with **at least two doses** of approved vaccines **14 days before arrival** in order to enter Oman **without a PCR test**. The approved vaccines are **AstraZeneca (Vaxzevria), Covaxin, Covishield, Janssen, Moderna (Spikevax), Pfizer-BioNTech (Comirnaty), Sinopharm, Sinovac and Sputnik V**. Passengers who are **not vaccinated at all are not allowed to enter Oman**. The vaccination certificate must have a **QR code** or be approved by the authorities in the country of departure and be uploaded at

<http://travel.moh.gov.om>

Kindly note that the COVID-19 procedures are subject to change without prior warning. Please make sure to check the above website for any updates prior to your travel.



DRESS CODE | Official dress of the participant's country or an official suit.



LIABILITY AND INSURANCE | UNESCWA assumes no responsibility for injuries or damages involving persons or property during the Forum, and no responsibility for COVID-19 consequences, such as hospitalization and hotel quarantine. Therefore, it is advisable to obtain health insurance.



**OTHER
PRACTICAL
INFORMATION**

Currency: **1 USD = 0.388 Omani Rial**





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The local time in Muscat is **GMT+4**

The weather in Muscat during the month of **May** is very **hot and average temperature** is expected to be around **30-35°C**

The **country code** for Oman is **+968**

We recommend you visit these tourist sites in Muscat:

-  The National Museum of Oman
-  Royal Opera House, Muscat
-  Mutrah Traditional Souq
-  Al Alam Palace

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We look forward
to seeing you in
Muscat!