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Third expert meeting of the working group on policy and legal frameworks for geospatial information management, including addressing issues related to authoritative and reliable geospatial data and emergent technologies

Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

7 – 9 October 2025

Logistical and Information Note

Preamble

This logistical and information note provides relevant information regarding the arrangements for the third expert meeting of the working group on policy and legal frameworks for geospatial information management, including addressing issues related to authoritative and reliable geospatial data and emergent technologies, including information on the venue, visa requirements, accommodation options, and general information about Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

Logistical arrangements for the event

The third expert meeting of the working group on policy and legal frameworks for geospatial information management, including addressing issues related to authoritative and reliable geospatial data and emergent technologies, is hosted by the General Authority for Survey and Geospatial Information of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

The meeting will generally be from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day.

Venue

The meeting will be held at the General Authority for Survey and Geospatial Information (GEOSA) Main Meeting Room, PM2H+7XQ, No. 64, Al Olaya, Riyadh 12213, 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 working group on policy and legal frameworks for geospatial information management and invited representatives and experts.

Accommodation

Participants are responsible for arranging their accommodation for the duration of their stay in Riyadh. Participants should the necessary reservations with the hotel of their choice. The General Authority for Survey and Geospatial Information (GEOSA) can assist participants with their reservation. The list of recommended hotels are:

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| 1. Hyatt Regency Riyadh Olaya | 5 Star |
| 2. Rosh Rayhaan by Rotana | 5 Star |
| 3. Narcissus Hotel Riyadh | 5 Star |
| 4. Awfad Riyadh Hotel | 4 Star |
| 5. Courtyard Riyadh Olaya | 4 Star |
| 6. JUDYAN Olaya Riyadh By ELAF | 4 Star |

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 nor bear any related costs in obtaining the required visa(s).

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, please visit <https://visa.visitsaudi.com/> and <https://ksavisa.sa/>. For visa requirements (for non-exempted countries only), please 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 of travel.

Transportation

It is recommended that participants arrange with the hotels their 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 October is around 37/22 Degrees.

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.

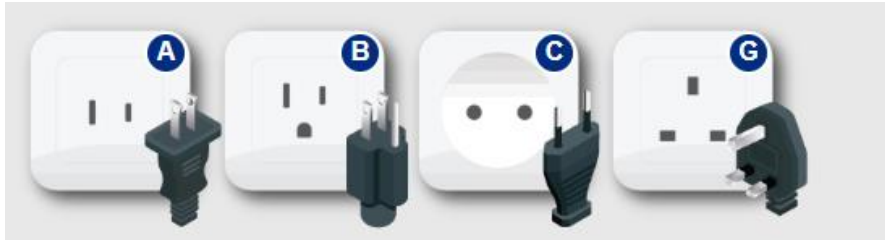
All major international debit, credit cards and Apple Pay are accepted and can be used for transactions.

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 **G**. The standard voltage is 220 V.



Time Zone

Time zone in Riyadh (GMT+3)

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