



## *2<sup>nd</sup> Global Conference on Big Data for Official Statistics*

Organized by NBS/UAE, UNSD, ABS and GCC-STAT

*20-22 October 2015, Abu Dhabi, UAE*

### Information Note

**(Participation in the conference is by official invitation letter only)**

#### **I. Introduction**

The United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD), the National Bureau of Statistics of United Arab Emirates (NBS UAE), Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) and the GCCSTAT are organizing a three-day international conference on Big Data for Official Statistics from Tuesday 20 until Thursday 22 October 2015 in the “Jumeirah at Etihad Towers” hotel in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. In addition, a one-day meeting for the UN global working group on this issue is organized on Monday 19 October 2015, in the same venue.

#### **II. Venue and Registration**

The Conference from 20 to 22 October will be held at the Mezzoon Ball Room of the “Jumeirah at Etihad Towers” - Abu Dhabi ([hotel website](#)). Registration of participants starts at 9:00 AM, Tuesday, 20 October 2015 near the conference room of the Jumeirah at Etihad Towers. Participants are requested to register and obtain meeting badges at the Registration. The room and registration for the GWG will be announced separately to the GWG members.

#### **III. Opening session and timing**

The opening session on Tuesday morning, 20 October 2015, will start at 10:30 AM. Times for coffee breaks, lunch breaks and opening / ending on the other days will be announced in the Agenda.

## **IV. Conference support**

The focal point of the National Bureau of Statistics of UAE to be contacted is:

Mr. Sufyan Al Barghouti, Email: [sbarghouti@nbs.gov.ae](mailto:sbarghouti@nbs.gov.ae)

## **V. Accommodation**

### **a. Conference hotel**

It is recommended that participants stay at the JUMEIRAH TOWERS HOTELABU DHABI where the conference will be held. The organizing committee has secured a block of rooms for conference participants at special rates (see table below).

- Rooms are available for check in after 12:00 noon.
- All reservations are regarded as the guaranteed reservation.
- Rooms for early arrivals are subject to availability.
- The normal check out time is 12:00 noon on the day of departure.
- 50% of the hotel's published room rate will be charged for a time extension of the room stay until 6:00pm on the day of departure. If the checkout is past 6:00pm, the customer will be charged an additional full day room charge.

### **For reservations contact:**

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### **b. Hotel information**

Below is a list of alternative hotels along with their distances from the event and rates for single room in AED.

Hotel Name	Distance (km)	Single Room Rate (AED)	Contact info	link
Jumeirah Towers Hotel Abu Dhabi	0	750++	<a href="mailto:osama.aloun@jumeirah.com">Email: osama.aloun@jumeirah.com</a> Tel Direct: +97128115585 Tel: +97128115555	<a href="#">website</a>
Khalidiya Palace Rayhaan by Rotana	0.47	895++	<a href="mailto:groups.khalidiya@rotana.com">Email: groups.khalidiya@rotana.com</a> Tel: +97126570131	<a href="#">website</a>
The St. Regis Abu Dhabi	0.77	900++	<a href="mailto:Tanja.Simolke@stregis.com">Email: Tanja.Simolke@stregis.com</a> Mobile: + 971559825046	<a href="#">website</a>
Sheraton Khalidiya Hotel, Abu Dhabi	3.3	300++	<a href="mailto:soukaina.chait@sheratonkhalidiya.com">Email: soukaina.chait@sheratonkhalidiya.com</a> Tel: +97126928627	<a href="#">website</a>
Beach Rotana by Rotana	7.5	675++	<a href="mailto:res.beach@rotana.com">Email: res.beach@rotana.com</a> Tel: + 971 (0) 26979171	<a href="#">website</a>
One To One Hotel	8.3	325++	<a href="mailto:Teddy.elia@onetoonehotels.com">Email: Teddy.elia@onetoonehotels.com</a> Mobile: +9710555666744	<a href="#">website</a>
Trader Hotel by Shangri-La	18	306++	<a href="mailto:ibtissam.doubaj@shangri-La.com">Email: ibtissam.doubaj@shangri-La.com</a> Mobile: +971509996572	<a href="#">website</a>

## II. Local information

### A: Arrival at the airport

Participants should make their own transportation arrangements from Abu Dhabi Airport to their respective hotels. Limousines and metered-taxis are readily available at the airport. Payment should be made in UAE currency. Exchange can be made in the exchange companies at the airport.

### B: Exchange rate

Exchange rate as of September 2015: 1 USD = 3.67 AED

### C: Weather

The average daily temperature in Abu Dhabi during October is 30°C - 45°C.

### D: Visa information

Participants will have to apply for visa to enter the UAE, and to obtain an entry visa to UAE you may check the guidelines at the consular services of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, see [here](#).