



Platform on Disaster Risk Reduction

Tunisia 9-13 October 2018

INFORMATION NOTE

AFRICA-ARAB PLATFORM ON DISASTER RISK REDCUTION:

● Towards Disaster Risk-Informed and inclusive sustainable development ●

● From 09 to 13 October 2018 ● Tunis ● Tunisia ●

General Introduction



The Africa-Arab Platform on Disaster Risk Reduction themed “Towards Disaster Risk Informed and inclusive sustainable development” will take place from 09 to 13 October 2018 in Tunis, Tunisia.

The United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR) in collaboration with the League of Arab States and the African Union Commission and hosted by the government of Tunisia, will organize the Africa-Arab Platform on Disaster Risk Reduction, which will comprise of the 7th Africa Regional Platform and 6th High-Level Meeting and the 4th Arab Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction.

The Platform will provide an opportunity for governments and all stakeholders to assess the progress and reaffirm commitment towards implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 in the two regions. The platform will also enable stakeholders and partners to foster cooperation across the regions towards disaster risk informed and inclusive sustainable development; while enabling them to share knowledge, experiences and best practices in advancing disaster risk reduction.

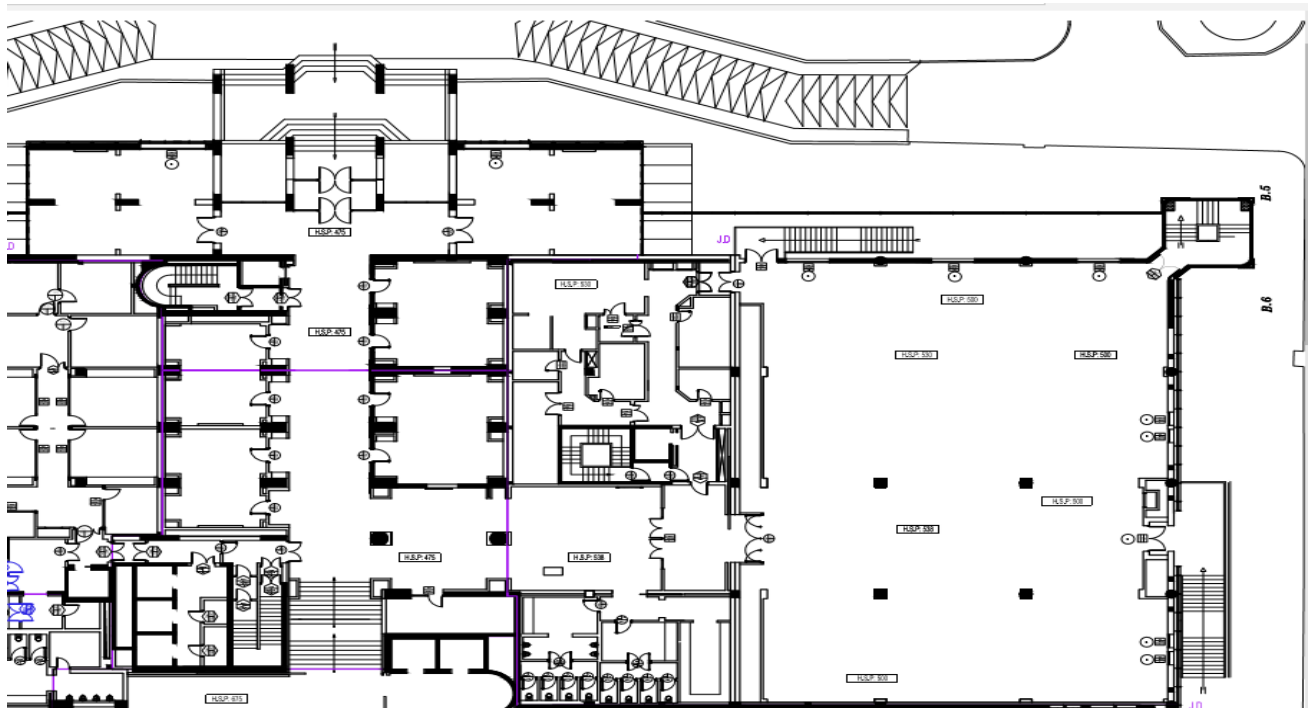
Venue

The Africa-Arab Platform on Disaster Risk Reduction will be held in Tunis Tunisia from 09 to 13 October 2018 at Laico Hotel, Tunis – Tunisia.

