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# **Logistic Note**



# Third Arab Land Conference

Date: 18–20 February 2025

Venue: Training center of the Ministry of Justice at Technopolis, Sale,

Kingdom of Morocco



Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development



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#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The Third Arab Land Conference will take place from 18–20 February 2025 in Rabat, Morocco. The purpose of this note is to provide practical information about your travel and stay in Rabat during the conference.

## 1. Visa Information

**Visa Requirements**: All travellers to Morocco must have a valid passport. It is on your own cost and your responsibility to secure a visa for Morocco prior to traveling. If you need an official invitation letter to assist with your visa application, please contact us via email at <u>unhabitat-arablandinitiative@un.org</u> with the subject line "Invitation Letter."

**Visa Processing:** Visa processing times can vary, so it is strongly recommended to apply early through the Moroccan embassy or consulate in your country of residence.

We do not provide Note verbal or contact embassies or consulate to facilitate the visa process for participants.

You can visit the following website to check if you need a visa for Morocco: <u>https://www.acces-maroc.ma/#/</u>

#### UN Laissez Passer holders do not require visa to enter Morocco.

#### 2. Transportation

#### **Airport Transfers**

- From Casablanca International Airport (CMN):
  - **Train:** Frequent trains are available from Casablanca International Airport to Rabat (Agdal or City Center), with a connection at Casablanca Voyageurs Station.
  - **Taxi:** Taxis are readily available outside the arrival gates of any terminal. The fare ranges from Casablanca airport to Rabat is around 80 USD.
  - **Cab Apps:** Uber is not operational in Morocco, but you can use InDrive app if you prefer ride-hailing services.

## • From Rabat International Airport:

• **Bus:** A frequent public bus service is available (every 1 hour) from the airport to the city center and Agdal. The pick-up point is at the bus stop outside the airport, and the 2 drop-off points are opposite to the Rabat Ville train station

and to the Rabat Agdal train station. The fare is 25 MAD (approximately \$2 USD), payable only in Moroccan Dirhams (MAD).

- **Taxi:** Taxis are available outside the arrival terminal, with fares ranging from \$20 to \$30 USD.
- **Cab Apps:** Uber is not available in Morocco, but InDrive is a popular alternative for ride-hailing.

# **Public Transportation Around the City**

- **Taxi:** Easily recognizable by their blue colour and taxi signs, they are widely available throughout Rabat. Taxi drivers are required to use meters and they can take you anywhere in the city.
- **InDrive:** is the preferred ride-hailing app among Moroccans.
- **Tramway:** The tram system is well-connected and accessible from various parts of the city. Tickets are available at tram stations, with a one-way ticket costing around 6 MAD (approximately less than 1 USD).
- 3. **International travel to and from Morocco:** Your participation to the 3rd Arab Land Conference including covering travel costs and making international travel arrangements, is to be sponsored by your organizations.
- 4. **Sponsorship**: Participants will need to register through the conference link that will be provided, and their participation will be subject to approval by the organizers. Those traveling from outside Rabat will be responsible for arranging their own visas, transportation, and accommodation, as well as covering the costs of their participation (or coordinating with their employers to do so). Please note that sponsorship to attend the conference is available only for selected representatives, and this will need to be agreed upon separately with the organizers.
- 5. Heath and safety Guidelines: In case of sickness or any health specific condition, several major hospitals in Rabat provide a range of medical services. Some of the prominent hospitals include: Hopital Militaire d'Instruction Mohammed V, Hopital Avicenne (Hôpital Ibn Sina), Hopital Cheikh Zaid, Centre Hospitalier Universitaire (CHU) de Rabat, Clinique Agdal and Polyclinique Internationale Riad Annakhil.

**The pharmacy hours** are: 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM / 3:00 PM - 7:30 PM Distance between 2 pharmacies is 300 m.

You can check the on-duty pharmacies for nights and weekends by visiting: https://www.guidepharmacies.ma/

Emergency numbers: Police (General Emergency): 19 (from a landline) or 112 (from a mobile phone), Gendarmerie Royale: 177 (for areas outside of city limits), Ambulance and Medical Emergencies: 15, Fire Brigade: 15

# 7. Venue:

(Eng)Training center of the Ministry of Justice at Technopolis, Sale, (Fr)Centre de formation du Ministère de la Justice à Technopolis, Sale (Ar) مركز التكوين بملحقة وزارة العدل تكنوبوليس



- 8. PIN of the Venue: On Google Maps, simply search for "Technopolis," and the center is located within the Technopolis campus
- **9. Internet access:** Free Wi-fi is available around the venue, specifically around the conference areas, lounges, meeting rooms and Coffee break stations. Use the Wireless Network Connection for internet access.
- 10. Weather: Overall, In February, Rabat experiences mild winter weather. The average temperatures typically range from 10°C (50°F) during the night to 18°C (64°F) during the day. February is characterized by cool, mild temperatures with a mix of sunshine and rain, making it a relatively comfortable time to enjoy the city, though it's advisable to have a light jacket or umbrella on hand.
- 11. Time Zone: Rabat is in (GMT+1) time zone.
- 12. **Electricity:** In Morocco, power plugs and sockets (outlets) of type C and type E are used. The standard voltage is 220 V at a frequency of 50 Hz.

- 13. Official Language: The official languages of Morocco are Amazigh (Berber), Arabic (Darija, Foshha). French, English and Spanish are widely used in public spaces, business, government, and higher education.
- 14. **Conference Language:** Arabic, French and English. **Simultaneous interpretation services** will be available for all sessions in Arabic, English, and French.
- 15. Currency and credit cards: The local currency is Moroccan Dirham (MAD).

1 USD = 10,09 MAD

1 EUR = 10,93 MAD

Please note that the exchange rate is defined on daily basis and changes might occur many times during the day.

**Exchanging money**: It is recommended to change the money into Moroccan Dirhams through Exchange shops and/or banks. Banking business days in Morocco are from Monday to Friday, from 9 :00 am to 4:00 pm

**Payment methods**: You can pay all your purchase along your stay in Morocco either in cash or using the credit/debit cards such as visa or Master card, except for small shops where you will have to pay in cash as it is the only available option.

## 16. Accommodation

Participants are expected to arrange their own accommodation and cover the related costs unless otherwise agreed upon with the organizers.

## • Recommended Hotels:

- 1. ONOMO Hotel Rabat Terminus (City Center)
- 2. Hotel Le Diwan Rabat MGallery (City Center)
- 3. The View Hotel Rabat (HAYRIAD)
- 4. Flower Town Hotel & Spa (Agdal)
- 5. Sofitel Rabat Jardin des Roses (Souissi)
- 6. Hotel Marriott (Agdal)
- 7. More Hotel are available in the Annex.

## 17. Additional Information

- **Dress Code:** Business casual
- Hotel reservations, airport transfers and transport for participants:

NB : Participants are kindly requested to make their own hotel and transport reservations. Attendees are advised to book accommodation early as February is a busy season in Rabat.