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Pre-arrival to Morocco

Visas

Visas to enter Morocco are required for nationals of countries mentioned in the list in Annex 1.

The processing of visas will be facilitated by the Kingdom of Morocco and the participants should apply for visas by 7 June. Please apply for your visa in a timely manner.
An official WHO visa support letter should accompany the visa application to any Moroccan consulate or to embassies that represent Morocco in visa matters. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Morocco will invite its diplomatic missions to facilitate the issuance of entry visas to Morocco upon presentation of the visa support letter from WHO. The need of a support letter should be indicated on the registration in INDICO https://indico.un.org/event/1004607/.


The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Morocco will also be supporting with e-visa issuance for registered participants for whom WHO Support Unit in Tunis provided a visa support letter. The e-visa letter will be sent to participants by e-mail and a copy of the e-visa will need to be presented at the passport control at the airport. In case you need visa and still didn’t receive your visa, kindly send an email to healthmigration@who.int copying kimiluc@who.int.

UN laissez-passner holders do not need a visa to enter Morocco.

Health Requirements
There are no specific COVID-19 requirements to enter Morocco nor mandatory vaccines. However, COVID-19 vaccination certificate is recommended.

Travel Arrangements
Delegates are required to make their own travel arrangements for both outward and inward journeys. However, representatives from countries classified as Least Developed Countries (LDCs) by the United Nations, are eligible for travel subsidies and can be assisted with travel arrangements by WHO Conference Center based in Tunis. For reference, an official list can be accessed here: https://www.un.org/ohrlls/content/list-ldcs.

Arrival in Morocco
A shuttle service is available from the airport (Rabat and Casablanca) to the hotels. Kindly share your travel arrangements with the representative of the event company, Ms. Amina Khoueit:

- Email: ev.aminakhoueit@gmail.com
- Phone: +212537282859 / +212537282890
- WhatsApp: +212628922654

Taxis in Rabat are safe. You can call « Taxi com » company on + (212) 675 000001. The standard rate for a 10 minute-ride is between 20 to 30 MAD (around 2 to 3 USD).
At the conference

Date and location
The Third Global Consultation on the Health of Refugees and Migrants (third GCHRM) will open on Tuesday, 13 June 2023, at 2pm and will close on Thursday, 15 June 2023 at 5pm. The venue is the Sofitel Rabat, Jardin des Roses, located at Avenue Imam Malek, Impasse Souissi, Souissi district.

Registration process
All delegates planning to attend the event must complete registration to the on: https://indico.un.org/event/1004607/. Please note that only registered participants will be able to join the conference.

Name badges
Badges will be provided at the registration desk in front of the plenary room, in Sofitel Rabat, on Tuesday 13th June 2023 from 10am local time. The badge will include the name, affiliation, address of the venue and an emergency contact.

Security at the venue
Security at the venue is ensured by the security personnel of the hotel following their security guidelines (cameras in public spaces and presence of guards at entrances/exits and in the plenary room).

The UN Department of Safety and Security (UNDSS) has been notified of the event and will be providing security support during the consultation.
High Level Plenary Session Statements

**Statements:** Representatives of participating Member States, Associate Members, Observers, representatives of the United Nations and other intergovernmental organizations, as well as non-State actors, will be provided with the opportunity to take the floor during the high-level plenary session on 13 June from 16:00- 18:00, Rabat, Morocco. The stakeholders can inscribe on the list of speakers by sending an email to healthmigration@who.int (and copy to kimjoo@who.int) by 11 June, 12:00, Rabat time. Copies of statements to be made in the Plenary session should be submitted to the Secretariat, by email healthmigration@who.int (and copy to kimjoo@who.int), by 12:00, Rabat time, on Monday, 12 June 2023. When submitting by email, please specify in the “Subject” and at the top of the statement, the name of the country or stakeholder and the meeting: “High-level Plenary session”.

**Verbal statements:** Member State delegations are asked to observe the time limit for verbal statements during the sessions. Statements by Member States and Associate Members will be limited to **three minutes** (330 words). Statements by observers, invited representatives of the United Nations and other participating intergovernmental organizations will be limited to **two minutes** (220 words). Statements by non-State actors will be limited to **one minute**.

To ensure that statements are interpreted as accurately as possible, delegates are requested to submit a copy of their statements—by 12:00, Rabat time, on Monday, 12 June 2023 by email to healthmigration@who.int (and copy to kimjoo@who.int). Clearly indicate the name of the country or organization delegation in the subject line of the email.

**Written statements:** Member States and Associate Members, Observers, invited representatives of the United Nations and of other participating and intergovernmental organizations, and non-State actors may submit written statements for posting on the event website in any of the six WHO official languages and should be limited to 500 words. When submitting by email to healthmigration@who.int (and copy to kimjoo@who.int), please specify in the “Subject” and at the top of the statement, the name of the country or stakeholder and the meeting: “High-level Plenary session – written statement”.

**Working languages and interpretation**

The working languages of the Third Global Consultation sessions are the six languages of the United Nations: English, French, Arabic, Chinese, Russian and Spanish. Interpretation is provided in these six languages. Participants are requested to speak clearly and at a normal speaking pace to enable clear and accurate interpretation.

