

Information on the Workshop on Management Options and the 2nd meeting of the Technical Committee on Allocation Criteria (TCAC02)

Muscat, Oman, 16-20 February 2013

1. Meeting dates and venue

- 16-17 February 2013: Workshop on Management Options (Al-Mandaloon Ballroom)
- 18-20 February 2013: 2nd meeting of the Technical Committee on Allocation Criteria (Al-Sindbad Ballroom)

The venue of the meetings will be:

The Crowne Plaza Muscat Hotel
(Al-Mandaloon & Al-Sindbad Ballroom)
Muscat, P.O.Box:1455, Ruwi 112
Phone: (+968) 24660660
Fax: (+968) 24574462
Website: www.cpmuscat.com



Lunches

Complimentary lunches will be provided by the Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries to meeting participants.

2. Contacts

The contacts for these meetings at the Secretariat are:

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The contacts for these meetings in Oman are :

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3. Registration

Please pre-register online at www.iotc.org/registration at your earliest convenience for both meetings separately. **Deadline** for Registration is 31 January 2013.

- **Workshop on Management Options:** there will not be a formal registration desk for the workshop, however you are requested to register online to aid the hosts and the Secretariat with logistical arrangements
- **TCAC02:** the Registration desk will operate outside the Sindbad ballroom of the **The Crowne Plaza Muscat Hotel** from 0800hrs to 1000hrs on Monday 18th February 2013 and on Tuesday 19th February 2013.

Identification badges will be issued to participants of the TCAC02 at the Registration Desk. Delegates are requested to check their entries carefully and to immediately hand in any corrections to the Registration Desk for the Secretariat to make necessary changes. Delegates are reminded that the final list of participants will be based on information provided by them at the time of Registration.

4. Interpretation

The TCAC02 meeting will be held in English and French and simultaneous interpretation in the other language will be provided. The workshop will be conducted in English only.

5. Travel arrangements

Participants are requested to make their own travel arrangement and fund the expenses incurred.

IOTC Meeting Participation Fund (MPF)

The participation of **one representative of developing CPCs of the IOTC** can be supported through the IOTC Meeting Participation Fund (cf. IOTC Resolution 10/05). Official letters of application to the IOTC Meeting Participation Fund should be received no later than the **1st February 2013**.

Developing CPCs are also encouraged to seek support through the Assistance Fund established under Part VII of the UN Fish Stocks Agreement of the United Nation (UNFSA). Information and application procedure to the Assistance Fund of the UNFSA, can be found at:

http://www.un.org/Depts/los/convention_agreements/fishstocktrustfund/fishstocktrustfund.htm

Getting to Oman

Muscat International Airport is situated approximately 32 km west of Muscat, the capital of the Sultanate of Oman. Muscat International Airport is the primary gateway to Oman and provides excellent connections to a number of International destinations particularly in the Gulf, Middle East, Europe and the Far East. If your country does not have direct flights to Oman, it would be convenient to transfer at major international airports in Dubai or Abu Dhabi (UAE), or Doha (Qatar).

Customs & Regulation:

The following items are banned to enter Oman:

- Weapons, arms and ammunitions.
- Fireworks.
- Drugs stuff and tolls which are banned by the international conference of Opium and Drugs.
- Leaves, flowers, seeds and stems of cannabis.
- Raw or prepared opium.
- Pornographic publication and material.

Travellers on medication which come under banned "Narcotics Drugs" need to have a medical prescription from their doctor, which has been certified by the Ministry of Health in their respective countries and further attested by their Omani Embassy or consulate, before bringing the same into the country.

Carrying Valuables

All individuals, establishments and companies which carry, import or export R.O 6,000 (*Six thousand Omani Rials*) or more, or its equivalent from any other currency, or bearer negotiable instruments (such as cheques, bills of exchange, stocks and shares, *etc.*), precious metals or precious stones, must declare them to the customs authority, using the declaration form in compliance with the law of money laundering and its executive regulation.

6. Accommodation

Please find below a list of hotels in the vicinity of the meeting venue in Muscat. Please note that transportation to and from the meeting venue (The Crowne Plaza Muscat Hotel) will only be provided for the:

- Platinum Hotel,
- Tulip Inn Muscat
- Wave International Hotel.

Participants staying at other hotels will need to arrange their own transport to and from the meeting venue.

Hotel	*Rates	Contact/Booking	Distance to venue
Crowne Plaza Muscat Hotel (meetings venue)	Single Standard City View: 80 OMR (Exclusive of taxes) Double Standard City View: 85 OMR (Exclusive of taxes)	Step 1: Go to CP website – http://www.ichotelsgroup.com/h/d/cp/1/en/hotel/mschc Step 2: Go to Check Availability and enter arrival and departure dates Step 3: Type the Group Code – FS5 Step 4: Click Check Availability, it will show	n.a.

