



THE ARAB NETWORK FOR THE STUDY OF DEMOCRACY

“THE WIND OF CHANGE!”

MEETING 8 - 10 APRIL 2011

BEIRUT
LEBANON

INFORMATION FOR DELEGATES

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PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION CAREFULLY

The Arab Network for the Study of Democracy conference team contact details

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Venue and Accommodation

A single room has been reserved for you for four nights from Thursday 7 to Monday 11 April 2011, unless previously arranged otherwise, at:

Holiday Inn Dunes Hotel

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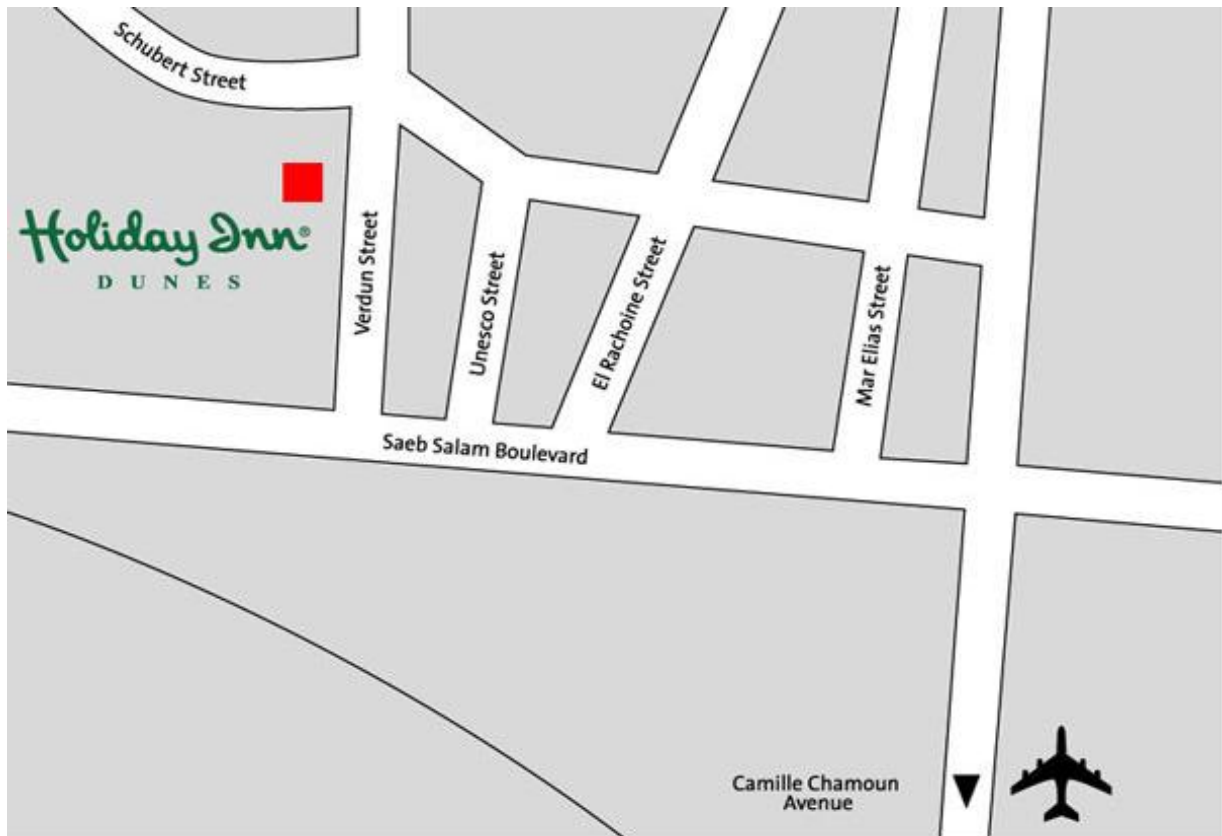
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The room booking includes

- Air-Conditioned Room.
- 24-Hour Room Service.
- Wireless High Speed Internet Access in all Guest Rooms (Charge) with free of charge access in public area
- Non-Smoking Room.
- Mini Bar is available in every room (Charge)
- Inclusive breakfast (western or oriental)
- Gym opens from 8 am to 7 pm (note that the gym could be open at any other time upon request).

