



General Assembly

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Western Asia Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Twelfth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

Doha, 1-3 June 2009

Information for participants

1. Date and venue

1. The Western Asia Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Twelfth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice will be held at the Public Prosecution Building Al Dafna Doha Qatar.

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2. Official languages

2. The Meeting will be conducted in Arabic and English.

3. Registration

3. All participants will be issued with an identification badge, which should be worn at all times during the Meeting. The registration desk will be at Retaj Hotel (Tel: 00974 4204444), 24595 Doha Qatar, and it will be open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on 31 May 2009.

4. Documentation

4. Documents may be downloaded from the website of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (<http://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/crime-congress-preparatory-meetings/index.html>). Participants are urged to bring their copies with them to Doha. Only a limited number of copies of such documents will be available during the Meeting.

5. Officers servicing the Meeting

5. The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime is the Secretariat unit responsible for the substantive servicing of the Meeting.



6. The Government of Qatar is offering host facilities for the Meeting.

6. Hotel reservations

7. Participants are required to make their own hotel accommodation arrangements. The following hotel, located close to the premises of the Public Prosecution is recommended for participants to the Meeting:

Retaj Al Rayyan Hotel
Tel: 00974 4204444
Fax: 00974 4204445
Email: reservations@retaj-alrayyan.com

<i>Double Room:</i>	<i>Single room:</i>
<i>approximately</i>	<i>approximately</i>
<i>190 USD</i>	<i>160 USD</i>

8. The organizers prefer to use this hotel, if otherwise, delegates are required to arrange for their own transportation.

7. Transportation

9. Participants are required to make their own transportation arrangements to and from the airport at arrival and departure. Retaj Hotel can be contacted to arrange the transportation to the hotel and to the airport. Retaj Hotel will provide the transportation from and to the airport as well as from and to Public Prosecution.

10. Taxi fares from the airport are approximately 20 USD.

8. Immigration requirements

11. Delegates are required to possess a valid passport. For more details on obtaining Qatar Visas, please consult the website of Foreign Affairs: <http://english.mofa.gov.qa/>. If visas are required, do not hesitate to contact Mr. Fahad Al Mahmoud at the following email address: fmahmoud@pp.gov.qa.

9. Foreign exchange

12. The Qatari Riyal (QR) = 100 dirhams. Notes are in denominations of QR500, 100, 50, 10, 5 and 1. Coins are in denominations of 50, 25, 10, 5 and 1 dirhams; however, only the 50 and 25 dirham coins are in wide circulation, minting of the rest ceased in the 1970s and smaller denominations are becoming ever scarcer. Note: The Qatari Riyal is fixed to the US Dollar at the rate of 1 US\$ = 3.65 QR.

13. Major credit cards (Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Diners Club) and traveller's cheques in principal currencies are generally accepted in large hotels, restaurants, department stores and several large stores. Traveller's cheques and bank notes in all major currencies may be exchanged at all commercial banks and most hotels and foreign exchange counters. ATM services are also available.

10. Climate

14. The long summer (June through September) is characterized by intense heat and alternating dryness and humidity, with temperatures exceeding 55°C. Sudden, violent dust storms occasionally descend on the peninsula.

11. Liaison officer

15. Additional information about the Meeting and its programme can be obtained from the Secretariat of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (Email: maria.teresa.polom@unodc.org).

12. Health

16. Participants are advised to consult travel agents or other appropriate authorities in their own countries in order to obtain up-to-date information on health requirements. <http://www.qatartourism.com/practical.html>.
