



## 25<sup>th</sup> Institutional Working Group Meeting 27 September 2018, BEIRUT (LEBANON)

### PRACTICAL INFORMATION

#### MEETING VENUE

The meeting will take place at the **Le Royal Hotel**, located in Leisure Hills Complex, Dbayeh, Lebanon. Polyvalente meeting room will be dedicated to the 25<sup>th</sup> Institutional Working Group Meeting on Thursday, 27 September 2018.

LE ROYAL HOTEL- DBAYEH- LEBANON

Address: Leisure Hills Complex, Dbayeh

Telephone: +961 4 555555

Email: [info-bey@leroyal.com](mailto:info-bey@leroyal.com)

#### TRANSPORTATION

##### **Rafic Hariri International Airport**

The Rafic Hariri International Airport is located in Khaldeh, 7km away from Beirut. It is used by many international airlines plus the national carrier, Middle East Airlines (MEA). All the world's great cities are linked by air with Beirut.

The tourist information Centre is located on the arrival hall. It is managed by Ministry of Tourism.

The employees are available throughout the day to answer passengers' and visitors' questions and provide relevant tourist information and other information that can assist them during their stay in Lebanon.

##### **Suggested Hotels**

All the suggested hotels are located on the Coastal Line of Mount Lebanon, very close to Le Royal Hotel (Boutique and Promenade Hotels will require a taxi to the meeting venue). Other nearby hotels could be found on the link below ([Booking.com](https://www.booking.com))

<http://bit.ly/Dbayeh>

##### **How to reach the respective Hotels from the Airport:**

Airport taxis are available but they tend to be expensive especially at night; it is preferable to arrange for a taxi beforehand. You can check the hotels' rate for this service, or call one of the taxi companies (see below). A driver would wait for you with a sign having your name. In this case, you need to provide in advance the name of the hotel, the flight number and date and time of landing. Another option is calling the taxi company once you land, it takes the driver 15 minutes to arrive and then he normally waits outside, in the parking lot.



Allo Taxi: [www.allotaxi.com.lb](http://www.allotaxi.com.lb)  
Beirut Online Taxi: [www.beirutonlinetaxi.com](http://www.beirutonlinetaxi.com)  
Door to Door: +961 4 411117  
Trust Taxi: +961 3 601806

Fare from airport to the hotels should be between 20 and 40 USD.  
Fare from Boutique/Promenade to Le Royal should be between 10 and 15 USD.

## PASSPORTS & VISAS

All foreigners must have a valid passport and visa to enter Lebanon. Passports must be valid for at least six months. Visas can be obtained in advance at Lebanese embassies and consulates around the world. Nationals of many countries can also obtain business or tourist visas upon arrival at the Beirut Airport and at other ports of entry on the Lebanese border.

We advise you to check the website of the **General Directorate of General Security** to know if an entry visa to the Lebanese territory is requested.

<http://www.general-security.gov.lb/>

In case you believe that a visa facilitation letter is required, the Lebanese Center for Energy Conservation (LCEC) would be happy to prepare one for you, please contact both Ms. Irène Beucler ([irene.beucler@lcec.org.lb](mailto:irene.beucler@lcec.org.lb)) and Ms. Rola Tabbara ([menergy@lcec.org.lb](mailto:menergy@lcec.org.lb)) for assistance in this regard.

## HOTELS SELECTION

Le Royal Hotel is located in Leisure Hills Complex in the Dbayeh Region on a towering hilltop overlooking the Mediterranean Sea.

### LE ROYAL HOTEL- DBAYEH- LEBANON (5\*)

Leisure Hills Complex, Dbayeh

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Fax: +961 4 555100

Email: [info-bey@leroyal.com](mailto:info-bey@leroyal.com)

Website: <https://www.leroyal.com/en/MIDDLE-EAST/beirut>

Location: **0** meters from **the meeting venue**

### RESIDENCE DE FRANCE (3\*)

Dbayeh, Lebanon, **5 minutes** walking to the meeting venue

Tel: +961 4 540797

Fax: +961 4 540792

Email: [info@residencefrancehotel.com](mailto:info@residencefrancehotel.com)

Website: [www.residencefrancehotel.com](http://www.residencefrancehotel.com)



**HOTEL LE NOBLE (4\*)**

Dbayeh, Lebanon, **5 minutes** walking to the meeting venue

Tel: +961 4 542 750

Fax: +961 4 542 751

Email: [info@hotellenoble.com](mailto:info@hotellenoble.com)

Website: [www.hotellenoble.com](http://www.hotellenoble.com)

**BOUTIQUE HOTEL (4\*)**

Jal El Dib Highway, Jal el Dib, Lebanon, **10 Minutes with car** to the meeting venue

Tel: +961 4 718 641, +961 4 718 642 or +961 4 725 750

Fax: +961 4 722 155

Email: [info@boutiquehotel-lb.com](mailto:info@boutiquehotel-lb.com)

Website: [www.boutiquehotel-lb.com](http://www.boutiquehotel-lb.com)

**PROMENADE HOTEL AND PLAZA (4\*)**

Zalka - Shopping District. Beirut, Lebanon

Tel: +961 1 874 774

Fax: +961 1 895720

Email: [info@promenadehotel.com](mailto:info@promenadehotel.com)

Website: [www.promenadehotel.com](http://www.promenadehotel.com)



## VISIT LEBANON

Lebanon's diverse patchwork of Mediterranean-lapped coast, rugged alpine peaks, and green fertile valleys is packed into a parcel of land some 225km long and 46km wide and has a total area of 10.452km<sup>2</sup>. The current population of Lebanon is approximately 4.131.583 but the rate is decreasing by 0,04% year. The Lebanese society is composed of divers ethnic and religious sects among which 38,2% are Christians and 61,8% are Muslims.