Costs and responsibilities

The ANSD will be responsible for the following:

- Transportation between airport and hotel for arrival on 7 April and departure on 11 April 2011. Please make sure you are ready at the hotel lobby two and half hours before your departure flight for airport drop-off.
- Hotel accommodation (bed and breakfast) for arrival on 7 April and departure on 11 April 2011 (4 nights). The ANSD will cover the costs of your accommodation for the conference. We regret that we cannot cover accommodation before or after the dates of the event except in cases of international flight unavailability. If you need to stay any extra nights at your own expense, please contact the ANSD Lebanon to make the booking.
- Lunch on 8, 9 and 10 April.
- Dinner on 7, 8, 9, and 10 April.

The following costs will be your responsibility:

- Travel for private purposes around Beirut.
- Extra services at the Holiday Inn Dunes Hotel. All guests should settle their incidental expenses (telephone calls, laundry, room service, and mini bar) personally prior to their departure.
- Hotel booking and costs if arrival prior to the night of 7 April or staying longer than the morning of 11 April 2011.

Personal insurance

Insurance cover for personal effects is the responsibility of the individual participant. You are strongly recommended to insure your personal effects for the whole period of your absence from home. Neither the ANSD nor any venue used during the event can entertain claims against loss of or damage to personal property.

Health/medical insurance

You are recommended to ensure that you have adequate medical insurance to cover the period of your stay in Beirut.

Information on travel in Lebanon

Visas

The citizens of the Gulf Cooperation Council Countries (Saudi Arabia – Kuwait - United Arab of Emirates – Bahrain- Qatar - Oman) in addition to the citizens of the Jordanian Hashemite Kingdom state (that are holding the National Number on their passports) and who are coming for the purpose of tourism are exempted from entrance visas according to.

We strongly recommend that you check with the Lebanese Embassy in your country well before travelling.

If there is any evidence in your passport that a visit to Israel (Occupied Palestine) has been made, a visa will not be issued. If the duration of your visit is two weeks or more it will be necessary to report to the immigration department.

For further information on visa issuance please visit the Lebanese Security General website at www.general-security.gov.lb.

Currency

The currency is the Lebanese pound (LBP) which is known locally as Lira. At the time of writing there is approximately LBP 1500 to \$1. Foreign currency is easily changed in Lebanon. It is easy to change traveller's cheques so if you bring currency, bring US dollars. Credit cards are almost always accepted.






Airport

Most visitors arrive at Rafic Hariri International Airport, about 7 kms from the centre of town. The airport has a small but well-stocked and reasonably priced duty free shop that passengers can use on arrival or departure.

For further information on Beirut airport please visit www.beirutairport.gov.lb.

Climate

Beirut climate is Mediterranean with hot, dry summers and mild, wet winters close to the coast; inland it gets progressively drier and the climate is less hospitable. In Beirut, average temperatures in April: minimum 14 ° C to 24 ° C maximum. For the dates of the conference, the weather is likely to be cool and fresh, and there might be rain.

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| Thu Apr 07 |  | Scattered Showers | 21°/14° | 30 % |
| Fri Apr 08 |  | Partly Cloudy | 20°/14° | 20 % |
| Sat Apr 09 |  | Scattered Showers | 20°/15° | 30 % |
| Sun Apr 10 |  | Sunny | 21°/15° | 10 % |
| Mon Apr 11 |  | Mostly Sunny | 21°/14° | 10 % |

Air ticket confirmation

Please bring your air tickets on the first day. We will collect your tickets on the first day of the meeting in order to confirm them.

Welcome packs

You should receive a welcome pack on arrival at the hotel. If you are not given the pack when you check in please ask for this. The pack contains the latest meeting programme together with useful information for your stay in Beirut.

Conference Programme

TO BE ATTACHED VERY SOON

Confirmed delegates include

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