**Documentation**

The Rabat Declaration will be available in six working languages. The concept note and programme of the Third Global Consultation are available in English at WHO's website https://www.iom.int/third-global-consultation-health-refugees-and-migrants. Programme brochure and session briefs will be provided to participants at the venue.

**Local transportation**

Shuttle buses will be arranged each day to transfer participants between their hotels booked through Evenement Voyage and Sofitel Rabat. Participants should check the timetables and notices that will be displayed in the lobby of their hotels and at Sofitel Rabat. Please contact Ms. Amina Khoueit, Evenement Voyage for further information:

- Email: ev.aminakhoueit@gmail.com
Lunches
A lunch buffet will be served at Sofitel Rabat every day from Wednesday, 14 June, to Thursday, 15 June between 12 to 2pm. There will also be two refreshment breaks (morning and afternoon) each day.

Special dietary requirements should be communicated at the following email address: ev.aminakhoueit@gmail.com.

Social events
A networking dinner for all registered participants to the Third Global Consultation is organized on 13th June 2023 at the Sofitel Rabat at 7.30pm.

Hotel Accommodation
The Secretariat has pre-booked a number of rooms at hotels with a central location in Rabat for participants. Those wishing to avail themselves of the pre-booked rooms are therefore asked to send their request for accommodation to the Ms. Amina Khoueit (see contact details in Local Transportation section).

Any changes to the number of pre-booked rooms and dates of occupancy after the confirmation with the booking may be subject to no-show fees charged by the hotel.

All rates quoted are in MAD and are inclusive of value added tax and service charges. Major credit cards are accepted by all hotels. Please note that WHO cannot guarantee accommodation or rates for requests received after 2nd June 2023.

Internet
Internet access and printing facilities will be available to participants during the consultation.

Online and social media
The Third GCHRM will be webcast live on the event’s webpage at the following link: Third Global Consultation on the Health of Refugees and Migrants (who.int). Photographs and videoclips will be taken during the session, and images and footage of participants and proceedings may be posted on the internet and used to promote this or future similar events.

We also invite you to follow the social media accounts below for coverage of the Third GCHRM throughout the week:

Twitter:
@msps_gov_ma  
@UNmigration  
@Health_IOM  
@Refugees  
@WHO

Facebook:
https://www.facebook.com/msps.gov.ma  
https://www.facebook.com/IOM
Medical services
A health unit will be set up at the venue with a medical doctor and two ambulances equipped with material for medical reanimation and evacuation. Hospital beds are also secured for high-level participants in case of need.

For any health emergency, please contact: M. Mohamed Douqchi at +212661092351.

You can also contact 112 (Ambulance and Police) as well 141 (SAMU: the Urgent Medical Aid Service), the Civil Protection/Fire department: 15.

General Information about Morocco

Currency
The monetary unit used in Morocco is the Moroccan dirham (MAD).

Exchange rates (as of Mid-May 2023):

1 US Dollar = 10,13 MAD  and  1 EUR = 11,04 MAD

Foreign currency can be changed in banks and exchange offices, which are widely available in the airports and the city center. ATMs are also widely available in Rabat.

Climate
The temperature in Rabat in June is likely to be between 20°C and 26°C.

Electricity supply
The main electricity voltage is 220 V and the electrical frequency is 50 Hz. The central European-type wall socket (two-pin plug) is standard in Morocco.
Insurance
The Secretariat cannot accept liability for personal accidents or loss of or damage to the private property of participants or accompanying persons during or indirectly arising from attendance at the Third GCHRM. It is recommended that participants make their own arrangements with respect to health and travel insurance.

Personal security
As in all large cities, delegates are advised to take standard precautions when moving around Rabat. Stay alert: watch your luggage and briefcase or handbag; avoid displaying attractive and valuable items. Always ask for proper identification before surrendering your passport. Be particularly vigilant at the airport, train station and when checking into your hotel.

The police, ambulance and fire emergency number is 112.

Visit Rabat
Information on touristic visits in Rabat can be found on the following website:
Circuits dans la région Rabat-Salé-Kénitra (visitrabat.com)

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A. Afghanistan, Albania, Antigua and Barbuda, Armenia, Azerbaijan.

B. Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi.

C. Cabo Verde, Cambodia, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, Colombia, Comoros, Costa Rica, Cuba.

D. Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic.

E. Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eswatini, Ethiopia.

F. Fiji.

G. Gambia, Georgia, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea Bissau, Guyana.
H. Haiti, Honduras.

I. India, Iran, Iraq, Israel.

J. Jamaica, Jordan.

K. Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kiribati, Kyrgyzstan.

L. Laos People’s Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya.

M. Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Micronesia, Mongolia, Montenegro, Mozambique, Myanmar.

N. Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, Nicaragua, Nigeria, North Macedonia.

P. Pakistan, Palau, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay

Q. Qatar

R. Republic of Moldova, Romania, Rwanda.

S. Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Serbia, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic.

T. Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkmenistan, Tuvalu.

U. Uganda, Ukraine, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Uzbekistan.

V. Vanuatu, Viet Nam.

Y. Yemen.

Z. Zambia, Zimbabwe.