

## Delegate Information

### 1. Meeting Venue

The Symposium will take place on 18 and 19 September 2006 in the Al Multaqa Ballroom at the Dubai International Convention and Exhibition Centre, which is located at the heart of Dubai's business centre on Sheikh Zayed Road, a ten-minute drive from Dubai International Airport (website: [www.dicc.ae](http://www.dicc.ae)).

### 2. Registration of Delegates

All participants are required to register in order to have access to the Symposium. Pre-registration is encouraged and can be easily completed online. To register, please check the [Registration Folder](#) for details

### 3. Passport and Visa Entry Requirements

Nationals from the following States do not require a visa to enter Dubai as they can obtain the entry permit upon arrival:

**Gulf Cooperation Council States:** Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia

**Asia/Pacific:** Australia, Brunei, Hong Kong SAR of China, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand, Singapore, Republic of Korea

**Europe:** Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, San Marino, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom and the Vatican

**North America:** Canada, United States

For all other citizens, a visa must be obtained prior to arrival in the United Arab Emirates. Once you have booked your hotel accommodation, your hotel will send you a visa application form and confirmation of the application processing fees. The visa rates applicable are between AED 180 to AED 340 depending on the processing time (Normal process or Urgent process). Please note that these fees are non-refundable. Please allow 7-10 working days in order to process a visa (**note** that Thursdays and Fridays are the public holidays in the UAE). To obtain your visa, you must provide the following documents: a clear photocopy of your passport, a visa form duly completed and signed and a photocopy of the front and back of a valid credit card. Keep in mind that your passport must be valid at least six months beyond your intended stay.

The information given above is subject to change without prior notice. For up-to-date information on visa requirements, please visit the UAE Department of Naturalization and Residency website: [www.dnrd.gov.ae/dnrd/VisitVisaInformationEng.htm](http://www.dnrd.gov.ae/dnrd/VisitVisaInformationEng.htm) or contact the UAE Embassy or its representation in your country for further details. Please note that as per Dubai Immigration policy, the hotel will require a guarantee of AED 5000 in order to process your visa. This amount will not be debited from your account, but pre authorised.



#### 4. **Hotels**

Dubai is a busy cosmopolitan city, which caters to many international events all year around. Delegates are therefore strongly recommended to book their accommodations as early as possible. The Dubai Congress Management (DCM), which provides conference services, will handle all hotel arrangements for the ICAO event and has secured rooms in a variety of hotels with special rates for the Symposium participants. Please check the [Hotel Info folder](#) for details regarding hotels and rates, and booking procedure.

#### 5. **Additional information**

##### 5.1 **Business Hours**

Banks are usually open Saturday to Thursday, 08.00 to 13.00 hours and are closed on Fridays. Shopping centres are open Saturday to Thursday from 10.00 hours to 20.00 hours and on Fridays, the larger shopping centres are normally open from 16.00 hours to 22.00 hours.

##### 5.2 **Climate**

The UAE has a sub-tropical climate with sunny, hot and dry weather most of the year. Temperatures range from a low of 28 °C (84 °F) to a high of 39 °C (103 °F) in September.

##### 5.3 **Credit Cards**

Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Diners Club are generally accepted in hotels and larger stores but some retailers offer better bargains for cash.

##### 5.4 **Currency**

The UAE Dirham (AED or Dhs) is made up of 100 fils. Coins are in denominations of AED 1, 50 fils, 25 fils, 10 fils and 5 fils. Notes are in denominations of AED 5, 10, 50, 100, 200, 500 and 1000. The Dirham is fully convertible and is pegged to the US dollar at a current exchange rate of US 1.00 = AED 3.67.

##### 5.5 **Communications**

Global links, including GSM mobile telephones, pagers and internet service are world-class and inexpensive. Local and foreign television, radio, newspapers, magazines and books are readily available.

##### 5.6 **Dress Code**

No restrictions are imposed on visitors but modest dress is recommended in public places. Beachwear is acceptable at beach clubs and hotel pools.

##### 5.7 **Electricity**

The electricity is 220/230 volts A/C and most sockets are three-pin. Although adaptors are available in most hotels, you may want to purchase one at your departure airport.



#### 5.8 Health

No specific vaccinations are required to enter the country however it would be wise to check beforehand if you are travelling from a health-risk area.

#### 5.9 Language

Although Arabic is the official language, English is widely spoken.

#### 5.10 Liquor

Alcohol is freely available in hotels, clubs, restaurants and bars; however, many restaurants outside hotels do not have a licence to serve alcoholic beverages.

#### 5.11 Safety

The UAE is considered to be one of the safest places in the world to visit with a very crime low. It is, however, advisable to take out travel insurance and to take the normal precautions to safeguard yourself and your valuables.

#### 5.12 Transportation

Taxis in Dubai are easily available. They are metered and are a popular and inexpensive way to get around Dubai. Many hotels provide regular shuttles buses that follow set routes around the city. Hiring a car is also easy as European and international driving licences are accepted by most car-hire companies.

#### 5.13 Time

The local time in Dubai is GMT + 4 hours. The time does not change in the summer.

#### 5.14 Tipping

Tipping practices are similar to most parts of the world. Where no service charge is included, it is customary to leave 10% as a tip to the service staff.

#### 5.15 Useful Telephone Numbers

Country dialing code:	+971
Dubai area code:	(0) 4
Fire:	997
Ambulance:	998
Police:	999

#### 5.16 Water

Tap water is considered safe to use; however, you may prefer the taste of bottled water.

