

Information on the
15th Working Party on Data Collection and Statistics (WPDCS15)
27-30 November 2019
and the 22nd Scientific Committee Meeting (SC22)
2-6 December 2019
KARACHI, PAKISTAN
Hosted by the Government of Pakistan

1. Meeting dates and venue

The WPDCS will be held from the 27 November – 30 November 2019, from 09:00 to 17:00 daily.
The Scientific Committee Meeting will be held from the 02 December - 06 December 2018, from 09:00 to 17:00 daily.

The venue of the meetings will be Hotel Marriot, Karachi (Crystal Hall):

<https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/khpk-karachi-marriott-hotel/>



2. Security

All participants are strongly advised to check the information available from your country's travel advice pages before travelling.

United Nations Department of Safety and Security (UNDSS) will be in contact with meeting organisers and all participants will be updated if there are any new security warnings.

3. Contacts

The contact at the IOTC Secretariat is: IOTC-Secretariat@fao.org

Administration: Mirose Govinden: Mirose.Govinden@fao.org

The contact point at the hotel will be Mr. Farhan Humayun, Assistant Sales Manager; E-mail: farhanhumayun@marriotkarachi.com, Contact: +92-21-111-22-33-44.

The Government of Pakistan contact point in case of emergency is Mr. Farhan Khan farhankhan704@gmail.com

4. Registration

Registration for the meeting is essential so as to allow the IOTC Secretariat sufficient time to make the necessary arrangements. Please register for the meetings on the IOTC website no later than 15 days before the Session to ensure the necessary administrative arrangements can be made with the meeting venue:

WPDCS15 registration – [Click here](#)

SC21 registration – [Click here](#)

5. Funding

IOTC Meeting Participation Fund (MPF)

Financial support for participants from developing CPCs is also available through the Meeting Participation Fund (MPF), established through IOTC Resolution 10/05, and now contained in the IOTC Rules of Procedure (2014).

The IOTC Meeting Participation Fund, applications should be received at iotc-secretariat@fao.org **no later than 13 October for WPDCS and 18 October for SC.**

Rules of procedure for the administration of the IOTC Meeting Participation Fund as well as guidelines for applying to the MPF can be found in Appendix VIII of the IOTC Rules of Procedure (2014):

IOTC rules of procedure - [click here](#).

Please be reminded that there is no provision in the IOTC Rules of Procedure (2014) for the IOTC Secretariat to consider late applications to the MPF:

IOTC rules of procedure - [click here](#).

6. Accommodation

It is highly recommended for participants to book accommodation in the Hotel Marriot, however other reservations can be made in the United Nations Department of Safety and Security approved hotels listed below.

For making room reservations participants are recommended to use the "IOTC" code in the subject of the reservation email to avail special/discounted rates.

| S.No | Hotels | Single Standard | Distance from Venue | Contact Number | Contact address | Contact email address |
|------|-----------------------------------|---|---------------------|--|---|--|
| 1 | Avari Towers Hotel | Rs.14,700/= + 13% Tax | 2.3 KM | +92-21-111-282-747 | Fatima Jimmah Road, Karachi | sales6_at@avari.com , reservations_at@avari.com |
| 2 | Ramada Place Hotel | Rs.14,700/= + 13% Tax | 20.5 KM | +92-21-99242600, +92 313-2055808 | Star Avenue, Near Terminal No.1 Jinnah International Airport, Karachi | s.coordinator@ramadaplazakarachi.com reservation@ramadaplazakarachi.com sheikh.farhan@ramadaplazakarachi.com |
| 3 | Star Guest Houses | Standard Rs.6,000/= + 13% Tax, Deluxe Rs.7,000/= +tax | 8 KM | +92-21-34527015-16 | 18 Bangalore Town, Main Shahrah-e-Faisal Karachi | starclifton@hotmail.com |
| 4 | Beach Luxury Hotel | Rs.13,500/+= 13% tax | 5 KM | +92-21-111-254-111 | M.T.Khan Road, Karachi | blh_sales1@avari.com |
| 5 | Marriott Hotel Karachi | USD 146 + 13% tax | VENUE | +92-21-111-22-33-44 | 9 Abdullah Haroon Road, Karachi | farhanhumayun@marriottkarachi.com |
| 6 | PC Hotel Karachi | USD 137 + 13% tax | 1.5 KM | +92-21-111-505-505 | Club Road, Karachi | rsvpchk@pchotels.com |
| 7 | Movenpick Hotel Karachi | Rs.14,800/+= 13% tax | 1.4 KM | +92-21-35633333 | Club Road, Karachi | Hotel.Karachi.Reservations@movenpick.com , AbdulBari.Sheikh@movenpick.com |
| 8 | Blue Sky2 Guest House | Rs.6,000/+= 13% tax | 8 KM | 92-21-34303260, +92 321 8548008, +92 323-8548008 | House No.4P, Block6, PECHS, Near Delhi Sweets, Nursery, Karachi | bluesky6u@gmail.com |
| 9 | Orchard Cottage Hotel | Deluxe Rs.9,300/+ 13% tax | 5.5 KM | 92-21-35174206-8, +92 301-8553224, +92 322-2372247 | House No.C-13, Block 4, Near Chinese Consulate, Opposite Dolmen Mall, Clifton, Karachi. | orchardscottage00@gmail.com |
| 10 | Ramada Karachi Creek Hotel | Rs.14,700/= + 13% Tax | 8.5 KM | 92-21-35244400 | Zulfiqar Street 1, DHA, Phase 8, Karachi | resvation@ramadakarachicreek.com , ams@ramadakarachicreek.com |

