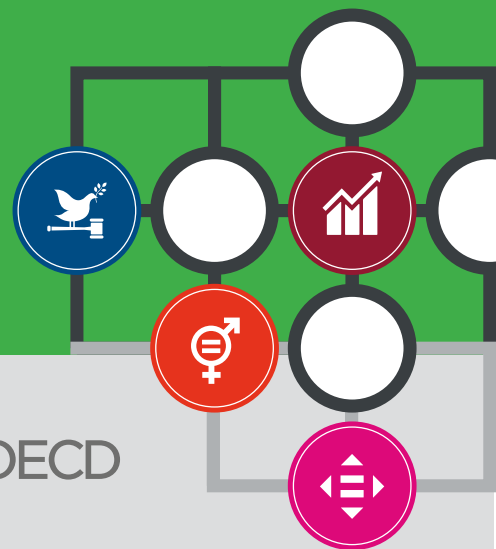


# Fourth ARAB COMPETITION FORUM (ACF)

23-24 May 2023  
Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia



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## Logistics note

The present note provides participants with information on traveling to Saudi Arabia to attend the Fourth Arab Competition Forum. However, the note may not include all necessary details, so participants are invited to contact us for any questions they may have.



### Date and venue

The Fourth Arab Competition Forum will be held at the Crowne Plaza Riyadh RDC Hotel and Convention in Riyadh Digital City on 23 and 24 May 2023.



### Registration

Participants (in person and virtually) are requested to register via the following link:  
<https://forms.gle/y1YHDKhYJtEBMmq5>



### Organization of work/Forum languages

The two languages of the Forum are Arabic and English. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided to and from both languages. Speakers can choose to deliver a PowerPoint presentation or to participate using other written materials.

To ensure that all materials are ready in time for the Forum, please send your presentations or other contributions by 15 May 2023.



### Documents

Documents will be sent to participants via email. PowerPoint presentations and other interventions will be uploaded to the Forum website at the end of the meeting:  
<https://acf-2023.unescwa.org/>.

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## Financial support/daily subsistence allowance

ESCWA will cover the costs of two participants from each member State, in addition to a number of regional and international experts. This includes purchasing tickets, according to the rules and regulations of the United Nations (provided that the shortest and least expensive route is chosen), and sending them to participants by email. Eligible participants will receive a daily subsistence allowance to cover their accommodation and meal expenses, equivalent to \$383 per day for three days, totalling \$1,149. This is in addition to \$188 for travel expenses and local transport, meaning that each participant will receive a total of \$1,337. Moreover, ESCWA will cover other expenses, such as visa fees for Saudi Arabia and PCR test fees, if required, upon submission of receipts.

Participants are kindly requested to bring their tickets, boarding passes, receipts and passport on the first day of the Forum to allow for timely processing of allocated funds.

The daily subsistence allowance will be paid in cash to participants on the second day of the Forum. Participants are kindly requested to pay their expenses directly.



## Accommodation

Participants are advised to book a room at the Crowne Plaza Riyadh RDC Hotel & Convention, which is the Forum venue. Negotiations have been concluded with the hotel to provide discounts for participants, who are invited to benefit from these lower prices and to complete their reservation directly with the hotel via the following link: [www.ihg.com/crowneplaza/hotels/us/en/](http://www.ihg.com/crowneplaza/hotels/us/en/).

- Single room price: 1,300 Saudi riyals, including breakfast and taxes
- Double room price: 1,400 Saudi riyals, including breakfast and taxes

**Address:** Wadi Al Muaydin Street, Unit 4, Imam Saud Ibn Abdul Aziz Road, Riyadh 12382, Saudi Arabia

**Map:** <https://goo.gl/maps/veZ4qcKtDrwj7eeAA>

Please email the Forum organizers if you require assistance with making a hotel reservation. You may also contact the hotel by phone at: +966 118131313 or by email: [reservations.cprdc@ihg.com](mailto:reservations.cprdc@ihg.com).

**The following is a list of recommended hotels located near the Forum venue, at a distance of between 10 and 20 minutes by car:**

- Sheraton Riyadh Hotel & Towers (14 minutes)
  - Single room price: 870 Saudi riyals, including breakfast and taxes
  - Double room price: 990 Saudi riyals, including breakfast and taxes

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- Radisson Blu Hotel & Residence, Riyadh Diplomatic Quarter (16 minutes)
  - Single or double room price: 1,254 Saudi riyals, including breakfast and taxes
- Courtyard by Marriott, Riyadh Diplomatic Quarter (13 minutes)
  - Single room price: 785 Saudi riyals, including breakfast and taxes
  - Double room price: 906 Saudi riyals, including breakfast and taxes

**Note:** Prices cannot be guaranteed and may change according to availability. It is therefore advisable that interested participants directly reply if they need to book a room in the above-listed hotels.



