Information Note

Regional Workshop on Statistical Business Registers and Industrial Classifications

*Amman, Jordan, 25 - 27 June 2024*
BACKGROUND

UNSD (United Nations Statistics Division), ESCWA (The United Nations Economic and Social Commission for West Asia), and AITRS (Arab Institute for Training and Research on Statistics) are jointly organizing this regional workshop to enhance participants' knowledge and skills on the principles and methodologies of Statistical Business Registers. This information note has been prepared to assist you in the preparation for your trip to Amman for your participation in the workshop.

This note is also available in Arabic.

DATE AND VENUE

The meeting will be held at the Ambassador Hotel, located at 55 Al-Sharif Abdul Hamid Sharaf Street, Amman, Jordan, on 25 – 27 June 2024.

Please refer to the meeting website at https://unstats.un.org/unsd/business-stat/sbr/workshops/amman2024 for the agenda and relevant presentations and background documents.

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation reservation is the responsibility of each participant. You are recommended to stay in the same hotel as the meeting location:

Ambassador Hotel

Address: 55 Al-Sharif Abdul Hamid Sharaf Street, Shmeisani, Amman, Jordan
Website: https://www.ambassadorhoteljo.com/
Telephone: +962 6 5200 600
Email: info@ambassadorhoteljo.com

Please note that AITRS made special arrangements with the Ambassador hotel for a block reservation and special rate for all participants:

56 JOD (approximately 80 USD) for a single room
67 JOD (about 95 USD) for a double room

To confirm a reservation at the special rate, please contact Mr. Suhail Saleh at Suhail@aitrs.org or by WhatsApp or mobile phone: +962 7 8688 5342

Map of the meeting venue:

The hotel's location is conveniently surrounded by markets and shops, including Rabieh Market, Jabal Al Hussein, Safeway Shmeisani, Wasfi Al Tal (Gardens) Street, Al Sweifieh, and Mecca Mall. It's about a 10-15 minute taxi ride to the city center, costing approximately 3-4 dollars.
VISA, TRAVEL, URBAN TRANSPORTATION, AND CURRENCY
Visa Requirements:

All participants must have a valid passport and, if required, a visa. Applications for visas should be made as soon as possible at the Embassy of Jordan in the participant’s country of residence, referencing the workshop. If any participant need help in obtaining entry visa to Jordan, please contact meeting organizers (on the last page of this note).

Travel:

Queen Alia International Airport is approximately 35 minutes from Amman. Participants are responsible for their own transportation to and from the airport. Airport taxis and hotel taxis are available, with a fixed fare of 22 JOD. These taxis are marked with "Airport Taxi" and can be arranged at the kiosk on the ground floor outside the airport building.

Urban Transportation:

Amman offers various transportation options, including taxis, buses, and ride-sharing services. Taxis are the most convenient mode of transport for visitors.

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Currency:

The local currency is the Jordanian Dinar (JOD), which is widely accepted in Jordan. Presently one Jordanian Dinar is approximately 1.41 US Dollars (1 JOD = 1.41 USD). Major credit cards are also accepted in most establishments.

LANGUAGE AND DOCUMENTATION OF WORK
The working language of the meeting is English and Arabic with simultaneous interpretation. Documentation for the meeting will be available in English and, where possible, in Arabic.

TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM THE AIRPORT

The Queen Alia International Airport in Jordan is approximately 35 minutes from Amman. Participants should make their own arrangements from and to the airport via airport taxis (fare is 22 JOD) or hotel taxis.

GENERAL AND TOURIST INFORMATION

Time Zone: Amman (GMT+3)

Electricity: Electricity Voltage is 220V, requiring rounded two-prong wall plugs. Some international visitors might need a voltage transformer, which most hotels can provide.

Weather: mostly sunny in June. Average temperatures range from 20° / 32 °C.

Tourism: The following websites provide information on tourist attractions in Amman and Jordan: https://international.visitjordan.com/

Health: Participants are responsible for making their own inoculations and medical/health insurance arrangements, including life, health, medical evacuations and treatments, and other forms deemed appropriate. The United Nations does not take responsibility for the ill health of any participants during their stay.

Notable areas to visit within Amman:
Al-Wakalat Street / Sweifieh, Jabal Al-Qalaa and the Roman Amphitheater / City Center, Mecca Mall / Mecca Street, Taj Mall / Abdoun, Culture Street / Shmeisani, Jabal Al-Hussein / Markets District, Tlaa Al-Ali Area, Sultan Market.

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR MEETING ORGANIZERS

Participants may contact Mr. Suhail Saleh (email Suhail@aitrs.org) on matters related to logistics.

They may contact Mr. Zhiyuan Qian (email: qian@un.org) or Mr. Wassim Hammoud (email: hammoudw@un.org) for any questions regarding their participation in the meeting.

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