



## GENERAL AND COVID-19 INFORMATION NOTE

Less than 30 days to go – Aquaculture Africa Conference (AFRAQ21): 25-28 March 2022, Bibliotheca Alexandrina, Alexandria, Egypt.

### **REGISTRATION:**

We hope most of you have registered and presenters have submitted their abstracts. Everyone MUST register online in order for us to capture badge details. Payment on site is accepted for those who are unable to pay online. To register online visit:

<https://www.was.org/Meeting/Registration/Submit/AFRAQ20>. Advance registration has closed on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022. Late registrations are still being accepted.

Exhibitors please add the names for your staff online – use the same link as the booth registration.

### **TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS:**

#### **1. Egypt visa application**

It is your responsibility to secure your visa to travel to Egypt, if needed. Check the visa eligibility and application requirements at your local or designated Egyptian Embassy/Consular service. If registered to attend AFRAQ21 and require an official letter of invitation from AFRAQ21 hosting parties for visa application, please urgently contact the WAS AC Secretariat: [africanchapter@was.org](mailto:africanchapter@was.org).

Participants from some countries may require additional letters of accreditation from Egypt Foreign Affairs Authorities to expedite their visa processing. The Conference Organising Committee is engaging with the Egyptian authorities hoping to get these letters send directly to the concerned Consulars/Embassies as soon as possible.

#### **2. Flights to Egypt**

Make sure you book your flights early. Depending with your itinerary arrangements, you may choose to land directly into Alexandria (Borg El Arab International Airport <https://borg-el-arab.airport-authority.com/flights>) or Cairo International Airport – where you may then proceed to Alexandria via connecting flight, road and rail.

#### **3. Airport shuttles and ground transportation**

We have arranged discounted fares for airport shuttles for conference attendees with an agent, **A-Travel Company**. They will be based at both Cairo and Alexandria Airport. You can also visit <https://was.org/meeting/pdf/AFRAQ21Limousine.pdf> for more information. For bookings and inquiries, please send an email directly to [Samar.sami@atavel-eg.com](mailto:Samar.sami@atavel-eg.com).

#### 4. Hotels and accommodation

It is your responsibility to secure your accommodation for the conference. Discounted accommodation has also been arranged through our agent, A-Travel Company:

<https://www.was.org/Meeting/pdf/AFRAQ21HotelsAlexandria.pdf>. For bookings and inquiries, please send an email directly to [Samar.sami@atavel-eg.com](mailto:Samar.sami@atavel-eg.com).

#### **COVID PROTOCOLS**

Please note that COVID protocols and measures are always subject to change on short notice. For general travel advice, please visit <https://www.egyptonlinevisa.com/travel-restrictions/#egypt-travel-advice>. Wherever possible, please consult with your travel agent.

- All arrivals into Egypt, including its citizens, must provide a negative PCR test taken within 72 hours of departure. The printed certificate must be written in either English or Arabic and be stamped by an accredited laboratory with a QR Code.
- All travellers must complete a Health Declaration Form: <https://getjet.aero/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Passenger-Declaration-Form-1.pdf> or given inflight by some airlines prior to arrival.
- Proof of Health Insurance is mandatory on arrival.
- Meanwhile, for entrance into public places (eg conferencing venues) **all must be fully vaccinated**. A vaccination certificate, with a QR Code showing the full vaccine course was completed at least 14 days before arrival is required.
- Other public COVID measures (eg wearing of masks, sanitisation, social distancing etc) apply at all public places
- At the Conference venue (Bibliotheca Alexandrina) **only fully vaccinated visitors are permitted entry**.
- Note that on the Opening day of the Conference (March 26<sup>th</sup>), an Antigen rapid test will be carried out to all visitors. This will take place at the entrance of the Bibliotheca Alexandrina.
- Regarding COVID tests for returning passengers, a local test laboratory has agreed to set up a testing centre at the Bibliotheca and conduct tests at your convenience. You can contact the Centre to book for your COVID test: **Mabarat El Asafra Laboratories** <http://www.mabaralabs.com/> or <https://www.facebook.com/Mabara.Labs/>.
- COVID test prices effective 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022 are as follows:
  - Normal PCR test (Receive the certificate with QR Code after 24 hr) = 600 EGP
  - Urgent PCR test (receive results/certificate with QR Code after 4 hr = 1200 EGP
  - Antigen rapid test (receive results after 30min) = 200 EGP
- Note that visitors from several African countries require **an International Certificate of Vaccination against Yellow Fever**. Check with your Embassy or Travel Agent or see list of countries on: [https://www.unodc.org/documents/treaties/UNCAC/COSP/session9/Health\\_Requirements\\_for\\_Entry\\_into\\_the\\_Arab\\_Republic\\_of\\_Egypt.docx\\_Update.pdf](https://www.unodc.org/documents/treaties/UNCAC/COSP/session9/Health_Requirements_for_Entry_into_the_Arab_Republic_of_Egypt.docx_Update.pdf)

Please contact your travel agent for further information on visiting Egypt.

We will update this Information Note as and when we receive new information/changes especially regarding COVID protocols. You can contact us for further information and clarifications

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