The cosmopolitan flair of modern-day Beirut, the gastronomic renown of the country's food and wine, and an educated and outward-looking population complement a country that is both traditional and progressive in outlook. For all the flavors of its storied past and rugged natural beauty, Lebanon is a well-kept tourist secret that begs exploration.

There are four main geographic regions in Lebanon, differentiated by topography and climate. From west to east, they include: the coastal plain, the Mount Lebanon Range, the Békaa Valley, and the Anti-Lebanon Range.

The lovely Lebanese coast is framed by the Mediterranean Sea to the west and the Mount Lebanon Range to the east, its temperate climate bringing in sunny, hot summers and cool, rainy winters. The daytime temperature in the summer is around 30°C (86°F), which encourages people to head to the beach or to the higher, altitude-cooled mountain slopes.

The Mount Lebanon Range is also the location of Lebanon's Cedar Reserves. The great cedar forests of Lebanon, now protected, are famous for their use in the construction of some of the holiest buildings in the region, indeed the world, including Jerusalem's Dome of the Rock and Solomon's Temple.

The touristic places close to the Meeting Venue, Le Royal Hotel, are but not limited to:

- **The Lady of Lebanon- Harissa:** Located on a height of 600m, an immense immaculate statue of Virgin Mary overlooks the bay of Jounieh. Established at the end of the 19th Century, the statue of the Virgin dominates a sanctuary (a chapel in the pedestal). A panoramic view is guaranteed at the top of the statue. A cable car links the coast to the Belvedere. For more info: [www.harissa.info](http://www.harissa.info)
- **Jounieh Bay:** Located on the seacoast of the Mediterranean, Jounieh is the city of ancient civilizations and a modern business center for the today visionary entrepreneur. The Casino Du Liban is 2km away, Beirut Airport is 20km, the Cedars of Lebanon at 100km, Byblos at 10km, Jeita Grotto at 8km, Harissa at 7km and Tripoli at 50km. there are outdoor cafes and restaurants mixed among boutiques, artisan shops, banks, supermarkets, hotels of all categories. But as soon as the sun sets, the daytime charm turns into night-time glitz. Scores of restaurants, pubs and nightclubs line the old bay side road from Jounieh northward to Mameltein. For more info: [www.jounieh.org](http://www.jounieh.org)
- **Jeita Grotto:** A historical place sculpted by water and time, in these caves and galleries, known to man since Paleolithic times, the action of water has created cathedral-like vaults beneath the wooded hills of Mount Lebanon. Geologically, the caves provide a tunnel or escape route for the underground river, which is the principal source of the Nar el-Kalb (Dog River). Located some 20 kilometers along the highway North of Beirut, a large sign indicates the right turn from Zouk Mickael village, just beyond the tunnel. The caverns are on two levels. The lower galleries, discovered in 1836 and opened to the



public in 1958, are visited by boat. The upper galleries, opened in January 1969, can be seen on foot. For more info: [www.jeitagrotto.com](http://www.jeitagrotto.com)

- **Byblos Bay:** The city of Jbeil, also known as Byblos, is the oldest continuously inhabited city in the world. It is a thriving modern city that still retains its historical past. The outdoor cafes and restaurants mixed among local and international boutiques, artisan shops, banks, supermarkets, hotels of all categories. For more info: [www.jbail-byblos.gov.lb](http://www.jbail-byblos.gov.lb)
- **Downtown, Beirut:** Beirut, with its million-plus inhabitants, conveys a sense of life and energy that is immediately apparent. This dynamism is echoed by Capital's geographical position: a great promontory jutting into the blue sea with dramatic mountains rising behind it. The city is filled by luxury hotels, restaurants and publics. It also reflective of the rich Lebanese culture and history.

To visit Lebanon is to dispel preconceived notions that linger from a relatively short moment in a long, vivid, and fascinating history: drink in the energetic, urbane vibe of revitalized Beirut; explore a diverse and beautiful landscape that lends itself easily to an unforgettable (and largely untrammled) multi-sport adventure; marvel at archaeological wonders that are windows into the cradle of civilization; and simply enjoy the welcome of a people who are naturally hospitable, friendly, and gregarious. (Source: Ministry of Tourism website: <http://www.mot.gov.lb/>)

For a calendar of cultural events during your stay, visit:

<http://www.lebtivity.com/>

<http://www.agendaculturel.com/> (French)



## QUICK FACTS ABOUT LEBANON

**Currency:** Lebanese Lira (LL or LBP)  
1 USD = 1.516,55 LL (25.07.2018)  
1 EUR = 1.774,88 LL (25.07.2018)

**Official Name:** Republic of Lebanon

**Area:** 10.452km<sup>2</sup>

**Country Code:** +961

**Official Language:** Arabic

**Capital:** Beirut

**Population:** 4,4 Million

## EXPECTED WEATHER

SUN 9/23	MON 9/24	TUE 9/25	WED 9/26	THU 9/27	FRI 9/28	SAT 9/29
29° /21°	27° /20°	27° /20°	27° /21°	27° /20°	27° /20°	26° /19°
Mostly sunny	Sunshine	Abundant sunshine	Brilliant sunshine	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny
Hist. Avg. 29°/22°						

## CONTACT DETAILS

Please find below the contact numbers in case you need any support when you arrive to Lebanon.

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