



Regional Radiocommunication Seminar (RRS-17-Arab) Muscat, Sultanate of Oman, 10-14 December 2017

INFORMATION NOTE

1. VENUE OF THE SEMINAR

Grand Millennium Muscat

P.O. Box 157, P.C. 118

Muscat, Sultanate of Oman

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The Grand Millennium Muscat Hotel is centrally located in the business, government, and diplomatic district, with direct access to Muscat Grand Mall. Grand Millennium Muscat Oman is uniquely convenient. It is located 15-min from the Muscat International Airport.

2. COORDINATORS

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3. ACCOMMODATIONS AND HOTEL RESERVATIONS

TRA-Oman has secured special rates in the Grand Millennium Muscat Hotel and the hotels nearby, please see the details as attached in **Annex**. Delegates are kindly requested to contact the hotels directly using the contact details in Annex.

December is considered as the peak season and usually the hotels are fully booked during this period. Therefore, it is important that reservations are made as early as possible. There are 25 rooms reserved for the seminar guests with special rates for reservation made up to 16th November 2017. Afterwards received reservation requests will be subject to availability and rate change.

4. VISA FORMALITIES

All visitors need a valid passport, for at least six months beyond the end of your planned stay, and are urged to check their particular passport and visa requirements well in advance of travel. Visas are required by all nationals except for citizens of the Gulf Cooperation Council: Nationals of Bahrain, Kuwait, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates holding national identity cards.

Please make sure you are registered through your Focal Point before you begin your visa process. Once you are registered, the host will assist you with the visa formalities.

Further information: please consult the nearest Oman Embassy or High Commission, for those wishing to obtain visas on arrival, in order to avoid possible long delays at the airport.

It is recommended that all conference participants from outside the Gulf Cooperation Council countries send a photocopy of their valid passport with all information pages and a recent photograph with white background to the conference secretariat. We will apply for your NOC well in advance and lodge it at the airport for your arrival.

In case there is no Embassy or Consulate of Oman in your country, it is recommended to send, **at least three weeks before the seminar**, a clear scanned copy of your passport along with a recent photo with white background to the TRA-Oman Coordinator in order to assist in issuing your visa.

5. DETAILS OF ARRIVAL AND TRANSPORT

The Muscat International airport has all necessary amenities to welcome participants. It is located 15 minutes from the seminar venue. This airport is used for arrival and departure of international flights. The officially recommended hotels are located close to the training venue. For those who wish to take a taxi, it is strongly recommended that delegates only use the airport taxis. The cost of a journey of 10 kilometers is approximately cost 8/- OMR by Taximeter. For transportation from the hotels, other than the venue hotel, to the seminar venue and vice versa, hotel's taxis and other means like car rental are available, all borne by the participants.

6. ON-SITE REGISTRATION AND WORKING HOURS

The onsite registration of the participants will take place in the Training venue on 10th December 2017, at 08:00 hrs. The opening session will start at 08:30 am. Working hours are from 09:00 to 17:00

7. ABOUT OMAN

The Sultanate of Oman lies on the south east corner of the Arabian Peninsula latitudes 16° 40' and 26° 20' North and Longitudes 51° 50' and 59° 40' East. Its coast runs to a distance of 3165 Km from the Strait of Hormuz in the north to the borders of the Republic of Yemen in the south and overlooks three seas, the Arabian Gulf, Gulf of Oman and the Arabian Sea.

The Sultanate climate varies from one area to another. In the coastal areas we find a hot and humid weather in summer while it is hot and dry in the interior, expect for some high areas as the weather is moderate over the same year. In the southern area the weather is more moderate. Rain in Oman is scarce and irregular. However, sometimes heavy rainfall is also reported. Governorate of Dhofar is an exception, where heavy and regular rain is registered from June to October due to monsoon.

Muscat is the capital and considered the pulsating heart of Oman. It is linked to Port Sultan Qaboos by Muttrah Corniche where the visitor to Muscat can view the wonderful variety of nature: golden beaches, mountainous heights, and golden sand dunes (Bawshar Sands).

Perhaps what is striking about Muscat is the breathtaking intermingling of ancient cultural heritage and modern style. You will see houses, gates, old markets, small shops, and winding roads redolent of authentic history, side by side with modern markets, shops, buildings, and streets stamped with modern architecture. This allows Oman to preserve its historic character, and at the same time enjoying its contemporary spirit. Muscat is renowned as one of the cleanest Arab capitals, and has gained the honor of winning the Cleanest Arab City Contest several consecutive times.

