



THE FIRST - ORDINARY SESSION OF SUB-COMMITTEE ON ENERGY OF THE AFRICAN UNION SPECIALIZED TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT, TRANSCONTINENTAL AND INTERREGIONAL INFRASTRUCTURES, ENERGY AND TOURISM.

***21 March - 23 March 2018
NOUAKCHOTT, MAURITANIA***

Information Note for Participants

1. Conference Arrangements

Thank you for confirming your participation in the **FIRST – ORDINARY SESSION OF SUB-COMMITTEE ON ENERGY OF THE AFRICAN UNION SPECIALIZED TECHNICAL COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT, TRANSCONTINENTAL AND INTERREGIONAL INFRASTRUCTURES, ENERGY AND TOURISM** from 21 – 23 March 2018 in **NOUAKCHOTT, MAURITANIA**.

Please find below the address of the meeting venue for your reference:

**Convention Center (Palais des Congrés),
Nouakchott
Mauritania.**

For more information kindly visit <http://www.au.int> //

Emergency contacts;

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Kindly bring your invitation letter, passports and other means of identification (which can include IDs or Drivers Licenses for local participants and passports for international participants), to facilitate entrance to the Meeting Venue. A list of names will be provided with Workshop Badges at the Entrance; Invitation Letter and ID will be used to check against the list for access into the venue.

All participants are requested to register soon after arrival at the reception of the venue to receive identification tags and registration packages containing background documents, the agenda and relevant information on the conference.

Daily refreshments and meals will be provided at the meeting venue during health breaks.

For all Participants

Kindly go through the Hotel information on the second last page of this document to organize for your accommodation.



I. Ground Transportation

Most hotels offer complimentary airport shuttle services. Please approach the Hotel desk of the hotel that you have been booked in for your transport to the hotel.

II. VISA REQUIREMENTS

Visas can issued on arrival at the airport. Regarding the visa fees:

- For Diplomatic, Service, African Union, United Nation Passports visa is free;
- For Ordinary Passports from African or Arab countries, visa fees are 40 Euros;
- Other passports, visa fees are 45 Euros.

III. Information for Travel to Mauritania

A. Formalities for entry into the Mauritania

All visitors to **Mauritania** must hold passports valid for at least 90 days from your departure. Citizens of countries that require visas for **Mauritania** are advised to obtain these beforehand at the appropriate **Mauritania** diplomatic or consular offices. UN Laissez-Passer and diplomatic passport holders can be provided with a visa at the port of entry in Nouakchott airport.

Individuals from countries where **there is no Mauritanian Embassy/Consular office** can obtain visas at the port of entry, but will require **prior clearance** from **Mauritania** Ministry of foreign Affairs.

Kindly do not hesitate to contact the organizing team if you require additional assistance for the visa.

C. Health

We recommend that you travel with valid medical insurance coverage during your period of stay in Nouakchott. **A Yellow fever vaccine** is recommended for travel to **Mauritania**, and various countries require a yellow fever vaccination certificate when returning from yellow fever prone areas.

D. Climate

Nouakchott has a dry season from October to February, and rainy seasons -of a short period from February through to April, and lengthy period from June through to September. Although temperatures in **Nouakchott** are moderate, it is advisable to carry warm wear as chills of 18/23 degrees Celsius are experienced in the evenings.

E. Currency

The Ouguiya is the main currency of exchange. Money can be changed in banks, and other accredited points such as **Nouakchott** International airport and hotels. Credit cards (Master Card, Visa), Cash US Dollars, Euros are accepted by major hotels around the country.



Banking hours are from Monday to Thursday, 0800 – 1700hrs, Friday from 0800 – 1200hrs and are closed on Sundays. ATM Machines are available in branches of major banks and accept VISA cards. The exchange rate is approximately 1 USD = 360 (2017).

F. Other travel information

- Local time is GMT plus 00 hours
- The electrical power supply is 220-240 volts. Please be advised that plugs are of the two round-pronged types.



- Tap water may not be suitable for drinking and participants are advised to use bottled water.

HOTEL INFORMATION FOR SELF SPONSORED PARTICIPANTS

Below is a list of hotels with relatively easy access to the Meeting Venue..... please quote the event name while booking so that negotiated rates may be offered and duly inform us of your reservation.

Hotel	Contact	Location	Distance	Standard
Nouakchott Hotel	Tel 00 222 25 00 00 30/31/32 Email: contact@nouakchotthotel.com Website: www.nouakchotthotel.com Single: 39.440 UM / Double: 46.400 UM / Suite: 69.000 UM		5 km	****
Azalai Hotel	Tel. 00 222 46 64 48 85 Email: khadijetou.diarra@azalahotels.com Website: www.azalahotels.com Single : 45.000 UM Standard : 55.000 UM Executive : 60.000 UM Suite Junior : 70.000 UM		0	****
Hotel Monotel	Tel. 00 222 45 24 23 33/34 Web site: www.monotel-mr.com Confort : 46.300 UM Suite Junior : 75.600 UM		4 km	****
Hotel Tfeila	Tel. 00 222 45 25 74 00 web site: info@hoteltfeila.com		3 km	****



	<p>web site: www.hotelfeila.com Single : 42.000 UM Suite Junior Single : 56.000 UM Suite Superieure : 74.000 UM</p>			
Mauricenter Hotel	<p>Tel. 00 222 45 29 66 83 / 00 222 45 29 80 01 Email: info@hotelmuricenter.com Single : 45.400 UM Suite Business : 60.400 UM</p>		4 km	****
Hotel Halima	<p>Tel. 00 45 25 79 21 / 00 222 37 29 53 32 Email: contact@hotel-halima.com web site: www.hotel-halima.com Single : 24.400 UM Twin : 27.600 UM</p>		3 km	**
Hotel Wissal	<p>Tel 00 222 45 25 41 71 Email: hotelwissal1@yahoo.fr Website: www.hotelwissal.com Single : 28.500 UM Suite : 46.500 UM</p>		4 km	**

- All these hotels provide shuttle transportation from/to airport.
- Indicative exchange rate 1 Euro = 400 UM
- For further information on the meeting, accommodation, other arrangements and any concerns please contact:
 - Abdallah@africa-union.org MarthaY@africa-union.org

We hope this helps you prepare optimally for your stay in Nouakchott and we look forward to welcoming you.

Safe Travel!