

**UN Tourism Regional Commission for the Middle East**  
Fifty-second Meeting  
Kuwait, State of Kuwait, 10-12 February, 2026

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**52<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the UN TOURISM REGIONAL COMMISSION FOR THE MIDDLE EAST  
and the CONFERENCE on  
"PROMOTING TOURISM THROUGH ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE"**

10-12 February 2026, Kuwait, State of Kuwait

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## I. Venue and Date

1. At the kind invitation of the Government of the State of Kuwait, represented by the Ministry of Information and Culture, the Fifty-Second Meeting of the UN Tourism Regional Commission for the Middle East will be held in Kuwait, State of Kuwait, in conjunction with the Conference on “Promoting Tourism through Artificial Intelligence”, from 10 to 12 February 2026.
2. The Regional Commission Meeting and the Conference will be held at:

**Grand Hyatt Kuwait**  
360 Mall, Jassem Mohammad Al-Kharafi Rd,  
Zahra 47451, Kuwait  
**Telephone: [+965 2221 1234](tel:+96522211234)**

## II. Online Registration

Participants at the 52<sup>nd</sup> UN TOURISM Regional Commission for the Middle East Meeting and the Conference are kindly requested to complete the online registration, by January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at the latest, at this [link](#). Code of registration [#52CME\\_Kuwait](#)

## III. Submission of credentials and identification papers

With a view to ensuring a smooth verification process, the Members of the Regional Commission are kindly requested to submit their credentials electronically to the Secretariat no later than ten days before the opening of the session (31<sup>st</sup> January 2026).

The originals must be submitted at least one day before the opening of the Commission session.

Only credentials from Heads of State or Prime Ministers, Ministers of Foreign Affairs or Ministers responsible for tourism of the respective State or his/her equivalent will be regarded as valid credentials. Only formal letters or faxes bearing the signature of the competent authority are considered valid. (See model credentials letter in the Annex.)

Only duly accredited delegates shall be authorized to exercise the right to vote and to take the floor at the meeting of the Regional Commission.

## IV. Status of Participation and Reception

1. The Government of the State of Kuwait will take the necessary measures to facilitate the arrival, stay and departure of the participants invited by the Organization. Throughout their stay, participants invited by the Organization will benefit from the privileges and immunities provided for in the Agreement concluded between the Organization and the Ministry of Information and Culture.
2. The Kuwaiti Authorities will organize the reception of participants at **Kuwait International Airport** and will facilitate the free transfer of delegates on arrival and on departure between the airport, the selected hotels and the venue of the meetings.

## Travel protocols:

There are no current health protocols for entry into the State of Kuwait in place, and you can contact the following e-mails [52CME@media.gov.kw](mailto:52CME@media.gov.kw), Ministry of Information and Culture) for any inquiries or assistance.

## V. Accommodation and Transportation

3. The Ministry of Information and Culture of the State of Kuwait will cover the cost of the accommodation for the participants from the Middle East Member States (head of delegation + 2) at Grand Hyatt Kuwait Hotel. Delegates are invited to confirm their participation in person and provide the names of the participants in order to make the required reservations.
4. A list, below, of hotels that provide special rates for participants at these meetings. Delegates are invited to directly contact the hotels for reservations, indicating that they will participate in the 52<sup>nd</sup> meeting of UN TOURISM Regional Commission for the Middle East and/or in the Conference on "Promoting Tourism through Artificial Intelligence".
5. Delegations participating as (Organizations) will bear the cost of their own travel and accommodation.