		<p>the room rate for Ministry of Fisheries</p> <p>Step 5: Select the type of room and click reserve</p> <p>Step 6: Enter the information needed and the credit card number then click Confirm Reservation.</p> <p>(See Annex A for example)</p> <p>Cherry nalog, groups coordinator Email: cherry.nalog@ihg.com Tel: +968 24660660, Ext: 6006 Fax: +968 24574462</p>	
Platinum Hotel	72 OMR (Exclusive of Taxes)	http://www.theplatinumoman.com/ E-mail: reservations@theplatinumoman.com	7 km
Tulip Inn Muscat	50 OMR (Exclusive of Taxes)	http://www.tulipinnmuscat.com	10 km
Wave International Hotel	53 OMR Standard Rate 25 OMR Government Rate	http://wavesinternationalhotel.com/waves/ when you book, refer to the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, to get the government rate.	10 km

Other hotel options, which will require participants to arrange their own transportation to the meeting venue.

Intercontinental Muscat Hotel	77 OMR (Exclusive of Taxes)	http://www.intercontinental.com	2.3 km
Park inn Hotel	77 OMR (Exclusive of Taxes)	http://www.parkinn.com	8 km
Safeer International Hotel	30 OMR (Exclusive of Taxes)	www.safeerhotels.com	7.5 km
City Seasons Hotel	59 OMR (Exclusive of Taxes)	http://www.cityseasonsgroup.com	10 m

*Rates subject to change, according to the availability.

7. Health Precautions

Delegates are advised to ensure that their routine vaccinations are up to date before travelling.

8. Arrival and entry formalities

Participants should make their own arrangements for their entry visa in Oman and it is recommended to do so as soon as possible.

VISA ON ARRIVAL

Following countries are eligible for Visa on Arrival and are able to make visa payments at the Travelex Foreign Exchange bureau located in the immigration arrivals hall, payments can be accepted in most currencies or by credit card, an automatic receipt will be issued to the traveller this receipt is then presented at the immigration desk, this reduces the time and queues for processing

European Countries

Andorra	Estonia	Italy	Monaco	Slovenia
Austria	Finland	Latvia	Netherlands	Spain
Belgium	France	Liechtenstein	Norway	Sweden
Britain	Germany	Lithuania	Poland	Switzerland
Bulgaria	Greece	Luxembourg	Portugal	Vatican
Croatia	Hungary	Macedon	Rumania	
Czech Rep.	Iceland	Malta	San Marino	
Denmark	Ireland	Moldova	Slovakia	

South American Countries

Argentina	Colombia	Uruguay
Bolivia	Ecuador	Venezuela
Brazil	Paraguay	
Chile	Suriname	

Other Countries

Australia	Hong Kong	New Zealand	Taiwan,China
Brunei Dar al-Salam	Indonesia	Seychelles	Thailand
Canada	Japan	Singapore	Turkey
Cyprus	Lebanon	South Africa	United States

More information can be found at: http://www.rop.gov.om/english/dg_passport_countrylist1.asp

VISA PRIOR TO ARRIVAL

Participants from the following countries can apply for visa in Oman's missions abroad:

China	Islamic Republic of Iran	Senegal
Japan	Yemen	Sudan
Pakistan	Thailand	France
India	Malaysia	United Kingdom
Republic of Korea	South Africa	

For other countries (Belize, Comoros, Eritrea, Guinea, Kenya, Madagascar, Maldives, Mauritius, Mozambique, Philippines, Sierra Leone, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Vanuatu), the Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries (Sultanate of Oman) will assist delegates from those countries to get visa.

In order to apply for visa, please provide the following information, to the contacts in Oman ([section 2](#)), at least two weeks prior to the meeting, before the 30 January 2013).

Oman immigration requires the following information ahead of time:

1. Your full name / *Votre nom complet*
2. Nationality / *Nationalité*
3. Your mother's full name / *Nom complet de votre mère*
4. Occupation / *Profession*
5. Position/ Organisation / *Fonction/Organisation*
6. Arrival and departure times / *Dates d'arrivée et de départ*
7. Clear copy of your passport / *Photocopie lisible de votre passeport*
8. Two Personal Photos.

For more information regarding visa requirements please visit: <http://www.rop.gov.om>

9. Transportation

Participants are responsible for their transfers to and from the airport, and transfers may be organized with their respective hotels. Transportation will be provided to and from the meetings venue from some hotels.

Shuttle to and from the venue

Shuttle buses will be organized for participants staying at **The Platinum Hotel, Tulip Inn Muscat or Wave International Hotel**. Pick-up times in the morning will be as follow:

- 07:15 - Wave international Hotel
- 07:30 - Tulip Inn Muscat
- 07:45 - The Platinum Hotel

Taxi

Private Taxi's are available outside the arrivals hall in the terminal building, it is recommended to pay for your journey at the Taxi Counter located outside arrivals. A taxi from the airport to the Crowne Plaza hotel will cost approximately 10 R.O.