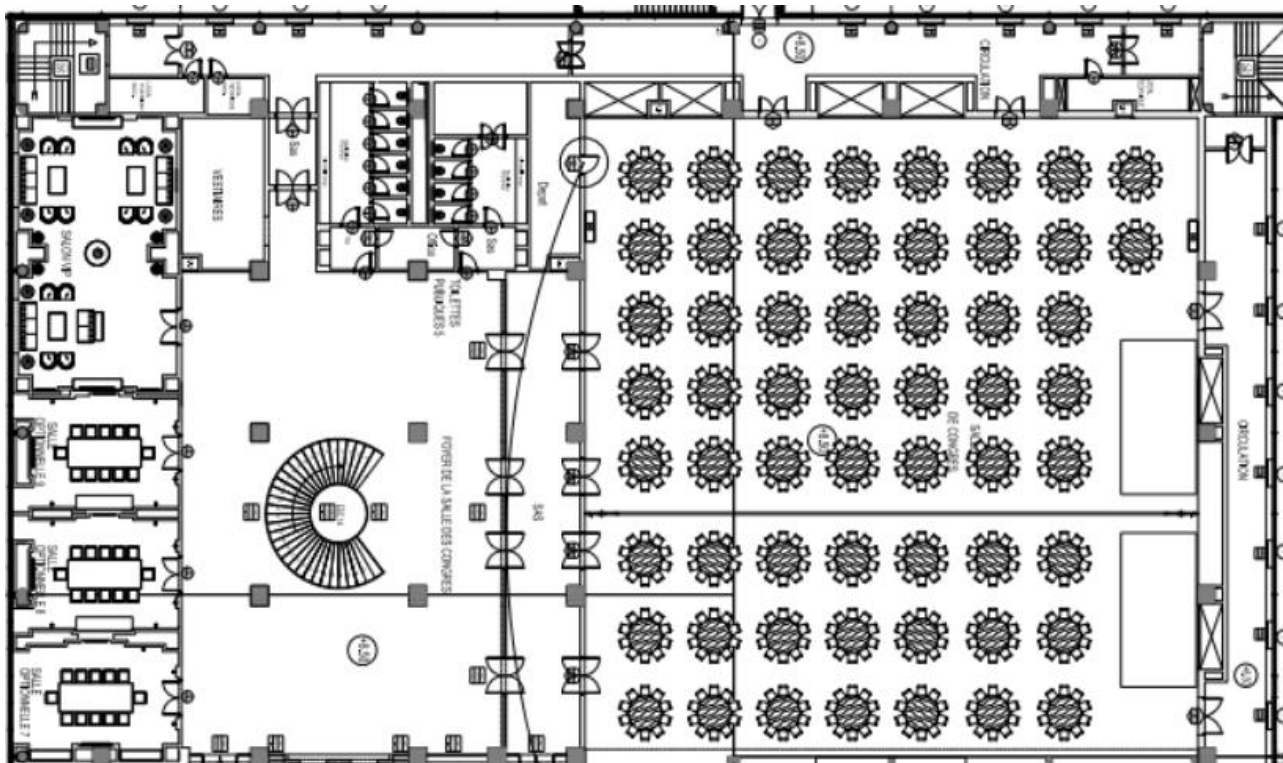
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Conference main hall scheme

Floor plan



Ground Floor



Participation

Conference Website

A dedicated conference website that contains all substantive and logistic information has been launched: <https://www.unisdr.org/conference/2018/afrp-acdrr>

Registration

All participants must register online at the conference website.