1	Grand Hyatt Kuwait Five Stars Hotel	360 Mall Extension, 6th Ring Road, Al Zahra, Block 7	Ahmed Ben Temellist E: <a href="mailto:ahmed.bentemellist@hyatt.com">ahmed.bentemellist@hyatt.com</a> M: +965 5651 0066	Grand Room Single (45 sqm): 110 KD (breakfast included)
				Grand Room Double (45 sqm): 121 KD (breakfast included)
				Junior Suite (70 sqm): 224 KD (breakfast included)
				Grand Suite (105 sqm): 402 KD (breakfast included)
2	Waldorf Astoria Five Stars Hotel	Avenues Mall Alrai Area	E: <a href="mailto:Reservations.Kuwait@waldorf.com">Reservations.Kuwait@waldorf.com</a> M: +96524774444	Single Room: 189 KD (breakfast included)
				Double Room: 200 KD (breakfast included)
				Single Room: 368 KD (breakfast included)
3	Crown Plaza By IHG Five Stars Hotel	Farwaniya Airport road	Mohamed Mouneir E: <a href="mailto:Mohamed.Mouneir@ihg.com">Mohamed.Mouneir@ihg.com</a> M: +965 96961382	Single Room: 45 KD (breakfast included)
				Double Room: 55 KD (breakfast included)
				Executive Suite Single: 90 KD (breakfast included)
				Diplomatic Suite Single: 110 KD (breakfast included)
4	JW Marriott Five Stars Hotel	Kuwait City Alshuhada Street	Habib Almasri E: <a href="mailto:Habib.Almasri@Marriott.com">Habib.Almasri@Marriott.com</a> M: +96599136371	Deluxe Room Single: 100 KD (breakfast included)
				Deluxe Room Double: 110 KD (breakfast included)

5	Hilton Garden Inn Four Stars Hotel	Avenus Mall Alrai Area Mutlaq Abbas Munawer Road	Ashraf Lotfy E: <a href="mailto:ashraf.lotfy@hilton.com">ashraf.lotfy@hilton.com</a> M: +965 94146476	Single Room (32 sqm): 65.550 KD (breakfast included)
				Double Room(32sqm): 71.300 KD (breakfast included)
				Single One Bedroom Suite (64 sqm): 105.800 KD(breakfast included)
				Double One Bedroom Suite (64 sqm): 111.550 KD(breakfast included)
6	Holiday Inn by IHG Four Stars Hotel	Althuraya City  Farawaniya Block 6 Kw	Mohamed Mounair E: <a href="mailto:Mohamed.Mounair@ihg.com">Mohamed.Mounair@ihg.com</a> M: +965 96961382	Single Room : 38 KD (breakfast included)
				Double Room : 48 KD (breakfast included)
				Executive Suite single : 80 KD (breakfast included)
				Ambassador Suite Single: 110 KD (breakfast included)
				Khaleje Suite Single: 120 Kd
7	Millennium Central Downtown Four Stars Hotel	Kuwait City Buliding 47 Abdullah Alahmed street	Husein Albana E: <a href="mailto:Hussein.Mohamed@millenniumhotels.com">Hussein.Mohamed@millenniumhotels.com</a> M: +96560097743	Single Room: 35 KD (breakfast included)
				Double Room: 45 KD (breakfast included)
				Junior Suite: 60 KD (breakfast included)
8	Courtyard Marriott Alraya Four Stars Hotel	Kuwait City Alshuhada Street	Habib Almasri E: <a href="mailto:HabibAlmasri@Marriott.com">HabibAlmasri@Marriott.com</a> M: +96599136371	Diplomatic Suite Single: 105 KD (breakfast included)
				Diplomatic Suite Double: 115 KD (breakfast included)
9	Residence Inn By Marriott Three Stars Hotel	Kuwait city Abdullah Saleh Almulla Street	Habib Almasri E: <a href="mailto:HabibAlmasri@Marriott.com">HabibAlmasri@Marriott.com</a> M: +96599136371	Studio Suite Single: 70 KD (breakfast included)
				Studio Suite Double: 70 KD (breakfast included)

## VI. Entry Formalities

- Delegates are requested to contact diplomatic or consular missions of the State of Kuwait in their countries to obtain an entry visa.

The entry visa will be issued upon arrival after submitting an official letter with the details of the participating delegation, however, participants are strongly advised to submit a copy of passports, a personal photo with a white background and a notification of the date of arrival in the State of Kuwait, and send the required documents to the following email : [52CME@media.gov.kw](mailto:52CME@media.gov.kw)– the Ministry of Information and Culture) no later than the deadline of January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

8. Delegates from countries that has no Kuwaiti diplomatic mission are requested to contact the Ministry of Information and Culture on the following email: [52CME@media.gov.kw](mailto:52CME@media.gov.kw) and the UN TOURISM Regional Department for the Middle East ([rdme@unwto.org](mailto:rdme@unwto.org)) sufficiently in advance, by 20 January 2026 at the latest, indicating all the necessary information below, in order to enable the authorities of the State of Kuwait to take the necessary measures in this respect:

Name and surname	Number and type of passport
Nationality	Validity of passport (no less than 6 months)
Place and date of birth	Travel information (date, time and flight number)

#### Contact details of the organizing Committee

UN Tourism	Ministry of Information and Culture
Regional Department for the Middle East E-mail: <a href="mailto:rdme@unwto.org">rdme@unwto.org</a>	Tourism Sector E-mail: <a href="mailto:52CME@media.gov.kw">52CME@media.gov.kw</a>

### VII. Registration and Badges

9. A registration desk will be open at **Grand Hyatt Kuwait Hotel** on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00p.m. and on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2026 from 8.00 to 9.00 a.m. Badges will be issued at the time of registration. Participants are requested to wear their identification badges in the area reserved for the meetings, as well as at all social events.

### VIII. Working Languages

10. The working languages of the meetings are Arabic and English. A simultaneous interpretation service will be provided.

### IX. Social Programme

11. The tentative Social Programme is attached as Annex I.

## X. Practical Information

12. **Local Currency and exchange rates:** The local currency is the Kuwaiti Dinar. The applicable exchange rate in January 2026 is approximately 1 Kuwaiti Dinar for 2.77 Euros and 1 Kuwaiti Dinar for 3.25 USD.
13. **Weather:** Kuwait enjoys sunny days in February. The average maximum temperature is 20°C and the average low is 11°C.
14. **Official language:** The official language of the State of Kuwait is Arabic. English is also widely spoken especially in hotels and banks.
15. **Kuwait Time Zone:** The official time in Kuwait is GMT +3 hours
16. **Electricity:** The electrical sockets (outlets) in Kuwait usually supply electricity at 240 volts AC (UK three pin socket).

**Important note:** In compliance with the United Nations system's environmental protection policy, the working documents **will not be distributed on paper** at the venue of the event. Therefore, **delegates are requested to bring with them copies of the documents sent to them by email before the meetings.**

**Annex I**  
**Provisional Social Programme**

**Monday: 9 February 2026**

Time	
10:00- 18:00	Arrival of delegations and registration

**Tuesday: 10 February 2026**

Time	
08:00- 09:00	Registration
10:00	Opening of the 52 <sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the UN Tourism Regional Commission for the Middle East (Grand Hyatt Kuwait Hotel)
14:00	Lunch
16:00	Tour (TBC)

**Wednesday, 11 February 2026**

Time	
09:00-10:30	Registration
10:00	“Promoting Tourism through Artificial Intelligence” Conference, Grand Hyatt Kuwait Hotel
16:00	Tour (TBC)
20:00	Gala Dinner “Kuwait, Capital of Arab Media and Culture”, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed Cultural Centre

**Thursday, 12 February 2026**

Time	
14:30	Tour (TBC)

**Annex II: Model credentials letter<sup>1</sup>**

**Standard format letter**

*Official letter-headed paper<sup>2</sup>*

**Credentials**

I, the undersigned, (name and full title of the competent authority<sup>3</sup>), hereby attest that the Government of (name of country) has authorized the following delegate to represent it at the 52nd session of the Regional Commission for the Middle East of the World Tourism Organization (UN Tourism), to be held on 10-12 February 2026 in Kuwait, State of Kuwait:

Delegate: (name and full title)

[Alternate(s)<sup>4</sup>]: (*name and full title*)

Done at (*name of city*), on (*date*)

Name, full title, and signature

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<sup>1</sup> It should be pointed out that only formal letters or faxes bearing the signature of the competent authority are considered valid credentials. Further, credentials can be accepted only if written in any of the working languages of the General Assembly or if an appropriate translation is attached.

<sup>2</sup> Including official logo of the Ministry.

<sup>3</sup> Please note that only credentials from Heads of State or Prime Ministers, Ministers of Foreign Affairs or Ministers responsible for tourism of the respective State or his/her equivalent are regarded as valid.

<sup>4</sup> Rule 31 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council stipulates: "The delegation of each Full Member of the Council shall consist of one delegate, who may be accompanied by one or more advisers entitled to act as alternates."