

**WORKSHOP ON  
THE ROLE OF CLIMATE INFORMATION AND SERVICES  
IN THE ACTIONS AND DECISION MAKING  
RELATED TO CLIMATE CHANGE  
&  
REGIONAL CONSULTATIONS ON CLIMATE SERVICES  
IN THE ARAB REGION  
04-06 October 2016, CASABLANCA, MOROCCO**



## Information Note for Participants

### 1. Venue and Dates

The workshop will be held in Casablanca, from 04 to 06 at “**Hotel Novotel Casablanca City Center**” located at:

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Website : <http://www.novotel.com/fr/hotel-6572-novotel-casablanca-city-center/index.shtml>

### 2. Local Coordinator

The contact details of the local coordinator of the workshop are given below:

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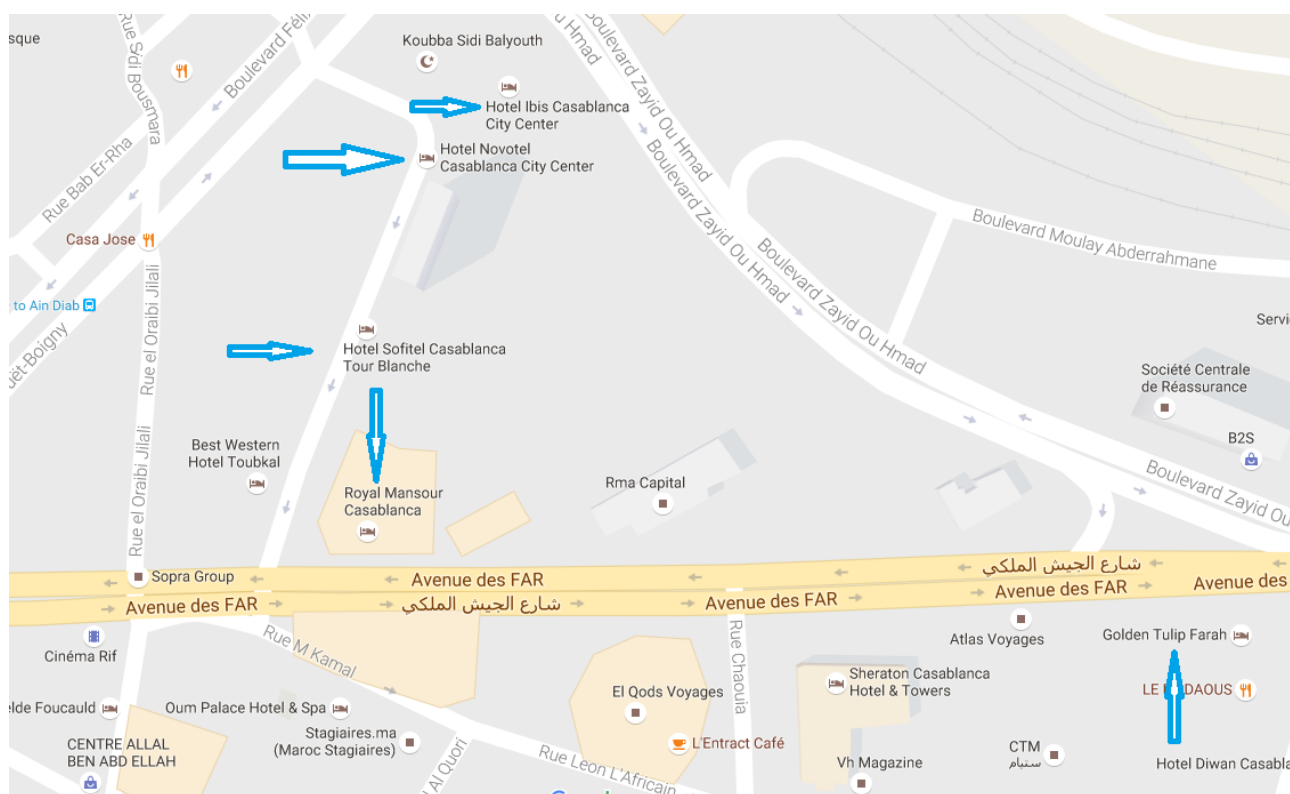
### 3. Accommodation

Participants, who are supported by WMO, will stay at the same hotel where the workshop will be held. Full board support is being provided by WMO, which will include accommodation, breakfast and lunches for the duration of the workshop. **They will also receive stipend of 500 Moroccan Dirhams MAD (approx. 50€) per day to cover out-of-pocket expenses.** As this amount will be paid to them in Morocco, it is recommended that participants take some money along to cover any unexpected expenses prior to receiving the stipend.