7. Arrival and entry formalities

All foreign delegates are required to possess a valid passport (validity for at least 6 months) and the necessary visa to enter Pakistan. Please ensure that you have applied and secure visa in your home country.

Participants can also apply for an online visa (e-Visa). Please check the Government of Pakistan official visa portal for more information: <https://visa.nadra.gov.pk>

For obtaining additional support, visa support letters and landing permits, please write to Mr Farhan Khan, Assistant Fisheries Development Commissioner, Government of Pakistan (Email: farhankhan704@gmail.com , Cell: +92 332 5124153)

Upon arrival at Jinnah International Airport in Karachi, please follow the procedure described below:

- A. Complete the immigration/custom process: you must have your return ticket and hotel reservation available to show immigration officials as well as the invitation letter.
- B. Locate the baggage carousel for your flight and collect your bags.
- C. Go through the customs (you may be subjected to random baggage check; if so, remain calm and make sure you do not bring anything other than clothes and personal items; please note Alcohol is banned in Pakistan)
- D. Once you come out of the customs, go to a Bank Counter for changing currency, this can also be done at the hotel however rates may vary. (Optional if you intend to change currency)
- E. Head directly to your transportation (see Point 8)

8. Transportation

Please communicate flight itineraries to your respective hotels for airport transfers. The hotel transport service shall be carrying the hotel name card. Please identify yourself and the transfer shall be made to the respective hotel.

The Government of Pakistan is also organizing special airport transfers, shall you require assistance in this regard, please contact **Mr Farhan Khan, Assistant Fisheries Commissioner** farhankhan704@gmail.com

If you would like to make your own transfer from the airport to the hotel, you can easily get local taxi services after you exit from the airport lounge. There are several reputable taxi services available, including Metro cab, Radio cab, White cab, Vintage cab services.

For travel inside the city, please note the Taxi service **Careem** is recommended as the safe option. You can download the **Careem** application for android and iphones.

9. Registration

All participants will need to sign-in (attendance) on the day of each meeting and a security pass will be provided to all delegates. The registration table will be located directly outside of the Crystal Hall. Participants will be provided with access to internet facilities after registration.

10. During the Event

The Government of Pakistan will offer coffee breaks and conference facilities.

The hotel Marriot serves a wide variety of cuisine. For those requiring more up-market restaurants, there is a choice of restaurants in the local neighbourhood. Please request advice from the local staff at the registration table.

11. Dress code

The dress code for the meeting is Smart Casual.

12. Electricity

In Pakistan the power plugs and sockets are of type C and D.

Type C: also known as the standard "Euro" plug. This socket also works with plug E and plug F.



- Type D: mainly used in India, Sri Lanka, Nepal, and some African countries. This socket only works with plug D.



13. Telephone service

The International Country Code for Pakistan is +92. Mobile service providers include Ufone, Mobilink, Zong and Telenor.

