

Fifth plenary meeting of the High-level Group of the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework and the meeting of the Bureau and its Expanded Bureau of the Committee of Experts

Jeddah Hilton

Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, 2 – 4 February 2025

Logistical and Information Note

Preamble

This Fifth plenary meeting of the High-level Group of the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework and the meeting of the Bureau and its Expanded Bureau of the Committee of Experts is hosted by the General Authority for Survey and Geospatial Information of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

In this logistical and information note, you will find relevant information about the logistics and arrangements for the Fifth plenary meeting of the High-level Group of the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework and the meeting of the Bureau and its Expanded Bureau of the Committee of Experts, including information on the venue, visa, accommodation, and general information about Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

Logistical arrangements for the event

The in-person Fifth plenary meeting of the High-level Group of the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework and the meeting of the Bureau and its Expanded Bureau of the Committee of Experts will be held in Jeddah Hilton, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. The event will generally be from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day.

Venue

The Fifth plenary meeting of the High-level Group of the Integrated Geospatial Information Framework and the meeting of the Bureau and its Expanded Bureau of the Committee of Experts will be held at Jeddah Hilton, Al Kurnaysh Br Rd, Ash Shati, Jeddah 21362, Saudi Arabia.



Language

The working language of the meeting will be conducted in English.

Participants

This event is an in-person closed event and participation is by invitation only. Participants are expected to be members of the HLG-IGIF and the Expanded Bureau of the Committee. While interested national representatives of Member States wishing to participate and contribute to the meeting may additionally request the Co-Chairs of the HLG-IGIF to participate, it should be noted that due to meeting room capacity limits, priority will be given to the core membership of the HLG-IGIF, Expanded Bureau and the United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management Regional Committee for the Arab States.

Accommodation

Participants are responsible for arranging their accommodation and can make the necessary reservations. The General Authority for Survey and Geospatial Information (GEOSA) will assist and support the participants to obtain their accommodation, hence kindly reach out to *Mr. Mohammad Almadbrook* before Monday 13 January 2025 with the filled attached form.

List of recommended hotels

1. [Jeddah Hilton](#)
2. [The Venue Jeddah – Corniche](#)
3. [Waldorf Astoria Jeddah - Qasr Al Sharq](#)
4. [Sheraton Jeddah Hotel](#)

Travel information

Participants are responsible for their travel to and from Saudi Arabia and for acquiring entry visas into Saudi Arabia and any necessary transit visas, including necessary travel and health insurance as applicable. The United Nations will not be able to assist in bearing any related costs or in obtaining the required visa.

Visa

Some countries do require a Visa for travel to Saudi Arabia. For a list of countries whose citizens do not require a visa for entry into Saudi Arabia, visit <https://visa.visitsaudi.com/> and <https://ksavisa.sa/>.

For visa requirements (for non-exempted countries only), visit <https://www.mofa.gov.sa/en/eservices/pages/default.aspx>.

As unforeseen events may affect or extend visa processing times, applications should be made well in advance.

Transportation

Transportation services will be provided, subject to availability, for all participants. This includes transfers from the airport to the designated hotel, from the hotel to the event venue, and return trips as required.

Health and Safety

Adequate medical facilities are available to address any health-related needs. Ensuring the safety and well-being of all participants remains our utmost priority.

Weather

The temperatures in Saudi Arabia in February are comfortable with a low of 68°F/20°C and a high of up to 89°F/31°C.

There is little to no rain in Saudi Arabia during February, so it's a lot easier to explore the city. Just remember to dress in warm layers, as it can still get pretty chilly.

Currency and banking

The Saudi Riyal is the currency of Saudi Arabia. It is abbreviated as SAR, or SR (Saudi Arabian Riyal/Saudi Riyal). It is subdivided into 100 halalas. The currency is pegged to the US dollar at a constant rate of exchange.

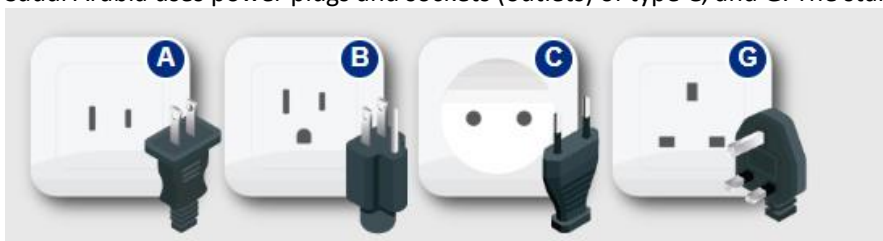
All major international debit, credit cards and Apple Pay are accepted and can be used for transactions.

Telephone communications, mobile telephones and Internet

Most international mobile service providers operate seamlessly in Saudi Arabia, offering coverage for visitors. Additionally, new SIM cards are readily available for purchase at the airport and at outlets of mobile service providers across the country.

Electricity

Saudi Arabia uses power plugs and sockets (outlets) of type **C**, and **G**. The standard voltage is 220 V.



Time Zone

Time zone in Jeddah (GMT+3)

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