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Parliamentary Conference on Interfaith Dialogue: *Working together for our common future*

Marrakesh, 13-15 June 2023



Kingdom of Morocco
The Parliament

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

Conference venue and date

The Parliamentary Conference on Interfaith Dialogue will be held in the Palais des Congrès convention centre in Marrakesh, Morocco, from 13 to 15 June 2023.

Registration and Conference badges

The online registration system set up by the IPU Secretariat can be accessed through the Parliamentary Conference web page by simply clicking on the registration button. Registration will be open from 3 April to 5 June 2023.

Collection of Conference badges will take place onsite at the Registration Desk on:

- Tuesday, 13 June, from 12:00 to 19:00 hours, and
- Wednesday, 14 June and Thursday, 15 June from 08:00 to 18:30 hours.

Press and media accreditation

Only confirmed members of the press and media will receive media accreditation. A letter from your media outlet and a copy of your press card should be submitted to press@ipu.org in addition to your registration online.

A Press Centre will be operational from Tuesday, 13 June to Thursday, 15 June 2023. For all requests, please contact the Communications Team at press@ipu.org.

The IPU is deeply committed to respecting the privacy of its Members and partners. For more information on how the IPU uses its data consult our [Privacy Statement](#).

Accommodation

Participants are required to arrange their own accommodation during their stay in Marrakesh. The host Parliament has selected several hotels close to the Conference venue as official hotels, as follows:

| Hotels | Distance (km) | Stars | Rooms available | Single room | Twin room | Price of single room | Price of twin room |
|-------------------|---------------|-------|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------|----------------------|--------------------|
| KENZI ROSE GARDEN | 0.7 | 5 | 80 | 80 | | 1,428 MAD | 1,757 MAD |
| SAVOY | 0.8 | 5 | 150 | 150 | | 1,900 MAD | |
| MOVENPICK | 0.2 | 5 | 100 | 100 | | 2,970 MAD | 3,110 MAD |
| SOFITEL | 1.1 | 5 | 30 | 30 | | 3,400 MAD | 3,600 MAD |
| GRAND MOGADOR | 0.15 | 5 | 150 | 100 deluxe + 50 STDRS | | 1,140 – 1,430 MAD | 1,260 – 1,560 MAD |

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| RADISSON BLU | 1.2 | 5 | 100 | 100 | | 2,230 MAD | 2,460 MAD |
| OPERA PLAZA | 0.7 | 4 | 10 | 10 | | 860 MAD | 990 MAD |
| RED HOTEL | 1.3 | 4 | 10 | 10 | | 780 MAD | 860 MAD |
| 2CIELS BOUTIQUE | 0.7 | 4 | 25 | 25 | | 1,570 MAD | 1,680 MAD |
| PESTANA CR7 | 1 | 4 | 70 | 70 | | 2,411 MAD | 2,522 MAD |
| IMPERIAL PLAZA | 3 | | 30 | | | 570 MAD | 670 MAD |
| FARAH | 0.5 | 4 | 30 | 10 | 20 | 850 MAD | 1,080 MAD |
| PALAIS AL BAHJA | 0.6 | 3 | 18 | 8 | 10 | 760 MAD | 870 MAD |
| GRAND IMILCHIL | 0.9 | 3 | 25 | 10 | 15 | 400 MAD | 500 MAD |
| | | | 828 | | | | |

Participants are requested to make their hotel bookings through the following web page: www.ipu.ma.

Given that Marrakesh is a tourist destination and that the period chosen for the holding of the Conference coincides with the high tourist season, the deadline for hotel bookings for the period 12 to 16 June 2023 is **30 April 2023**. Past the deadline, the host Parliament cannot guarantee any bookings.

Participants are required to cover their own accommodation and travel expenses, international health and travel insurance costs, and other incidentals.

To facilitate the booking process, please send confirmation of the composition of your delegation, as well as the arrival dates and the name of the hotel of your choice, **not later than 30 April 2023, by email** to the Secretariat of the Moroccan Parliament to: ipu.info@parlement.ma and m.benjanane@parlement.ma.

Visa formalities

The Moroccan authorities will facilitate the granting of entry visas to the Kingdom of Morocco to members of delegations through Moroccan consulates, embassies and diplomatic missions accredited in the countries concerned.

As the visa application process can take some time, all delegates are advised to submit their visa application as soon as possible.

For countries where Morocco does not have a diplomatic or consular office, delegates will be issued visas on arrival. If that is the case, delegates are kindly requested to email to the Secretariat of the Moroccan Section (ipu.info@parlement.ma) a photocopy of their passport, as well as the name of the airline, and the date and time of arrival in Morocco.