14. Internet

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

15. Currency

The currency in Pakistan is the Pakistani Rupee (PKR). The current exchange rates are given below (as of 06 June 2018). All major currencies are exchangeable at banks and at the hotel. Major credit cards are accepted in hotels and in most shops.

| PKR | EUR | USD |
|-------|----------|----------|
| 1 PKR | 0.005844 | 0.006374 |

16. Tourism, Climate and Additional Information

There are some interesting sightseeing places in Karachi, however, caution is strongly advised. Please do not walk outside the hotel alone at night and please take advice from the hotel or the hosts in case you would like to visit any sightseeing areas.

The weather in Karachi is warm and humid, with a maximum temperature of 34-36°C and a minimum of 22-23°C with sunshine expected during the meeting days.

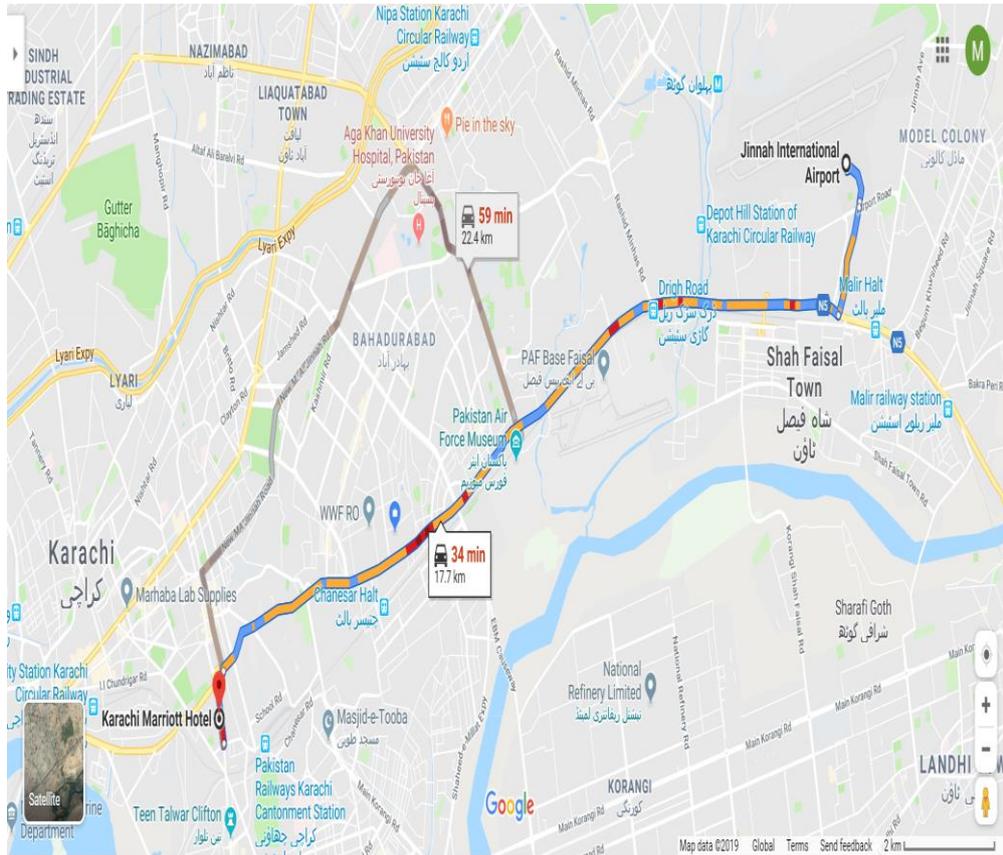
Information on tourism and other issues can also be found at the following websites:

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Karachi>

https://www.tripadvisor.com/Tourism-g295414-Karachi_Sindh_Province-Vacations.html

<https://theculturetrip.com/asia/pakistan/articles/20-must-visit-attractions-in-karachi-pakistan/>

Route Map from Airport to Hotel:



Additional information regarding the venue or the logistics of the event can be requested from the IOTC Secretariat or directly from **Mr. Farhan Khan; Assistant Fisheries Development Commissioner; Email: farhankhan704@gmail.com , Cell: +92 332 5124153.**