The applicant is requested to follow the registration guidelines on the above website

Issuance of Delegate Passes

A registration desk will be set up at the Laico Hotel Tunis. Conference badges will be issued per the following schedules:

- Mon, 8 October : 10:00 – 18:00
- Tue, 9 October : 08:00 – 17:00
- Wed, 10 October : 08:00 – 17:00
- Thu, 11th October : 08:00 – 17:00
- Fri, 12th October : 08:00 – 17:00
- Sat, 13th October : 08:00 – 12:00

Any authorised member of a delegation (carrying a letter of authority from relevant government or organisation) may collect the badges for the delegation.

Public Forum

The Public Forum at the Africa Arab Platform on Disaster Risk Reduction will feature side events, pre-conference events and exhibition. The application details can be accessed at the conference website <https://www.unisdr.org/conference/2018/afrp-acdrr>

Media Facilitation

There will be a media room organized by UNISDR within the conference facilities. Training for members of the media will be organised on Tuesday, 9th October 2018.

Sponsorships “Travel Accommodation “

A limited number of sponsorships are available for government delegates and representatives of civil society organizations and major groups from LDCs and developing countries as well as panellists. Organizers will notify the respective sponsored participants of such arrangements in a separate communication.

All other participants are required to make travel arrangements and accommodation at their own cost.

Accommodation

For Self-Sponsored Participants Only:

Self-sponsored participants are requested to book their accommodation directly with the hotels listed below. Non-sponsored participants are responsible to make direct bookings with the hotel and will be required to guarantee their payment by credit card upon check-in at the hotel. It is recommended that non-sponsored participants would try to stay at the listed hotels. As per an agreement between the organizers and the hotels, all participants will be given a discounted rate. (Please refer to the list of hotels attached)

Organizers have a negotiated rate at the Main venue hotel:

Laico Hotel

Deluxe room 90USD/Night Bed & Breakfast

Deluxe room 112USD/Night Full board.

Important Note: When booking at the below mentioned hotels, please state the “Africa-Arab Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction” in the subject line of your email to be granted the special rate provided to the conference participants.

Please note that October is a peak tourism season. Hence, all self-sponsored participants are requested to make accommodation bookings at their earliest.

Food and Catering

Breakfast is complementary in the negotiated room rate for the sponsored participants. During the conference days (09-13 October 2018), conference organisers will provide tea/coffee with snacks to all conference participants.

Local Transportation

For participants staying outside of the Laico hotel will need to use taxis which would cost an average of US\$2 from and/or to the venue.

Security and Liaison

As per United Nations security classification, Tunis has been categorised as Security Level 2 (Low). The security situation in Tunisia is good and the Police are present, ready to provide support or help. Registered taxis are available at airport and other places.