Car Rental Companies

Several rent a car companies are available at the airport (Avis, Budget, Europcar, Hertz, Thrifty, Mark rent a car, Sixt, Value Plus and Shuram LLC)

10. Dress code

The dress code for the meeting is Smart Casual.

11. Delegates kit

All delegates will be provided with a meeting kit containing the programme, documents and other materials for the Technical Committee on Allocation Criteria at the registration desk on the 18th and 19th of February.

12. Electricity

Electricity in Oman is 220-240 Volts, 50 Hertz. Plugs are sockets “British” type (BS-1363). It is recommended to delegates to bring adequate adaptors with them.



13. Telephone service

International dialling code

The International dialling code for Oman is +968

Mobile services:

Several operators are offering SIM card and prepaid recharge for mobile phones.

14. Internet

Wi-Fi facility will be available in the conference area and Internet service at hotels will be at participants own expense.

15. Currency and exchange

The currency in Oman is the Omani Rial (OR). The current exchange rates are (26/11/2012):

1 OR = 2.60 USD

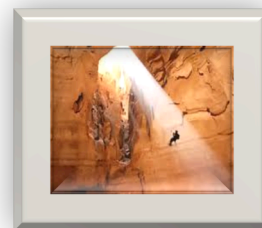
1 OR = 2.00 EUR

Changing foreign currency or traveller's cheques can be done at banks throughout Oman or at licensed money changers such as Travelex or Amex. Most credit cards are commonly accepted in Oman and ATM's are widely available.

16. Tourism

Discover Oman

The legend of the Sultanate is all around you. Discover Oman by its natural diversity which provides a variety of adventures and options available to tourists, from mountain activities to its charmed shiny beaches and water sport activities.



Muscat



Muscat, the capital city of Oman, is a place where tradition meets the modern in a dramatic setting with 600,000 people from different nationalities. It was chosen as Arab Tourism Capital in 2012.

Things to highlights & not be missed in Muscat:

- Sultan Qaboos Grand Masjid

Close to the road leading to the heart of the capital Muscat stands the Sultan Qaboos Grand Masjid in Wilayat Bawshar, like a radiant lighthouse attracting its visitors to interact with the spirit of Islam as a religion, science and civilisation. This Masjid highlights its role as a scientific and intellectual source of knowledge across the Islamic world.



- Royal Opera House:



Royal Opera House Muscat is the leading arts and culture organization in the Sultanate of Oman. Located in Muscat, Oman, the vision of the Opera House is to serve as a centre of excellence in global cultural engagement. We strive to enrich lives through diverse artistic, cultural, and educational programs.

For more information: <http://www.rohmuscat.org.om>

- Mutrah Souq

Mutrah Souq is one of the oldest markets in Oman, dating back about two hundred years. Its antiquity has perhaps increased the extent of its beauty, magic and allure. When passing through this souq, your senses are tantalised by the aromatic smells of frankincense, incense and Arabian perfumes. Mutrah Souq is known for its handicrafts like silverware, daggers, traditional cloth, new apparel and shoes, in addition to the famous Omani sweets (Halwa), spices and braziers (receptacles in which incense or frankincense is burned).



- Is that all?

The rest is waiting for you to be discovered.

For more information & details about Oman please check out these web sites:

- Ministry of Tourism: www.omantourism.gov.om
- Ministry of Information: www.omanet.com
- or contact the tourist call center: +96880077799

The weather will be cooler in February. For more general information, please visit:
www.lonelyplanet.com/worldguide/oman/muscat

ANNEX A

Crowne Plaza online booking form

Muscat
P.O. Box 1455,
Muscat,
Oman 112

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Feb-15-2013 to Feb-20-2013
1 Adult, 1 Room
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Rate Preference
Best Available**

Corporate ID ? IATA # ?

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Ministry of Fisheries

ANYONE CAN BOOK RESERVATIONS

STANDARD CITY VIEW ROOM NONSMOKING

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ROOM DESCRIPTION:

STANDARD CITY VIEW ROOM NONSMOKING
YOUR STYLISH ROOM HAS AN AIRY FEEL AND IS DECORATED IN A CONTEMPORARY THE BALCONY AND TAKE IN SCENIC PANORAMAS WITH CHILLED MINIBAR DRINKS. Y WITH WIRELESS INTERNET AND STAY ON THE PULSE WITH SATELLITE NEWS CHAN

ANYONE CAN BOOK RESERVATIONS
80.00 .ج.ع OMR per room, per night

SERVICE CHARGE:
8% per night not included in rate effective 15 February, 2013 thru 20 February, 2013
Tax: 9.4% per night not included in rate effective 15 February, 2013 thru 20 February, 2013
3 PERSON(S) PER ROOM MAXIMUM

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