



IOC-UNESCO-UNESCAP-NCM
Makran Subduction Zone Science
Strengthening Tsunami Warning and Preparedness Workshop
14 - 16 November 2022
Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

Information for Participants

1. Background

Probabilistic Tsunami Hazard Assessment (PTHA) and tsunami inundation modeling have been identified by the five partner countries of the North-West Indian Ocean (NWIO) region (India, Iran and Pakistan with funding from the project; Oman and United Arab Emirates (UAE) through self-funding), as priority topics to help improve community awareness, risk assessment, inundation mapping, and evacuation planning in support of tsunami preparedness.

Accordingly, the UNESCAP TTF-31 project is supporting the finalisation of a Probabilistic Tsunami Hazard Assessment (PTHA (V1.0)), including training of NWIO experts in its architecture and use. This includes a scientific exchange workshop to share the PTHA results with the region for adoption, as well as report on the latest regional/international studies on the tsunami hazard in the Makran Subduction Zone (MSZ). The project has also supported the establishment of a NWIO Regional Working Group on Tsunami Inundation Modelling and Mapping (NWIO RWG-TIMM) with membership from the five countries participating in the project and with input from international experts. The goal of the NWIO RWG-TIMM is to foster ongoing regional cooperation and exchange of knowledge on inundation modelling and mapping. The project will provide information on existing approaches, methodologies and input data for tsunami inundation modelling and mapping. The NWIO RWG-TIMM will develop a unified approach for tsunami inundation modeling in order to assure inter-comparable results throughout the region.

By participating in this science exchange workshop countries can develop a solid foundation that will help achieve the goals of the UN Ocean Decade Tsunami Programme to make all communities highly at risk prepared for and resilient to tsunamis by 2030

Please visit <https://oceanexpert.org/event/3673> for additional information including meeting documents and participant details.

2. Venue of the Workshop and Meetings

The meeting will be held at the National Center of Meteorology, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates from 14 to 16 November 2022. The meeting will start at 09:30 am local time (UTC+4) on 14 November 2022.

Online sessions will be organized for those who are not able to travel to Abu Dhabi in person. A meeting link will be provided after registering.

Event Meeting Rooms

First floor, National Center of Meteorology, Abu Dhabi

3. Registration

To register, please email the following information to iotwms@unesco.org:

- 1) Surname
- 2) First Name
- 3) Gender (Female, Male, or other prefer describe as)
- 4) Title (Dr, Ms, Mr, or please specify if other)
- 5) Nationality
- 6) Position and Organisation
- 7) Email address
- 8) In-person or online participation

4. Invitations

All participants who register to attend in-person will receive official invitation letters from IOC-UNESCO and from the UAE National Center of Meteorology (NCM). The invitation letters may be needed for your visa arrangement. Should you require additional information for your visa, please contact (UAE Mission / Embassy in the participant home country) as in Section 9.

5. Accommodation Arrangements

The recommended accommodation for participants is the Dusit Thani hotel in Abu Dhabi. A block of rooms has been saved. Self-funded participants kindly contact the hotel directly as the focal points shown in Annex I.