The hotel details are listed below

| N° | Name of hotel | Category (Number of stars) | Address and Distance from Venue (Laico Hotel) | Tel/Fax | Email |
|----|-------------------------|----------------------------|--|------------------------------------|--|
| 01 | Hôtel le Pacha | 3.3 | Jardins d'El Pacha, 41 Avenue Kheireddine Pacha, Cité Monplaisir et Borgel 1002 1.4 Km | +216 71 908 211 +216 71 909 418 | contact@lepecha.com.tn |
| 02 | Ibis Tunis | 4 | Rue de Syrie, Tunis 1002 0.7 Km | +216 71 830 300 +216 71 830 110 | h6144@accor.com |
| 03 | Maison Blanche Hôtel | 3.7 | 45, Avenue Mohamed V, Tunis 1002 1.6 Km | +216 71 904 444 | maison.blanche@planet.tn |
| 04 | Le Diplomat | 3.6 | 44 Ave Hedi Chaker, Tunis 1002 1.6 Km | +216 71 785 233 +216 71 781 394 | Diplomat.hotel@planet.tn |
| 05 | Hôtel Belvédère Fourati | 4.2 | 10 Avenue Des Etats Unis, Tunis 1002 3.4 km | +216 71 783 133 +216 71 782 214 | reservation@hotelbelvederetunis.com |
| 06 | Hôtel les Ambassadeurs | 3.9 | 75 Avenue Taieb M'Hiri, Tunis 1002 2 Km | +216 71 846 000 +216 71 780 040 | embassadeurs@topnet.tn |
| 07 | Business Hôtel | 3.8 | 04 Rue Ibn Ennadim ,Tunis 1073 1.7 Km | +216 71 900 555 | resa@businesshoteltunis.com |
| 08 | Yadis Ibn Khaldoun | 3.3 | 30 Rue Koweit, Tunis Belvédère, Rue de La Palestine, Tunis 1002 1.3 Km | +216 71 832 211 +216 71 831 689 | Info. Khalountunis@yadis.com |
| 09 | Hôtel El Mouradi Africa | 4 | 50 Avenue Habib Bourguiba, Tunis 1001 1.2 km | +216 71 347 477 | reservation@elmouradi.com commercial@elmouradi.com |
| 10 | El Hana International | 3.7 | 49 Avenue Habib Bourguiba, Tunis 1015 2.8 km | +216 71 331 948 | - |

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| 11 | Carlton Hôtel | 3.9 | 31, Avenue Habib Bourguiba, Tunis 1001 1.4 km | +216 71 330 644 | - |
| 12 | Hôtel Majestic | 3.6 | 36 Avenue de Paris, Tunis 1000 0.8 km | +216 71 332 666 +216 94 241 618 | mkg@ Majestichotel.tn |
| 13 | Golden Tulip El Mechtel | 3.7 | Avenue Ouled Hafouz, Tunis 1005 2.2 Km | +216 71 783 200 + 216 20 883 151 | bmqet@goldentulipel Mechtel.com |
| 14 | Hôtel Du Parc | 3.5 | Av de l' Arabie Saoudite B.P. 230, Tunis 01002 1.4 Km | +216 71 903 722 +216 98 560 385 | commercial@hotelduparc.c om.tn |
| 15 | Hôtel Tiba | 3.7 | Rue Ali Bach Hamba, Tunis 1.4 Km | +216 71 240 322 +216 71 240 305 +216 22 735 194 | hoteltiba@topnet.tn |
| 16 | Hotel Novotel Tunis | 4 | Avenue Mohamed V, Tunis 1002 0.650 Km | +216 71 830 500 +216 71 830 110 | h6144@accor.com |
| 17 | Golf Royal Hôtel | 3.6 | 51-53 ,rue Radia Haddad (ex rue de Yougoslavie) ,Tunis 1001 1.2 Km | +216 71 344 311 | info@golfroyalhotel.com.tn |
| 18 | Hotel Royal Victoria | 4.4 | 5 place de la Victoire, Port de France, Tunis 1001 1.9 Km | +216 71 320 066 | contact@hotel- royalvictoria.com |
| 20 | Sheraton Tunis Hotel | 5 | Avenue de la Ligue Arabe, B.P. 345, Tunis 1080 4.9 Km | +216 71 782 100 | Amel.hadhbaoui@sheraton .com |
| 21 | Hotel Regency | 5 | BP 705-2078 Gammarth la marsa Tunisie 10 Km (the hotel can arrange the transportation for free to the laico hotel) | +216 71910900 +216 71912020 | Aziz.galalou@regencytunis.com Hedia.regaig@regencytunis.com |

Airport Pick up and Transfers

Arrival

Two help desks will be available at the airport to support participants upon arrival; one at the arrival point before the customs office and the other after the customs office. Liaison officers will also be available to provide special treatment to VIPs and Ministers.

