



**SECOND ORDINARY SESSION FOR
THE SPECIALIZED TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING ON
EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (STC-EST)
21th -23th October 2017, CAIRO, EGYPT**

General Information Note

1. Venue

The Specialized Technical Committee Meeting on Education, Science and Technology (STC-EST) of the African Union will take place at Fairmont Heliopolis Hotel in Cairo, Egypt.

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Fairmont Heliopolis is located in Cairo's distinctive presidential quarter and blends truly luxurious accommodation with unrivalled business and conference facilities; delectable cuisines from chefs inspired by their passion for food from around the world and leisure options including three pools, the 24/7 Kings & Queens Casino and proximity to Downtown and retail attractions.

The hotel is located just 10 minutes away from Cairo International Airport, 5 minutes away from Suncity Mall and 10 minutes away from City Stars Mall. The hotel has Cairo's largest function space comprising three ballrooms, 12 meeting rooms and pre-function areas, ideal for conferences, meetings, seminars, weddings and special events.

Fairmont Heliopolis reflects the distinctive nature of Egyptian traditions and heritage, in a captivating setting of lush vegetation and a lobby naturally day-lit through vast windows.

Accommodation totals 593 lavishly-appointed rooms and suites, including sumptuous family accommodation with connecting rooms and expansive living areas, parquet

wooden floors and marble bathrooms, and up-to-the-minute in-room facilities including multi-function Media Panel.

15 dining choices, bistros and lounges from Italian, Mexican, Thai, Indian, Japanese, Lebanese. Chinese and Egyptian authentic cuisines. Unrivalled range of guest services and recreational facilities that incorporate squash, tennis, and fully-equipped health club, 3 swimming pools, heated pool, kid's pool and play ground, beauty salon.

2. Documents of the meeting

All the necessary documents for the STC EST2 are available in AU website, <http://www.au.int>

3. Air Tickets

African Union Commission will provide air tickets for participants sponsored by the Commission.

4. Per diem

Participants sponsored by the AUC will be paid per diem, to cover their accommodation and subsistence cost during the meeting according to the AUC's Daily Subsistence (DSA) rate.

N.B: All AUC sponsored participants are requested to submit their original boarding pass, tickets and visas cost receipts on the first day of the meeting;

5. Hotel Accommodation

All the delegates are booked in the Fairmont Heliopolis Hotel in Cairo where the meeting will take place. Delegates have a negotiable rate at 80 dollars USD for a single room.

6. Language

The meeting will be in English, French, Arabic and Portuguese with simultaneous interpretations.

7. Visa requirements for entry to Egypt

Participants from countries that are not exempted from visas to the Arab Republic of Egypt must acquire valid visas before leaving their home countries. Participants are requested to take special care to check which category their country falls under. Visas can be obtained at the airport of the Arab Republic of Egypt at a cost of \$25, but prior clearance

from security agencies is always required. Your passport should be valid for a minimum period of 6 months from the date of intended entry into Egypt.

A Yellow fever certificate is required if the journey starts or entails passing through the designated yellow fever belt. Yellow fever vaccination is required for all persons arriving from countries with risk of yellow fever transmission.

8. Airport Transfers to Fairmont Heliopolis

Ministers and VIP's will be received by Egyptians Protocol/Officials at the airport. For the experts and others delegates Bus are available for transport to the Fairmont Heliopolis.

9. Weather in Cairo in October

The average temperature in Cairo still reaches a high of 30°C (that's about 86°F) during the day and dip now lower than 18°C (about 64°F) at night.

10. Currency

The currency is the Egyptian Pound (EGP) (1 dollar USD = 17,63 Egyptian pounds). The United States dollar is widely accepted. 5,000 Egyptian pounds is the maximum amount of local currency one is allowed to bring in or take out of Egypt. There is a limit to the amount of hard currency that one may bring in and should not exceed US\$ 10,000.

11. Electricity

The voltage in the Arab Republic of Egypt is 220 volts and plugs are two prong rounded, European style. Travelers are advised that adapters are needed for three-pin square plugs.

12. Telephone Code

- Egypt Phone Code: 20
- Cairo Area Code: 2
- Cairo Dial Code: +20 2 following by your number

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