8. MUSCAT WEATHER in December

The weather in December is comfortable with a mean daytime temperature around 26 °C. It can get quite cold at night in the mountains. Rainfall is expected during this month with an average of 16 mm per year.

9. CURRENCY

The official currency of Oman is the Omani Riyal. Visa, American Express, Access/MasterCard, and Diners Club cards can also be used. Banks are opened from Sunday till Thursday, from 8.00 to 1400.

The exchange current rate in Oman is as follows:

 Dollar	0.386 OMR (approx.)
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10. ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES

AC power voltage in Oman is 220/240V, frequency ~50Hz. Most electrical outlets are as shown below.



11. LANGUAGES

Arabic is the main language. English is used to communicate with foreigners.

12. MEDICAL AND HEALTH

Emergency and urgency medical assistance will be provided free of charge within the premises where the seminar will take place. Nevertheless, it is advised to take international travel insurance to cover any medical expenses in case of medical treatment.

13. INTERNET

Internet Access free of charge will be available at the event training room. Hotels normally offer free WiFi connectivity.

Annex
List of Recommended Hotels

Hotel	Star Rating	Facilities Included	Distance to Venue	Daily Rate (USD)	Contact
Grand Millennium Muscat	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast included • Inclusive 17 % taxes & service charge 	venue	<p>155* USD/single room</p> <p>182* USD/double room</p> <p>166* USD/executives apartment</p>	<p>+968 2230 2347</p> <p>groups.gmm@millenniumhotels.com</p> <p>Booking code TRA01</p> <p>Note: this offer is valid for reservations made up to 16th November 2017 afterwards received reservation requests will be subject to availability and rate change.</p>
Somerset Panorama Muscat	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast included • Subject to 17% taxes & service charge 	5 min/car	<p>92* USD/ Studio Deluxe</p>	<p>+ 971 800 272688 422</p> <p>fahad.alsalehi@the-ascott.com</p>
Park Inn Muscat	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast included • Subject to 17.4% taxes & service charge • Complimentary airport transfer 	3 min/ walking	<p>115* USD/standard room</p> <p>154* USD/ Business class</p>	<p>+968 24 507888</p> <p>info.muscat@rezidorparkinn.com</p>
The Platinum	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast included • Subject to 17% taxes & service charge 	7 min/car	<p>136* USD/ Deluxe Double Room</p>	<p>+968 24 392500</p> <p>info@theplatinumoman.com</p>
City Seasons Hotel Muscat	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast included • Subject to 17% taxes & service charge 	5 min/car	<p>145* USD/ Superior Room</p>	<p>+968 24 394800</p> <p>Info.muscat@cityseasonshotels.com</p>
Ibis Muscat	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast and taxes are excluded 	5 min/car	<p>80* USD/ Superior Room</p>	<p>+968 244/89890</p> <p>h6587@accor.com</p>

Hotel	Star Rating	Facilities Included	Distance to Venue	Daily Rate (USD)	Contact
Grand Millennium Muscat	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast included • Inclusive 17 % taxes & service charge 	venue	60 OMR /single room 70 OMR /double room 63 OMR /executives apartment	+968 2230 2347 groups.gmm@millenniumhotels.com Booking code TRA01 Note: this offer is valid for reservations made up to 16 th November 2017 afterwards received reservation requests will be subject to availability and rate change.
Somerset Panorama Muscat	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast included • Subject to 17% taxes & service charge 	5 min/ car	35 OMR / Studio Deluxe	+971 800 272688 422 fahad.alsalehi@the-ascott.com
Park Inn Muscat	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast included • Subject to 17.4% taxes & service charge • Complimentary airport transfer 	3 min/ walking	44 OMR/standard room 59 OMR / Business class	+968 24 507888 info.muscat@rezidorparkinn.com
The Platinum	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast included • Subject to 17% taxes & service charge 	7 min/car	52 OMR / Deluxe Double Room	+968 24 392500 info@theplatinumoman.com
City Seasons Hotel Muscat	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast included • Subject to 17% taxes & service charge 	5 min/car	55 OMR / Superior Room	+968 24 394800 Info.muscat@cityseasonshotels.com
Ibis Muscat	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast and taxes are excluded 	5 min/car	31 OMR / Superior Room	+968 244/89890 h6587@accor.com