Free Airport Shuttle Service

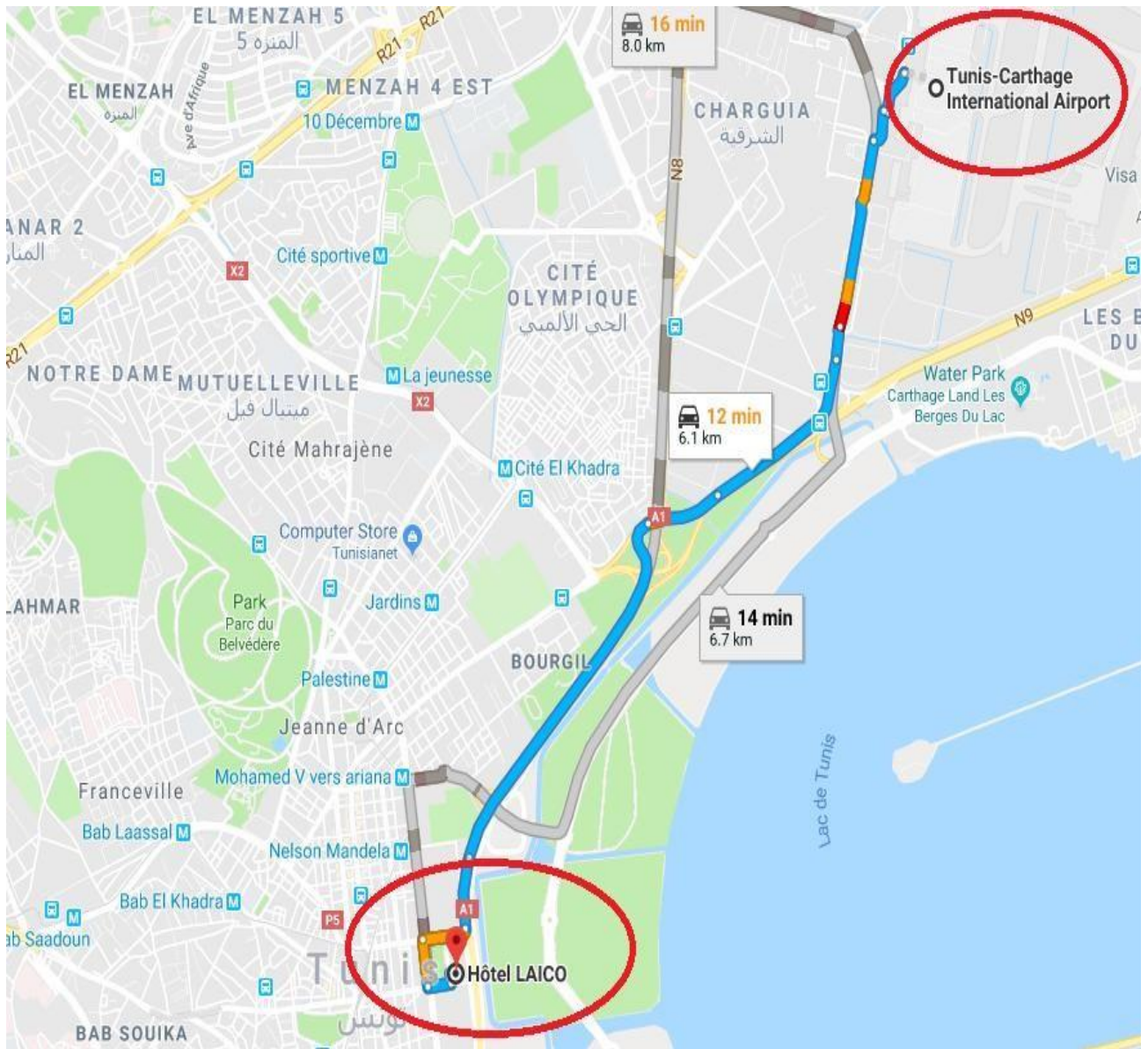
The government of Tunisia will provide free of charge shuttle buses with the conference logo from “Tunis Carthage Airport” to the “Laico hotel” every hour (from 8am to 8pm)

