



INFORMATION NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS CAPACITY BUILDING TRAINING WORKSHOP ON VIRAL HEPATITIS FOR AFRICAN UNION MEMBER STATES

19th – 20th November, 2018 Cairo, Egypt

Thank you for confirming your participation in the 2018 CAPACITY BUILDING TRAINING WORKSHOP ON VIRAL HEPATITIS FOR AFRICAN UNION MEMBER STATES. This is to confirm the final details of the workshop and avail you all the necessary information you will need for your participation. For any questions and/or concerns, key contacts have been provided on the last page of this Note for your convenience.

1. Opening and Registration

The registration of participants will take place at the venue of the meeting from 8:30AM to 9:00AM.

2. Venue

Sheraton Cairo Hotel & Casino, Egypt Address; Galaa Square, Giza Governorate Tel: 02 33369800

3. Arrival at the Airport

All participants will be met on arrival at The Cairo International Airport, Cairo, Egypt for drop off at the Sheraton Cairo Hotel. At the arrival waiting area, look out for a Driver/Protocol Officer holding a placard with an inscription and/or Logo of the "African Union & ALPA".



At the end of the workshop, transportation to the Airport will be arranged for the participants according to your flight schedule. You must endeavor to be at the Hotel lobby at least 30 minutes, before the shuttle takes off to the airport.

4. Cairo Weather

Travelers to Cairo. The weather is relatively warm during the day, up to a maximum of 24°C and a bit cooler throughout the night, up to a minimum of 13°C. It is recommended that **mais-saison** clothing be worn during this month.

5. Accommodation

All sponsored participants will be provided with accommodation and 50% of Cairo's Daily Subsistence Allowance. Accommodation (bed and breakfast) is at the Sheraton Cairo Hotel. Lunch will be served throughout the conference days, but dinner is by yourself.

6. Dress Code

The Dress Code for the workshop will be **Smart/Business Casual**.

7. Change of ticket

AU-STRC will not be responsible for ticket changes once issued.

8. Medical care

You are strongly advised to carry all your prescription, allergy, headache, stomach medication with you, which you may require during the training workshop. There will be first aid medical facility at the venue at all times.





9. Workshop Official Language

English. With the interpretation (French, Arabic).

10. Egypt Official Language

The official language is Modern Standard Arabic, Although English is widely spoken in the major tourist areas particularly by taxi drivers and other tourist service personnel, it is far less common in other areas of the city.

11. Local Currency and Change Rate

The Egyptian Currency is called the "gineh." This is available in 10EGP, 20 EGP, 50 EGP, 100 EGP and 200 EGP (all notes) The currency exchange rate as of November 11,2018 1 US Dollar = 17.84 EGP

There are Exchange Bureaus, both in the city and at the airport where you can conduct foreign exchange transactions on presentation of your passport with a valid visa. There are ATM machines around the city which accept Visa and MasterCard. The main banks in Cairp are, Al Ahli Bank, HSBC Bank, Egypt Commercial International Bank (CIB), Banque du Cairo and Credit Agricole Egypt.

12. Power Supply

Egypt used 220V power supply with standard 2 pin (European) plug.

13. Business and Shopping Hours

Official working hours in Cairo are generally from **Banks:** 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. **Public bodies:** from 9:00 a.m. to 03:00 p.m. **Businesses:** from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.





14. Tourism & Entertainment

Delegates are to note that there will be a visit to the Egyptian Pyramids on the 18th November 2018 and a Nile Cruise on the 19th November 2018.

All are invited to enjoy the entertainment spots in Cairo. There are several restaurants in the city, lists of these can be provided on request.

15. Security

Cairo is generally a safe city, but as it is with many big cities it is recommended that participants remain vigilant and cautious about their personal and property safety. Considering the high-level government dignitaries that are expected to attend the workshop, security at the venue maybe heightened and as such, all participants are requested to follow guidance from security operatives.

16. Communication Facilities

Participants will be able to obtain and register SIM cards on arrival at the airport or in the city through telecom networks like Vodafone, Etisalat, Orange and We.

17. Contact Information

In case of inquiries:

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18. Time

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