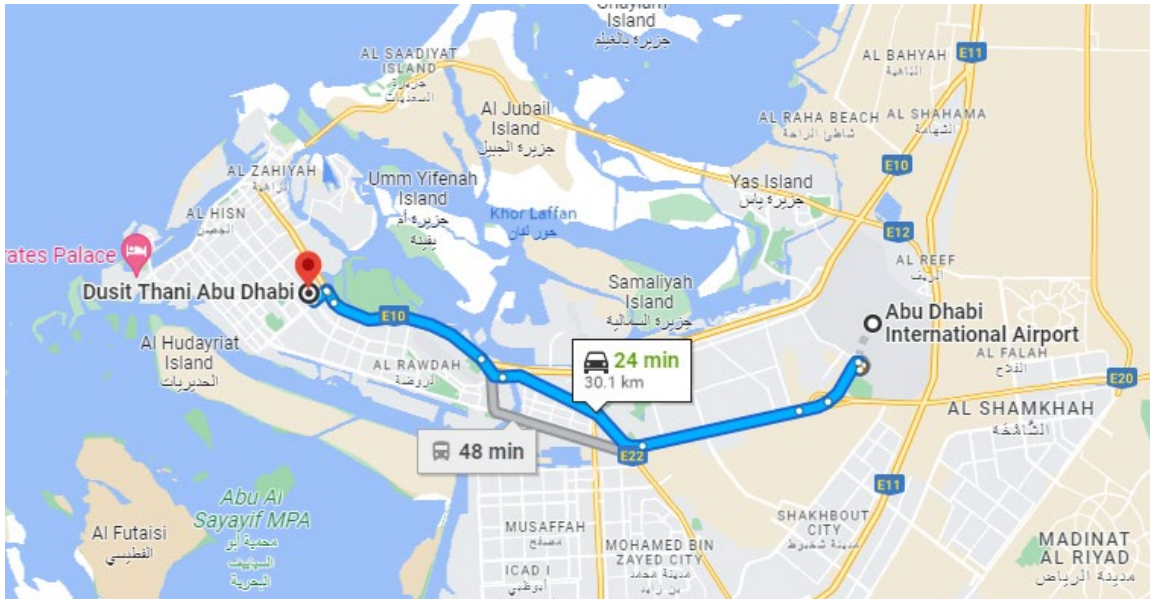
Please note that the check in time will be from 13 November 2022 (the earliest) and check out on 17 November 2022 (the latest). The check out time is exactly at 12:00 noon as the hotel is fully booked after that.

6. Arrival and Transport Arrangements

Airport to Hotel

The Abu Dhabi International Airport is located 30 kms from the Dusit Thani hotel.

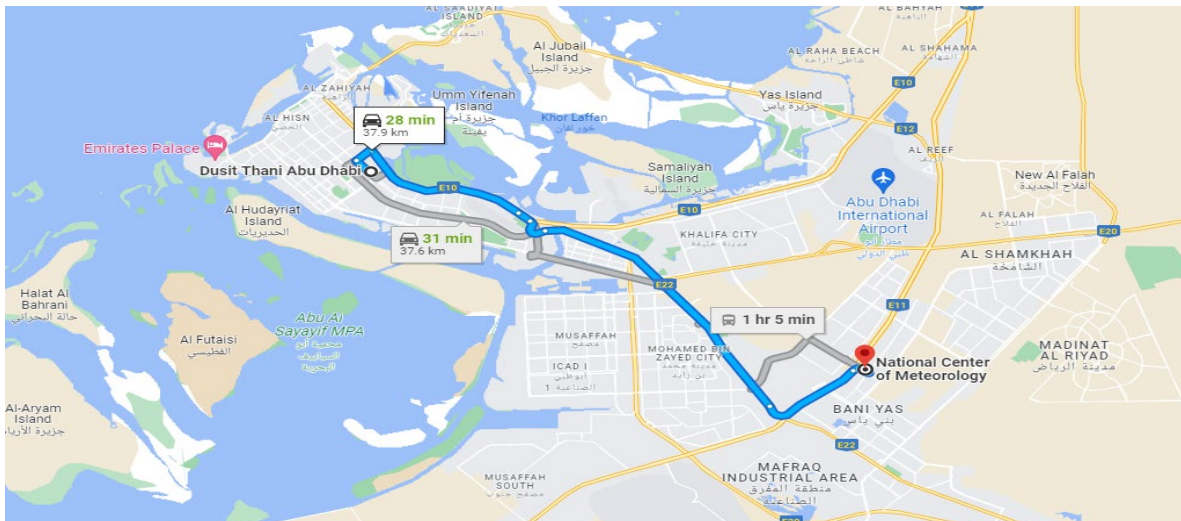
NCM will arrange transport services for participants from and to Abu Dhabi International Airport to/from the hotel. Participants are expected to provide the NCM Local Coordinator with their travel details at least a few days before arrival to Abu Dhabi.