Participants, who are NOT financially supported by WMO, will be responsible for booking their own accommodation but they are encouraged to stay at the “**Hotel Novotel**”

**Casablanca City Center**” where the workshop will be held. A block reservation has been made at special rates **1280 MAD (approx. 120€)** for a single room per night with breakfast. In order to confirm their booking, participants should provide information about their arrival and departure date to the local coordinator: [m.d.elhachimi@gmail.com](mailto:m.d.elhachimi@gmail.com), as early as possible but preferably **before 16 September 2016**. In case of participants prefer to stay in other Hotels; here is a list of hotels close to **“Hotel Novotel Casablanca City Center”**:

- Sofitel Casablanca Tour Blanche : <http://www.sofitel.com/fr/hotel-6811-sofitel-casablanca-tour-blanche/index.shtml>
- Golden Tulip Farah Hotel: <http://www.goldentulipfarahcasablanca.com/>
- Sheraton Casablanca Hotel & Towers: <http://www.sheratoncasablanca.com/fr>
- Hotel Ibis Casablanca City Center: <http://www.accorhotels.com/fr/hotel-6573-ibis-casablanca-city-center/index.shtml>



Also, Participants, who are NOT financially supported by WMO, will pay the tree day seminar (approx. 180€) at their arrival at the **“Hotel Novotel Casablanca City Center”** which include lunches.

#### 4. International Travel Support

The travel expenses and procedures are taken in charge by WMO for participants who are supported by WMO; participants are asked to coordinate with the local coordinator their flight itinerary.

#### 5. Entry Visa for Morocco

It is recommended that international participants start the process for getting an entry visa for Morocco, if it is required. The local organizer in Casablanca can be contacted at

[m.d.elhachimi@gmail.com](mailto:m.d.elhachimi@gmail.com) in case of any questions regarding visas. For more information please visit: [http://www.consulat.ma/an/prestation.cfm?gr\\_id=72](http://www.consulat.ma/an/prestation.cfm?gr_id=72)  
 Below table shows the countries whose nationals are exempted from visa:

Algeria	Bulgaria	Estonia	Hong Kong SAR (for a period of thirty days)	Luxembourg	Peru	Slovakia
Germany	Canada	UAE	Indonesia	Mali	Poland	Slovenia
Andorra	Chile	USA	Ireland	Malta	Philippines	suede
Saudi Arabia	Cyprus	Russian Federation	Iceland	Mexico	Portugal	Switzerland
Argentina	Congo (Brazzaville)	Finland	Italy	Monaco	Puerto Rico	Czech Republic
Australia	South Korea	France	Japan	Niger	Qatar	Tunisia
Austria	Côte d'Ivoire	Gabon	Kuwait	Norway	Romania	Turkey
Bahrain	Croatia	Greece	Latvia	new Zealand	UK	Venezuela
Belgium	Denmark	Guinea	Liechtenstein	Oman	Senegal	
Brazil	Spain	Hungary	Lithuania	Netherlands	Singapore (for a period of thirty days)	

**Participants, who do not have the Moroccan embassy or consulate in their country, should contact the local organizer to assist him to have a visa on arrival. Note that this kind of request has to be done at least 2 weeks before the arrival of participant.**

## 6. Transportation Between Airport and the Hotel

The participants will take charge of their local transportation expenses between airport and the hotel.

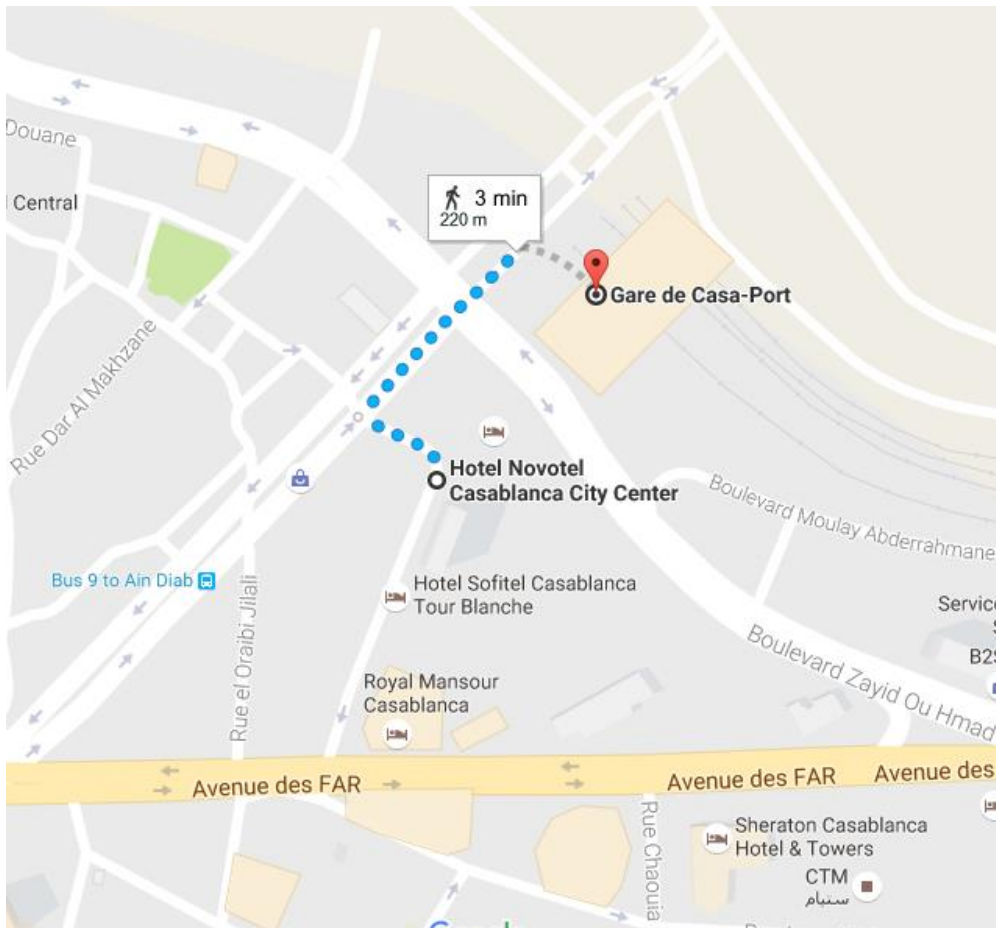
### From the Airport to the Casa-Port Station

