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and

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I. Venue and Date

1. At the invitation of the Government of the United Arab Emirates, **the forty second meeting of the UNWTO Commission for the Middle East and the UNWTO & ATM Ministerial Forum on *Tourism's contribution to the sustainable and inclusive economic growth and diversification in the MENA region* will be held in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, on 24 April 2017.**
2. The meetings will be held at:

**Dubai International Exhibition and
Convention Centre**

Dubai World Trade Center

Sheikh Zayed Rd - Dubai - United Arab
Emirates

**Al Multaqua Ballroom
Arabian Travel Market (ATM)
Dubai - UAE**

Tel +971 4 332 1000

II. Online Registration

3. Participants of the 42nd UNWTO Commission meeting are kindly requested to complete the online registration, by 14 April 2017 at the latest, at the following link: <http://middle-east.unwto.org/webform/participation-form-2>.
4. Participants of the UNWTO & ATM Ministerial Forum are kindly requested to complete the online registration at the following link: https://secure11.eventadv.com/atm/?_ga=1.174088738.1221587691.1484666160

III. Status of Participation

5. Throughout their stay, participants invited by the Organization will benefit from the privileges and immunities provided for in the Agreement concluded between the Organization and the Ministry of Economy of the UAE.

IV. Accommodation and Transportation

6. Participants will arrange and cover the cost of their own transportation and accommodation.

V. Entry Formalities

7. All nationalities would require an entry visa to the United Arab Emirates, except nationals from the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) as well as citizens or Passport holders of some other EU/non EU states listed [here](#). In order to obtain the entry visa, delegates are requested to contact diplomatic or consular missions of the UAE in their countries.
8. For more information regarding entry visa, please visit the following link: www.mofa.gov.ae/EN/ConsularServices/Pages/Visa-Information.aspx.

VI. Badges and Access to the Venue

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 - a. UNWTO Commission Meeting for the Middle East:

Participants of the Commission Meeting are kindly requested to use the main entrance to the Al Multaqa Ballroom from the Boulevard and not through the halls, in order to ensure a smooth entrance and to avoid any sort of complications at the door.

A registration desk will be located at Al Multaqa Ballroom on Monday, 24 April 2017 from 8:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Participants who also wish to attend the UNWTO & ATM Ministerial Forum are kindly requested to check the point **10.b**.

- b. UNWTO & ATM Ministerial Forum:

Participants of the UNWTO & ATM Ministerial Forum are asked to have a printed copy of their e-badge (received upon their [online](#) registration).

Participants are requested to wear their identification badges in the area reserved for the meetings.



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VII. Working Languages

10. The working languages of the meetings are Arabic and English. A simultaneous interpretation service will be provided.

VIII. Practical Information

11. Local Currency and exchange rates
The local currency in the United Arab Emirates is the Emirati dirham (*AED*, local abbreviation *dhs*). The applicable exchange rate in February 2017 is around 1 Euro = 3.873 AED and 1 USD = 3.672 AED.
12. Weather
Dubai enjoys sunny days in April. The average maximum temperature is 33° C (91° F) and the average low is 20° C (68° F).
13. Official language
The official language of the UAE is Arabic. English is also widely spoken especially in business, trade and tourism.
14. Dubai Time Zone
The official time in the Dubai is GMT + 4 hours
15. Electricity
The electrical sockets (outlets) in the UAE usually supply electricity at between 220 and 240 volts AC.

Important note: In compliance with the United Nations system's environmental protection policy, the working documents **will not be distributed on paper** at the venue of the event. Therefore, **delegates are requested to bring with them copies of the documents sent to them by email before the meetings.**