Or

Taxi:

| From/to (one way) | Contact & Trip fare | Duration |
|---------------------|---|---|
| Airport-----> Hotel | Taxi upon arrival (from the upper floor of the airport) or call Allo Taxi on +216 71 840 840 Fees: ±10 US\$ | Duration: 12 to 14 minutes approximately (depending on place of accommodation and traffic) |

Location Map: Airport vs Laico Hotel



Internet Availability

Free Wi-Fi internet accesses available in the conference rooms as well as in private rooms and the other public areas of the hotel.

Visa Requirements

Option 1: Participants from some countries require a visa for Tunisia and are strongly advised to contact the nearest Tunisian diplomatic or consulate mission as soon as possible in order to secure the required entry visa in a timely manner, prior to departure.



Please note that participants are responsible to obtain all visas to destination including the transit points if necessary before departure, and airlines may not allow boarding without a valid visa.

In order to facilitate the issuance of visas, the Tunisian government may issue, upon request, invitation letters to be attached to the visa applications.

Or

Option 2: For all Participants from all countries (**sponsored and non-sponsored**) can get their visa at Tunis Carthage Airport according to the procedure identified in this concept note. Participants must fill their application forms (**Annex 1**) and send a copy of their passports (valid until at least 6 months before the end of the validity). Registration deadline must be strictly respected.

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| Diplomatic Representation | Accredited Coverage |
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| Burkina Faso (Ouagadougou) | Niger |
| Cameroon (Yaounde) | Gabon-Equatorial Guinea- São Tomé and Príncipe-Tchad |
| Democratic Republic of the Congo (Kinshasa) | Congo-Brazzaville- Angola- Zambia- Central African Republic |
| Ethiopia (Addis Ababa) | Comoro Islands- Madagascar – Seychelles- Djibouti |
| Ivory Coast (Abidjan) | Liberia- Togo |
| Kenya (Nairobi) (New Embassy) | Uganda- Tanzania- Burundi- Rwanda-Malawi |
| Khartoum | Eritrea |
| Republic of Mali (Bamako) | Republic of Guinea Conakry |
| Nigeria (Abuja) | Ghana- Sierra Leone- Benin |
| Senegal (Dakar) | Cape Verde-The Gambia- Guinea Bissau |
| South Africa (Pretoria) | Botswana- Lesotho- Mauritius- Mozambique- Namibia- Swaziland- Zimbabwe |

***Countries without Tunisian Diplomatic Representation:**

| N/O | Name of country | N/O | Name of country |
|------------|--------------------------|------------|----------------------------|
| 01 | Angola | 20 | Malawi |
| 02 | Benin | 21 | Mauritius |
| 03 | Botswana | 22 | Mozambique |
| 04 | Brazzaville | 23 | Namibia |
| 05 | Burundi | 24 | Niger |
| 06 | Cape Verde | 25 | Republic of Guinea Conakry |
| 07 | Central African Republic | 26 | Rwanda |
| 08 | Comoro Islands | 27 | São Tomé and Príncipe |
| 09 | Congo | 28 | Seychelles |
| 10 | Djibouti | 29 | Sierra Leone |
| 11 | Equatorial Guinea | 30 | Somalia |
| 12 | Eritrea | 31 | Swaziland |
| 13 | Gabon | 32 | Tanzania |
| 14 | The Gambia | 33 | Tchad |
| 15 | Ghana | 34 | Togo |
| 16 | Guinea Bissau | 35 | Yemen |
| 17 | Lesotho | 36 | Zambia |
| 18 | Liberia | 37 | Zimbabwe |
| 19 | Madagascar | 38 | Uganda |

Working Language and Interpretation

The official working language of the conference is English. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided for plenary sessions in Arabic, French and Portuguese. Conference documentation will be provided in English and Arabic.