Security

The host Parliament will take the necessary measures to ensure the security and safety of all participants and their belongings during the Conference. In this connection, delegates are requested to wear their Conference badges the **AT ALL TIMES**, both at the Conference venue and at all official events to which they are invited.

As part of the security arrangements, all persons, and personal items (bags/luggage) will be screened at the entrance of the conference facility.

ID badges will be colour-coded to assist the security personnel. All lost badges must be reported immediately to the registration and information desk. Delegates are kindly requested to make their badges available for security checks at the entrance of the **Palais des Congrès** convention centre.

Arrival and departure

To ensure the welcome and transport of all delegations, the latter are kindly requested to forward to the Secretariat of the Moroccan Parliament the completed “**Arrival and departure form**” to: ipu.info@parlement.ma and m.benjane@parlement.ma.

There will be a welcome desk for all participants at **Marrakech-Ménara International Airport**. The host Parliament will provide transport for all delegates upon their arrival to their official hotels and for their departure.

Shuttle services will be available from the Conference official hotels to the **Palais des Congrès** convention centre, as well as for all the Conference official events. The schedule will be displayed at the hotel information desks.

Useful information

Insurance

It is recommended that participants take out their own insurance policies. **All delegates should also have international health insurance when traveling to Morocco.**

Bilateral meetings

A limited number of rooms will be dedicated to bilateral / closed meetings. Bilateral meeting rooms will be available from 13 to 15 June 2023, and can be reserved for 30-minute slots, according to availability of rooms and on a “first-come, first-served” basis. Requests for reservations of bilateral meeting rooms can be submitted as of 10 April 2023 and can be sent to the IPU Conference Services at conf-services@ipu.org, indicating the subject line “Marrakesh bilateral meeting request”.

Internet

Free Wi-Fi is available in all the Conference premises.

Medical services

First-aid services and medical staff will be available in every hotel and at the Conference site. All other medical services will be at the participants’ own expense.

Please ensure that you have international health insurance. Persons under special medical treatment are advised to bring sufficient medication.

The Secretariat of the host Parliament must be informed of all specific medical treatment or other indications (dietary needs, allergy, limited mobility) as soon as possible (this information may be included during online registration) so that the necessary precautions or measures can be taken.

Services also available at the Conference venue

- ABMs/currency exchange offices
- Print on demand services
- Restaurants et cafés
- Travel agency
- COVID-19 PCR/antigen test (on request) – medical centre

Other useful information

Climate and weather

The average temperatures in Marrakesh in June vary from 18°C in the morning to 33°C in the afternoon. It is therefore very hot.

Time

The time in Morocco is GMT+1.

Electricity supply

The power supply in Morocco is 230 V CA, 50 Hz. Electrical sockets in Morocco are the European standard: Type C, 2 rounded pins, ungrounded (amperage: 2.5A, voltage: 220–40V); Type E, 2 rounded pins. Most hotels provide adapters on request.

Telecommunications

The following Moroccan mobile telecommunication service providers are available:

- IAM
- ORANGE
- INWI

Mobile telephone service companies provide internet via GPRS, 3G, 4G, and 5G. Cell phone SIM cards are widely available. However, every SIM card buyer/user in Morocco is expected by law to be registered for activation of their card on presentation of an identification document (ID card or passport). The SIM card can be registered at the point of purchase.

Banking services and currency

The Moroccan local currency is the Dirham (MAD). Foreign exchange facilities are available for participants in the hotels, banks, at the ABMs and the airport.

An exchange office will be available for the delegates on the Conference site. Most credit cards are accepted in Morocco but there is a preference for cash payments.

The following are the exchange rates for some foreign currencies as at 17 January 2023:

- € 1 = 10.97 MAD
- US\$ 1 = 10.16 MAD
- GBP 1 = 12.41 MAD

Business and shopping hours

Public services open from 08:00 to 16:15 from Monday to Friday. The usual business opening hours are from 10:00 to 22:00 every day.

Smoking

In Morocco smoking, including electronic cigarettes, is not permitted indoors. Details on smoking areas on the Conference site will be communicated.

Customs regulations

Delegates wishing to bring in any material to Morocco, must consult the following web page: <https://www.douane.gov.ma/web/guest/nos-bases-legislatives-et-reglementaires>.

For more information

Other information on and assistance for the *Parliamentary Conference on Interfaith Dialogue* can be obtained from the Secretariat of the Moroccan Parliament at:

- Telephone: +212537679656/54 & +212662803750/+212661463590
- Email: ipu.info@parlement.ma
- Web page: www.parlement.ma