Hotel to Workshop Venue

The Dusit Thani hotel is located 37 kms from the National Center of Meteorology (Venue of the Workshop)

The transportation between the **Dusit Thani Hotel** and the meeting venue at the National Centre of Meteorology will be provided for the participants. So, all participants are kindly requested to stay at **Dusit Thani Hotel**.



7. Visa Entry Requirements to UAE

A passport with a validity of at least 6 months after the date of entry is required by immigration authorities. The IOC-UNESCO and the National Center of Meteorology will provide an invitation letter to all the participants, to facilitate their visa application.

Nationals of many countries are exempt from a pre-arrival visa and will be granted one on arrival to UAE. Please check the attached and the following link for information:

- <https://www.mofaic.gov.ae/en/missions/uae-missions-abroad>
- <https://u.ae/en/information-and-services/justice-safety-and-the-law/handling-the-covid-19-outbreak/travelling-amid-covid-19/travelling-to-the-uae>

8. Meals

Lunches and morning/afternoon snacks during the workshops and meetings will be provided by the National Center of Meteorology for all participants and facilitators.

9. Time

The time in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates is 4 hours ahead of UTC.

10. Local climate

Climate data for the period of the session in Abu Dhabi are listed below:

Mean temperature	22.9 °C
Absolute maximum temperature	32.3 °C
Mean maximum temperature	28.4 °C
Absolute minimum temperature	13.2 °C
Mean minimum temperature	17.3 °C
Mean precipitation	0.0038 mm
Mean daily sunshine duration	8.7 hours
Mean Relative Humidity	67 %

11. Money Matters

(The official currency of UAE is the Emirati Dirham, AED. 1 USD = 3.67 AED; 1 EUR = 3.68 AED; 1 CHF = 3.79 AED. All currency quotations are subject to fluctuation.)

12. Places of Interest

- Emirates Palace – Abu Dhabi
<https://www.mandarinoriental.com/en/abu-dhabi/emirates-palace>
- Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque Center – Abu Dhabi
<https://www.szgmc.gov.ae/en/>
- Louver Museum – Abu Dhabi
<https://www.louvre.fr/en>
- Qaser AlWatan – Abu Dhabi
<https://www.qasralwatan.ae/>

13. Contact Details

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NCM Invitation	NCM	To: MRAMAKRISHNAN@NCMS.AE To: KMANGOOSH@NCMS.AE
Visa Information	UAE Mission / Embassy in the participant home country	
Airport Pick Up Arrangement	NCM	To: PR@ncms.ae

**Annex 1
Hotel Reservation**

Hotel	Room Rate	Rate Single	Rate Double	Contact for Booking
DUSIT THANI HOTEL, Abu Dhabi 07th – 09th November 2022	Deluxe Room Room only	550	550	Mahmoud Osama Director of Sales Dusit Thani Abu Dhabi Mobile: +971 50 8122126 E-mail: mahmoud.osama@dusit.com www.dusit.com/dtad Noor Emillia Senior Sales Manager - MICE Dusit Thani <i>Abu Dhabi</i> Sultan Bin Zayed The First Street (Al Muroor Road) PO Box 52799, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates +971 (2) 698 8340 +971 50 4431976 noor.emillia@dusit.com www.dusit.com
	Deluxe Room With Breakfast	620	690	
	Deluxe Room With Half Board (breakfast & dinner)	685	840	

Method of Room Reservation

For self-funded participants, kindly send an email to the contact person provided for the hotel with check-in and check-out details. Please mention that you are taking a part in activity of NCM, so you can enjoy the negotiated rate.

- Kindly do not forget to keep organisers posted on your hotel reservation.
- In case you have any problem with booking, please contact PR@ncms.ae.