## Transportation from/to the airport and hotel

Transportation will be provided for participants staying in the mentioned hotels. Participants who choose to be accommodated in another hotel or venue will be responsible for their own transportation.



## Entry visas

Participants, depending on their nationality, may need a visa to enter Saudi Arabia. You are therefore requested to provide us with your personal information and passport details to obtain a reference number from authorities in Saudi Arabia. Subsequently, ESCWA will provide you with your number for the entry visa application, along with any other necessary document required for collecting the visa from the Saudi Embassy.



## Liability and insurance

ESCWA assumes no responsibility for injuries or damage to persons or property sustained during the Forum, nor does it assume any responsibility for events arising from the COVID-19 pandemic, such as hospitalization or hotel quarantine. It is therefore advisable to obtain health insurance.



## Dress code

Participants are advised to wear the official dress code of the host country or a decent formal suit, respecting the traditions of the host country.

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## Other practical information

- Exchange rate: \$1 is equivalent to 3.75 Saudi riyals.
- The electric plug is of type G.
- The local time in Riyadh is GMT+3.
- The weather in Riyadh in May is very hot with an average temperature of between 40°C and 45°C.
- The international dialling code for Saudi Arabia is +966.
- For anyone interested in performing Umrah pilgrimage, please check [Visitsaudi.sa](https://visitsaudi.sa), noting that the government visit visa secured by Saudi authorities will allow visits to any Saudi city, including Jeddah.



## We recommend that you visit the following tourist areas in Riyadh:

### Centres

- Center Point (shopping centre) <https://goo.gl/maps/Hy1eMt5spr6pEdby8>
- Al Nakheel Mall (shopping centre) <https://goo.gl/maps/4DnVfVnTp9rRjLkS6>
- Riyadh Park (shopping centre) <https://goo.gl/maps/S3KXSysj8XUns85g7>

### Restaurants and cafes

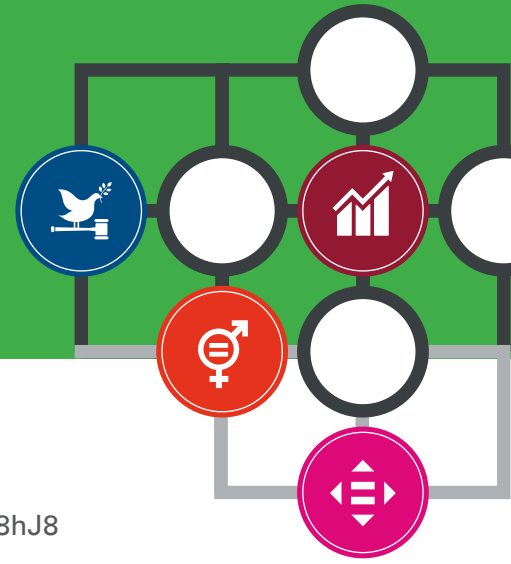
- U Walk (restaurant area) <https://goo.gl/maps/Vpcm5Ss4SqZgtBR36>
- Riverwalk (restaurant area) <https://goo.gl/maps/EDib5oaKj1j7p3Mv6>
- King Abdullah Financial District (business centre)  
<https://goo.gl/maps/wWFyd9ksYzu1ThC27>
- Najd Village Restaurant (local food) <https://goo.gl/maps/3G451JtXds2Ur5HG7>
- Riyadh Front (restaurant area) <https://goo.gl/maps/EsAWvxtwYnFHvufN7>
- Riyadh Boulevard (restaurant area) <https://goo.gl/maps/TX1gvZDBjFiNU23X6>

### Historical sites

- Wadi Hanifah <https://goo.gl/maps/taiAZPPwcBsFAntc8>
- Masmak Fortress <https://goo.gl/maps/Sk7V2Mm8392xsUkn9>

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- Murabba Palace <https://goo.gl/maps/gQRbxBwNhDNoM8hJ8>
- National Museum of Saudi Arabia <https://goo.gl/maps/vBpJkq45chsf375b7>
- Saqer al-Jazirah Royal Saudi Air Force Aviation Museum <https://goo.gl/maps/2hWpktri5i51SRbe9>
- Souq Al Zel (local market) <https://goo.gl/maps/3bpPjFuvMuzfZT5C9>
- Al Bujairi Heritage Park <https://goo.gl/maps/KxiQvZk6jddqZ99zV6>



## The following is a list of the main hospitals near the Forum venue:

- Dallah Hospitals <https://goo.gl/maps/ZM7M5pnpafKG2cME8>
- Dr. Sulaiman Al habib Olaya Medical Complex <https://goo.gl/maps/8LW6mg6JXXQiqLPr8>
- Saudi German Hospital <https://goo.gl/maps/Fwq7uQNDYfEJ5VsSA>



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**We look forward to seeing you  
in Riyadh!**



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