All international participants are expected to arrive at the Mohammed V International Airport in Casablanca. To get from the airport (**AEROPORT Med V**) into Casablanca, take the train to Casa-Port Station. A second class ticket from the airport to Casa Oasis Station costs 43 Dirhams (approx. 4€) and a first class ticket 64 Dirhams (approx. 6€). Trains depart hourly from 3:00 AM to **10:00 PM**. For more information and timetable please visit: <http://www.oncf.ma/PrixEtReservation>

### From the Casa-Port Station to the Hotel

When you get off the train at Casa-Port Station, the “**Hotel Novotel Casablanca City Center**” is not far from Casa-Port station (200 meters), if you want to take a **Red Taxi** to the hotel; the ride costs about 20 Dirhams (200 meters, approx. 2€). Please agree on the fare with your driver before you begin the journey.

**Please note that participants can take one of big taxis parked in front of the exit of the airport to go directly to the hotel. The price of the taxi is 300MAD (30 Euros).**



## 7. Currency Exchange

The official currency of Morocco is the Moroccan Dirham, denoted as MAD or Dhs. The Moroccan Dirham is composed of 100 centimes; notes are available in denominations of (Dhs) 200, 100, 50, 25, and 20, all in new and old varieties and coins are available in denominations of (Dhs) 10, 5, 2 and 1, or 50, 20, 10 and 5 centimes. There are several types of 10 and 5 Dirham coins in circulation. Below are the approximate exchange rates for Euro and US Dollars.

1 USD = 9.80 Dhs
1 EUR = 10.80 Dhs

## 8. Climate

The mean conditions in Casablanca in October are as follows:

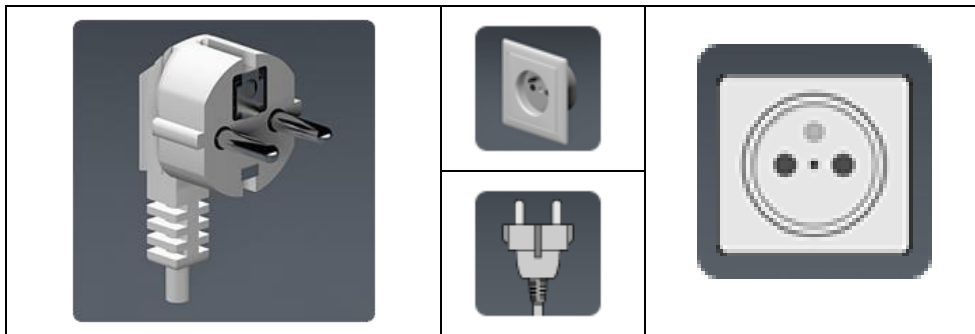
Max Daytime Temperature °C	: 21°C (70°F)
Min Night-time Temperature °C	: 11°C (52°F)
Hours of Sunshine (Daily)	: 6 Hours per day
Hours of Daylight (Daily)	: 10 Hours per day
Days with some Rainfall	: 9 Days
Monthly Rainfall (mm)	: 52 mm
Sea Temperature (°C)	: 19°C (68°F)

## 9. Time Zone

In October, there will be no time difference between local time in Casablanca and the Greenwich Mean Time (GMT)

## 10. Voltage

The voltage in morocco is 220-240V and the plug shape is French type, illustrated below. If your appliances plug has a different shape, you may need a plug adapter.



## 11. Emergency Contact Person

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