Medical Facilities

Medical facilities with qualified medical and nursing staff as well as ambulance support will be available at the Laico hotel Clinic room 24 hours daily during the official programme.

Delegates are requested to avail of health insurance before undertaking the journey to Tunisia.

Mobile Connection

Mobile telephone providers in Tunisia are: Tunisie telecom, Orange and Oreedo. Participants can obtain SIM cards upon arrival at the airport.

Emergency Hotline

In case of emergency situations, when delegates are outside of the Conference venues, they are requested to directly call at the following local numbers:

Ambulance: (CAMU) +216 71 341807

Police: 197

Civil protection: 198

Weather in Tunis

Temperature

Days in Tunis are still warm in October by northern European standards. The average temperature during the day lingers around 21 degrees Celsius. This average is compiled based on a potential low of 16 degrees Celsius and a high of up to 26 degrees.

Average Sunshine Hours

However, there will still be around nine hours of sunshine on any given day.

Rain

The rainfall starts to grow to winter levels in October with 60 milliliters of precipitation throughout the month.

Time Zone

UTC +1:00 (TUN)

Electricity:

- Voltage: 220-240 Volts
- Primary Socket Type: [Euro plug](#), [Schuko](#)
- Multi-voltage Appliance (laptops, etc.): Plug adapter
- 110-120 V electronics: Plug adapter + step- down transformer
- Hair dryers, curling irons, etc. Plug adapter +voltage Converter

In Tunisia, the French /Belgian plugs (Type E) are widely used. Although in principle, they are compatible with most other European plugs, there is a pitfall. Tunisian plug and socket with grounding pin (Type E)



Currency:

The Tunisian Dinar is the currency of Tunisia.

Currency Exchange:

You can exchange foreign currency at the Airport, banks, hotels and post offices. Exchange rate are fixed by the government. Bring your passport along as it may be required if you want to exchange money.

Credit Cards:

Credit and debit cards using the Visa or Master Card network are accepted as payment in larger tourist orientated stores, and many mid-range and luxury hotels, as well as at most car hire agencies and established travel agencies.

ATM:

ATMs are widely available in tourist resorts and in most towns. Most ATMs are linked to the Visa network though a few, such as ATMs connected to the Bank of Tunisia, also accept Maestro. It is important to always have a small emergency cash fund at hand while travelling in Tunisia for the times when the ATM rejects your card, or simply doesn't work, which can be a quite frequent occurrence, especially once you're away from the coastal resort areas. The most commonly accepted currencies are the US dollar and the Euro.

Banking Hours:

Mon-Thu: 8 am-12pm and 2pm-4pm, Fri: 8am-12pm and 1pm-4pm.

Please note that **it is illegal to take ANY Tunisian currency out of the country**. You must change back ALL currency**, including coins, when you leave. You can still make purchases at the airside shops and cafes, since they take arrange of non-Tunisian currencies, notably Euro, GBP and USD.

**The Tunisian authorities have the right to search your baggage and spot-searches are common. They really do mean it – NO currency is to be exported.

Official Language in Tunisia

The Modern Standard Arabic, or literary Arabic, is the official language of Tunisia. However, they also use French and local Tunisian dialect (known locally as Darja). Arabic is the language that all literate speakers of Tunisia understand and can speak. Some English can be spoken and understood by most of Tunisian.

Documentation:

Documents will be provided during the Conference.

DISCOVER TUNISIA

You are invited to discover Tunisia: <http://www.discovertunisia.com/>

DISCLAIMER

The Tunisian Government disclaims all responsibilities for medical, accident and travel insurances, for compensation for death or disability compensation, for loss of or damage to personal property and for any other losses that may be incurred during travel time or the period of participation.

In this context, it is strongly recommended that participants will secure international medical, accident and travel insurances for the period of participation prior to departure.

Travel Insurance

Participants are strongly recommended to buy Travel Insurance before travelling. The cost of the Insurance is included in the extra DSA provided for miscellaneous expenses (for the sponsored participants).

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