



GCF Regional Dialogue with Middle East and North Africa 24-28 June 2024 Morocco

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

VENUE

The GCF Regional Dialogue with Middle East and North Africa will be held on 24-28 June 2024 at the [View Hotel Bouznika](#).

Please note the location of the View Hotel Bouznika on [Google Maps](#).



VISA

Countries exempt from visa requirements for Morocco

Citizens from the following countries [do not require a visa to enter Morocco](#) for short stays:

- *Africa:* Algeria, Ivory Coast, Gabon, Mali, Niger, Senegal, Tunisia
- *Europe:* Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom
- *Asia and Middle East:* Bahrain, Hong Kong (30 days), Indonesia, Japan, Kuwait, Malaysia (90 days), Oman, Philippines, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, South Korea, Turkey, United Arab Emirates
- *North America:* Canada, Mexico, United States
- *South America:* Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Peru
- *Oceania:* Australia, New Zealand

Visa application for countries that are not exempt from visa requirements for Morocco

1. Please note that Morocco does not offer visas on arrival. All necessary visas must be obtained prior to travel.
2. **Online application at <https://www.acces-maroc.ma/#/> is available in those cases when applicants meet the following conditions:**
 - Citizens of countries as defined by the Moroccan authorities (Israel and Thailand as a first step) with an ordinary passport valid for at least 90 days from the date of the visa application.
 - Foreign citizens, living in countries of the European Union, United States of America, Australia, Canada, United Kingdom, Japan, Norway, New Zealand or Switzerland, with an ordinary passport valid at least 90 days from the date of the application, and with a residency card or residency permit valid for at least 180 days on the date of the electronic visa application.



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- Foreign citizens, holders of nonelectronic multiple entry visas of one of the following: Schengen countries, United States of America, Australia, United Kingdom, Ireland, or New Zealand, with a regular passport valid for at least 90 days on the date of the application. The visas referred to must be multiple-entries and valid for at least 90 days starting from the date of the Morocco electronic visa application.

When these conditions are met, applicants can complete their visa application online, including uploading necessary documents and paying the visa fee.

3. **Physical application at a Moroccan Embassy** is required for countries that are not eligible for online application.

- Applicants must submit their applications in person at the nearest Moroccan embassy or consulate, including all required documents and fees.
- The documents required for an ordinary visa for conference include:
 - [Visa application form](#);
 - 2 document photos in colour on a white background (4x3cm);
 - Identity card or residence permit or any document with the address;
 - Passport validity: The validity of the passport or the travel document must be longer than the duration of stay in Morocco;
 - A photocopy of the passport (pages indicating the identity and the validity);
 - A mission order for governmental applicants;
 - An invitation from the GCF.

Further official information regarding visas is available at:

- <https://www.consulat.ma/fr/visas-ordinaires> (see 'conference' visa)
- <https://diplomatie.ma/en/visiting-morocco>

In case of any visa issues or irregularities, participants are advised to contact Ms. Ouafae Bouchouata at bouchouata.cc@gmail.com

Transit Visas

Please note that arranging any required transit visas is a responsibility of the participant. Letters of invitation issued by the Secretariat may be used in support of visa applications, including for transit visas.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR SPONSORED PARTICIPANTS

Sponsored participants will be provided with flight tickets, hotel accommodation at the **View Hotel Bouznika** including breakfast, and a partial daily subsistence allowance (DSA) for the duration of their stay in line with the GCF travel policy. The DSA shall be paid to the eligible participants by cash on site.

The Secretariat kindly requests participants to avoid sharing accommodation to minimize the risk of COVID transmission.



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GROUND TRANSPORTATION

Transfers from and to the airport:

- Self-supporting participants are advised to take a taxi. Based on the information available, the cost of taxi from Rabat airport is approx. MAD1100 (USD110), and from Casablanca airport approx. MAD600 (USD61), cash only. Please note that there are also taxi apps available, although they have limited coverage for Bouznika: you may consider downloading inDrive app (payments possible in MAD by cash only).
- Transportation arrangements for sponsored participants will be facilitated by our delivery partner UNDP and further information will be provided to the participants concerned.

Transfers from and to the venue:

- Due to the limited capacity of the venue hotel, ground transportation to the venue will be arranged from Rabat and Casablanca. All registered self-supporting participants were requested to provide information about the accommodation arrangements they made in order to inform the planning of ground transportation to be implemented by our Delivery Partner for the event, UNDP. The shuttles will bring participants to the venue in the morning, and will take participants back to the cities in the evening.
- There will be two routes:
 - (1) between Rabat (location Rabat station and Rabat Adgal station) and the View Bouznika:
 - Departure time 7:50 from Rabat station (main entrance) and 8am from Rabat Adgal station (main entrance)
 - Please locate a black colored bus with a GCF sign and a plate number 18078-E-1
 - (2) between Casablanca (location Casa Port station, main entrance) and the View Bouznika:
 - Departure time 8am from Casa Port station
 - Please locate a black colored bus with a GCF sign and a plate number 53987-A-13
 - Approximate departure time for return trips is 6pm, except on Monday and Wednesday when the return buses will depart upon conclusion of the social events (approximately 9pm)
- Should you wish you take a train to/from Bouznika train station (see further information and schedules of the station at <https://www.oncf.ma>), transfer by taxi between the View hotel Bouznika and Bouznika train station would cost approx. MAD200 (USD20).
- Participants are advised to consider using inDrive app (payments possible in MAD by cash only) for own transportation arrangements as may be suitable.

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Time Difference

Morocco is on permanent Daylight Saving Time (DST) most of the year, using the time zone Western European Summer Time (WEST) (UTC +1)

Weather

Most of Morocco, particularly along the coast, experiences a typical Mediterranean climate, with mild, wet winters and hot, dry summers. The average daily temperatures in Morocco in June range between 22°C (72°F) and 30°C (86°F). Linen and cotton clothes are good options to bring.

Currency

The Moroccan dirham is the official monetary currency of Morocco (MAD)

Exchange rate 1 EUR = 10.74 MAD; USD fluctuating



Electricity

In Morocco, power plugs and sockets (outlets) of type C and type E are used. The standard voltage is 220 V at a frequency of 50 Hz.

Insurance

The organizers cannot accept liability for personal accident, loss, or damage to private property, which may be incurred as a result of participation in the events. Participants are advised to arrange appropriate insurance coverage prior to their travel.

Emergency phone numbers

- Police – 190
- Fire: 15
- Ambulance: 150

Visiting Morocco

For information regarding tourist attractions in Morocco, please visit <https://www.visitmorocco.com/en>

DRESS CODE

Dress code for the event is smart casual.

EVENT CONTACT

With any queries for information not covered in this document, please contact the GCF events team at GCF-events@gcfund.org.

Any queries of sponsored participants as relates to their arrangements can be addressed to UNDP Morocco team at Fatine.Amkadmi@undp.org