



## Information Note - Oman IBFWS Workshop

- **Background:**

In response to escalating natural hazards, the Oman IBFWS Workshop addresses the critical need for impactful forecasting and warning systems. Focusing on enhancing NMHSs' capacity, the workshop aims to integrate IBFWS into standard procedures and foster collaboration with stakeholders, promoting informed decision-making. By envisioning potential impacts of severe weather events, IBFWS equips decision-makers with timely, actionable information for safeguarding communities and resources. This workshop lays the groundwork for improved forecasting practices and resilient partnerships.

- **Location:**

Civil Aviation Authority Training Centre, Muscat, Sultanate of Oman

- **Date:**

05<sup>th</sup> - 09<sup>th</sup> November 2023

- **Recommendation for Accommodations:**

The participants could book in these hotels as there will be a transportation from the hotel to the venue available.

Hotel	Price/night
City Center Hotel	20 OMR
Holiday Inn AlSeeb Muscat, an IHG Hotel	41 OMR
<b>Mysk Al Mouj Hotel</b>	<b>40 OMR</b>
<b>Kempinski Hotel Muscat</b>	<b>75 OMR</b>

Please be aware that the **Mysk Al Mouj Hotel and Kempinski Hotel Muscat** offer special prices through CAA. If you're interested in booking a room at these hotels using our offer, please get in touch with us. To proceed, kindly provide the following documents:

- A copy of your passport.
- A copy of your ticket.



- **Transportation:**

**From the Airport:**

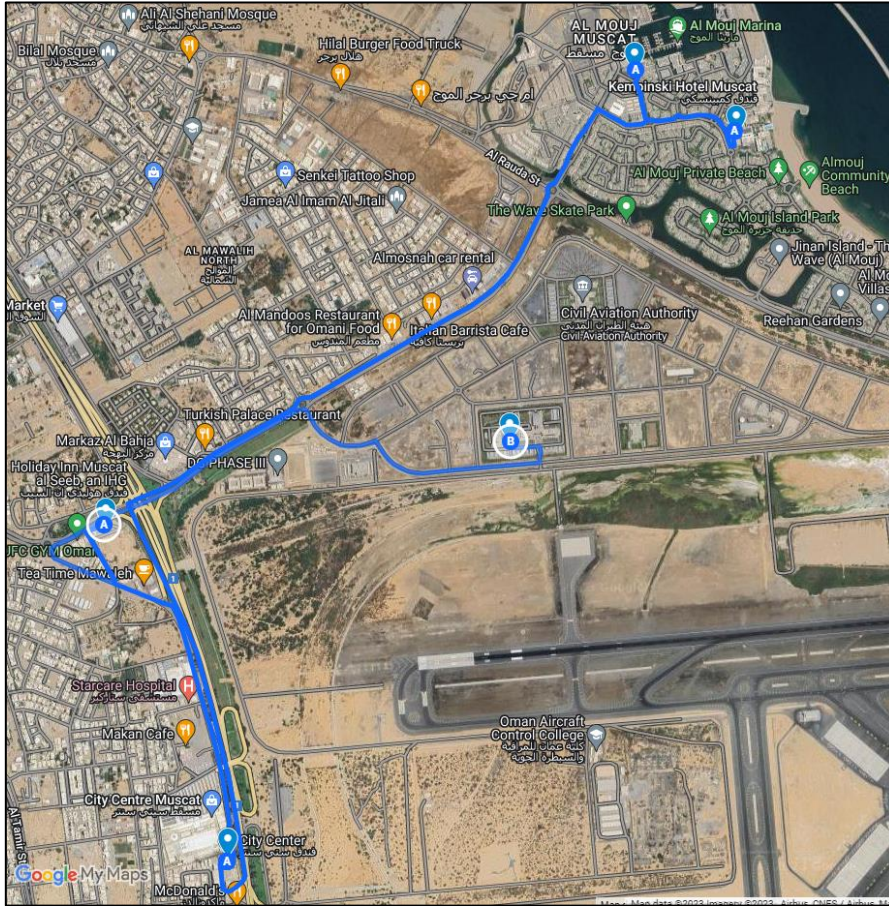
The following options are recommended for the transportation from the airport to the hotel:

Type of transportation	Booking Time	Estimated Price	Accessibility
Mwasalat (Taxi)	Advance or Arrival	5-7 OMR	Found at the airport taxi exit gate
OTAXI (Online Application)	Arrival	Starts from 1.5 OMR	Smart Phone Apps

Additionally, there are several cars rent companies at the Airport near the exit door of the arrivals.

**To the Workshop Venue**

A daily pick-up is provided to the workshop venue, which is located at the Training Centre of the Civil Aviation Authority, Al Seeb, Al Mouj Street (**Only for these hotels**).



The arrival and departure times and the route map are provided below:

Type of transportation	Arrival	Departure
Kempinski Hotel Muscat	7:15	7:20
Mysk Al Mouj Hotel	7:25	7:30
City Center Hotel	7:35	7:40
Holiday Inn AlSeeb Muscat, an IHG Hotel	7:55	8:00
Training Centre (Venue)	8:20	15:45

- Currency, Credit Cards, and Exchange:**

Major currencies are readily exchangeable in Oman. Muscat Airport provides money exchange services in both the Baggage Claim Area and Arrival Hall. ATMs at the airport



accept international credit and debit cards, although it's advisable to review your bank's regulations for global card use.

While hotels can exchange money, an additional fee may apply. Leading businesses including car rentals, shopping malls, and hotels accept major credit and debit cards such as Visa, MasterCard, and American Express.

Moreover, major credit cards find acceptance at various hotels, dining establishments, and shopping venues. Muscat boasts numerous ATMs for convenient access to funds. The official exchange rate is 1 USD = 0.39 OMR. For rates on other currencies, refer to electronic bulletin boards displayed in banks and money exchange offices.

- **Visa**

If you require a visa for your travel, we are ready to assist you. If you need our invitation letter to support your visa application, please let us know, and we will promptly provide it.

For those who wish to have us facilitate the visa application process, we kindly request that you submit the following documents to the focal point by the deadline of October 30, 2023:

- A passport-sized photo.
- A photocopy of your passport.

- **Telecommunication**

There are three Telecommunication companies in Oman. The visitors can get E-SIM or physical SIM at the airport. The table below shows the Tele companies

Company name	More information
Omantel	<a href="https://www.omantel.om/">https://www.omantel.om/</a>
Ooredoo (Oman)	<a href="https://www.ooredoo.om/">https://www.ooredoo.om/</a>
Vodafone	<a href="https://www.vodafone.om">https://www.vodafone.om</a>

- **Workshop Schedule:**

The sessions will commence promptly at 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM. A comprehensive timetable outlining the workshop's content will be made available within the classroom.

- **Dining and Refreshments:**

Participants will enjoy daily lunch thoughtfully provided by the Civil Aviation Authority. Additionally, two invigorating coffee breaks will be offered at the workshop venue.



After the workshop, we've arranged a fantastic Ship trip at Al Mouj where you can enjoy a beautiful Muscat sunset. The day will end with a delightful social dinner on Monday evening.

- **Participant Requirements:**

To fully engage in the practical session, participants are advised to bring their own laptops. This will enhance your hands-on experience during the workshop.

- **Additional Information:**

For your convenience, please note the following details about electrical arrangements:

**Plug & Socket Types:** Oman employs a voltage of 220 volts at 60 Hertz. You may encounter the usage of two or three-pin plugs, as illustrated.



- **Contact Information**

For inquiries and additional information, please direct your communication via email to the coordinator. In case of an emergency, please do not hesitate to contact:

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