

COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS**21st meeting**

Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

7 – 8 November 2025

INFORMATION NOTE**1. Venue and Schedule**

The twenty-first meeting of the Committee on Statistics will be held in the framework of the [26th session of the UN Tourism General Assembly](#), in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia from 7 to 8 November 2025.

2. Online registration and accreditation badges

Registration will be carried out online until 13 October 2025. The registration form is available on the UN Tourism website: <https://www.unwto.org/general-assembly-twenty-sixth-session-home>.

The online registration platform will be collecting all necessary information regarding the participation in the conference, visa information and technical visits. Accreditations are issued to specific individuals and are not transferable. Participants should always keep their accreditations and ID with them during their stay in Riyadh.

In order to collect their accreditation, participants must have received a registration confirmation e-mail.

3. Transfers

Participants will be provided with transportation upon arrival and departure between the airport and the main hotels, the venue and other designated locations within the agenda during the event. Airport transportation services will be provided up to one day before and one day after the end of the Meeting.

To enable the authorities to properly organize the welcome and shuttle services, participants must complete and submit the online registration form indicating their arrival and departure flight information and their accommodation details, before 13 October 2025.

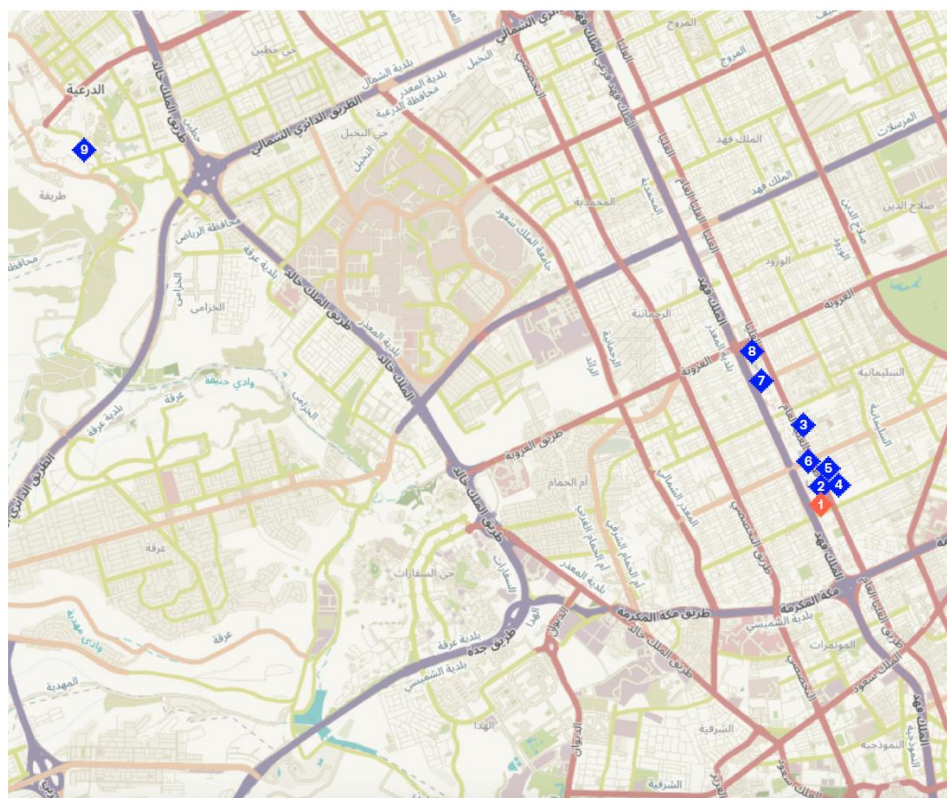
A detailed schedule of shuttle services for local transportation will be provided in due course and will be available in the official hotels.

Local transportation of participants will be provided between King Khalid International Airport and the hotels indicated below.

4. Accommodation - List of hotels

Participants are responsible for booking their accommodation in Riyadh. Below are suggested hotels.

Hotel	Room Type	Rate per night (including breakfast and taxes)	Booking contact	Distance from the venue	Booking link
Mandarin Oriental ★★★★★	Superior Room	7,000 SAR	Rashid altuwaijri 0536041171 raltweijri@mohg.com	Venue	Luxury 5 Star Hotels & Resorts Worldwide Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group
Rio Hotel Olaya ★★★★	Single room	657 SAR	Mohsen Abdul Hafez 0533964455 sales@riohotel.sa	700 m	-
Narcissus The Royal ★★★★★	Single room	1700 SAR	Ali alhumaid 0583583300 op.sales@boudl.com	1.4 Km	Boudl use GA code
Boudl Olaya ★★★	Standard room	581 SAR	Ali alhumaid 0583583300 op.sales@boudl.com	1.4 Km	Boudl use GA code
Rosh Rayhaan by Rotana ★★★★	Superior room	1,964 SAR	Wael Idrees 0594495929 wael.idris@rotana.com	1.5 Km	-
Narcissus Riyadh Hotel ★★★★★	Classic room	1200 SAR	Ali alhumaid 0583583300 op.sales@boudl.com	1.8 Km	Boudl use GA code
Novotel Alanoud ★★★★	Single room	1,068.04 SAR	Meshal Alkhlaqi 0545210764 Meshal.alkhlaqi@accor.com	2.4 Km	-
Four Seasons, Riyadh ★★★★★	Premium room	4,226.25 SAR Abdulmohsen	Abdulmohsen Alsukaybi 0507117945 abdulmohsen.alsukaybi@fourseasons.com	2.5 km	Riyadh Hotel Suites & Luxury Rooms Four Seasons Hotel Riyadh
Bab Samhan, a Luxury Collection Hotel, Diriyah ★★★★★	Seffah guest room	2,000 SAR	Abdulkareem Alabdulkriem 0504986665 Abdulkareem.asaad@luxurycollection.com	32 km	Reservation-Link



1. Mandarin Oriental
★★★★★
(Event venue)
2. Rio Hotel Olaya
★★★★
3. Rosh Rayhaan by Rotana
★★★★
4. Narcissus The Royal
★★★★★
5. Boudl Olaya
★★★
6. Narcissus Riyadh Hotel
★★★★★
7. Novotel Alanoud
★★★★
8. Four Seasons, Riyadh
★★★★★
9. Bab Samhan, a Luxury Collection Hotel, Diriyah
★★★★★

5. Working languages

The working language of the meeting will be English.

6. Working documents

In light of the United Nations mandate to promote sustainability, UN Tourism is strengthening its efforts towards environmental sustainability by implementing paperless events and conferences. Participants are kindly requested to take note that the working documents will not be distributed on paper at the venue of the event. Participants are encouraged to bring their own electronic devices to access the working documents during the session. All the documents will be posted online at the event website: https://www.unwto.org/events/21st_meeting_committee_statistics

7. Flights

Participants are responsible for their international travel to and from Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

Further information regarding King Khaled International Airport in Riyadh is available [in the website](#).

8. Entry formalities

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia will grant free visas to all delegates attending the 21st meeting of the Committee on Statistics.

Saudi Arabia will issue electronic visas to each registered and approved participant by UN Tourism. Visas will be sent to participants via email and should be requested through the following link: [Visa registration link](#).

Accurate and valid registration information including names as appear on passport, email addresses, mobile phone numbers, and clear headshots are required for visa issuance. Please note that passports must be valid for at least six months prior to the visit.

The last day to submit application for visa is **30 October** 2025. For any enquiries about visas, please contact:

Saudi Arabia

GA2025@mt.gov.sa

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9. [Safety and security](#)

Emergency numbers

Medical emergencies (Ambulances): 911 Police: 911

Health care service

Medical and emergency services will be provided to registered delegates who require assistance at Event venue. Below are healthcare services information and locations in Riyadh

SMC Hospitals King Fahd Road

King Fahd Rd, Al Olaya, Riyadh 12311

+966 114343800

Dr Sulaiman Al Habib Medical Center- DQ

7163 Altawqi St, Al Safarat, 3595, Riyadh 12511

+966 112444444

Dr Sulaiman Al Habib Hospital Al Takhassousi

Al Takhassousi, Ar Rahmaniyyah, Riyadh 12344

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10. [Practical information](#)

Official language: Arabic is the official language of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. English serves as an informal second language in the Kingdom and is spoken by a large section of its society.

Local time: The official time in Saudi Arabia is GMT + 3 hours

Local & international phone calls:

- The international country code for Saudi Arabia is: +966
- To make a local phone call to a Saudi mobile, dial 05 followed by the 8-digit number.

Country: Saudi Arabia

Capital: Riyadh

Largest cities: Riyadh

About (City): Riyadh combines ancient history with modern dynamism, offering a glimpse into Arabia's past and future. Explore the city's rich heritage through souqs, museums, and historical architecture, and experience its modern side with high-rises and a thriving art scene, highlighted by the Riyadh Art initiative that turns the city into an open-air gallery.

Weather: The average maximum temperature is 27°C and the average low is 15°C.

Local currency and exchange rates: Saudi Arabian Riyal (SAR)

Electricity: Electrical sockets in Saudi Arabia usually supply electricity at ((127/220)) volts AC. Electrical plug is type G.

Credit cards, shopping and tipping: Debit and credit cards are accepted across and there are ATMs throughout the city, and in the vast majority of establishments it will be possible to pay for goods and services with a credit card. Credit card, such as Visa, MasterCard and American Express are accepted throughout the kingdom. ATMs are also widely available.

Saudi Arabia imposes an indirect tax of 15% (VAT) on all goods and services purchased and sold by enterprises.

The concept of tipping is directly related to customer satisfaction regarding the treatment received. Tipping continues to be considered in its original meaning as being "voluntary" and at the discretion of the consumer.

Currency and banking: The currency in Saudi Arabia is the Saudi Riyal (SAR). Authorized money changers are available at the airport and near the Event venue. Delegates can also withdraw SAR through Automated Teller Machines (ATMs). Major credit cards are widely accepted in most hotels, restaurants, and stores. ATMs are also widely available in Riyadh.

11. Tourism information

[Saudi Tourism Authority](#)

[Official Saudi Arabian tourism website](#)

More information please see the [information note](#) of the 26th session of the UN Tourism General Assembly