



The Advisory Committee of Co-Operation States (ACCS) Meeting

6 November 2019, Tel Aviv, Israel

INFORMATION NOTE

1. BACKGROUND

ECMWF has 12 co-operation states. The ACCS draws up, for the submission to the council, opinions and recommendations on the program of activities and the budget of the center, on items relevant to co-operation states, and on any matter submitted to it by the council.

The 25th session of the ECMWF Advisory Committee of Co-operating States (ACCS) which will be held in Tel Aviv, Israel, on 6 November 2019. This meeting has been scheduled to take place after the ICSEED meeting on 4 November and the SEE-MHEWS-A meeting on 5 November.

2. DATES AND VENUE

The ECMWF Advisory Committee of Co-operating States meeting will be held on 6 November 2019 at the Crowne Plaza Tel Aviv Beach Hotel (address: 145 Hayarkon Street, Tel Aviv) hosted by the Israel Meteorological Service (IMS).

3. LANGUAGE

The working language of the meeting is English.

4. ACCOMMODATION

Other hotels in the vicinity of the Crowne Plaza Tel Aviv Beach are:

List possible hotels and their contact details:

Leonardo Beach Tel Aviv, 156 HaYarkon st., Tel Aviv +972-3-5207711

https://www.fattal-hotels.com/hotels_in_israel/tel_aviv_hotels/leonardo_beach_tel_aviv/

Herods Tel Aviv Hotel, 155 HaYarkon st., Tel Aviv +972-3-5216666

https://www.fattal-hotels.com/hotels_in_israel/tel_aviv_hotels/herods_tel_aviv/

Renaissance Tel Aviv Hotel, 121 Hayarkon st., Tel Aviv +972-35215555

<https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/tlvbr-renaissance-tel-aviv-hotel/?scid=bb1a189a-fec3-4d19-a255-54ba596febe2>

Prima City, 9 Mapu st., Tel Aviv, +972-3-5522220

<https://www.prima-hotels-israel.com/prima-city-tel-aviv-hotel>

Shalom Hotel, 216 HaYarkon st., Tel Aviv, +972-3-7625400
<https://www.atlas.co.il/shalom-hotel-tel-aviv>

Gordon Hotel & Lounge, 2 Gordon st., / 136 HaYarkon st., Tel Aviv +972-3-5206100
<https://gordontlv.com/>

5. TRANSPORTATION

The airport is located about 30 km from Tel Aviv.

There are two major ways to get from the airport to Tel-Aviv:

Special Taxi: You are requested to order a taxi through the taxi dispatcher only. The dispatcher post is located in Level G (ground level), at the exit from Gate 03 of the terminal. Price: about 120-140 NIS (~25-35€), depends on the time of the day.

<http://www.iaa.gov.il/en-us/airports/bengurion/transportation/pages/taxi.aspx>

Train and taxi: The train station is located outside the terminal. Tel-Aviv has four railway stations, the most recommended for your purpose is either "Hashalom" station (on your way out of the station, do not get into "Azrieli" mall, which is located in one of the exits) or Savidor-Center. Please keep in mind that once arriving to Tel-Aviv, you should take a taxi from the railway station to the hotel.

General Note: On Saturday (Shabat), which begins on Friday afternoon and ends on Saturday evening, there is no public transportation (buses and trains). Also, please note that on Friday there are no trains from the airport, however there is a free shuttle from to the Tel-Aviv Savidor-Center station. Taxis are available regularly all week long.

Price: The train from the airport to Tel-Aviv is about 15 NIS (~3.5€); a taxi from the railway station to the hotel is about 30-50 NIS (~7-10€)

<https://www.rail.co.il/en>

6. RESTAURANTS AND SHOPS

During the Shabat (from Friday afternoon until Saturday evening), some restaurants and most shops are closed. Some grocery stores around the city are open 24/7 (including on Saturday).

If you need a pharmacy, the pharmacy on the corner of Dizingoff st. and Gordon st. is open on Saturday.

7. VISA REQUIREMENTS

Participants from some countries need an entry visa to enter the country as outlined in the following table.

Participant country	Short term stay (not exceeding 90 days)	Issuing authority (website and contact information)
Bulgaria	No visa is required	https://embassies.gov.il/sofia/Pages/default.aspx
Czech Republic	No visa is required	https://embassies.gov.il/Praha/ConsularServices/Pages/Consular-Services0619-6196.aspx
Estonia	No visa is required	https://embassies.gov.il/helsinki-en/Pages/default.aspx
Hungary	No visa is required	https://embassies.gov.il/budapest/pages/default.aspx
Latvia	No visa is required	https://embassies.gov.il/riga-en/Pages/Departments.aspx
Lithuania	No visa is required	https://embassies.gov.il/riga-en/Pages/Departments.aspx
Montenegro	No visa is required	https://embassies.gov.il/Beograd/Pages/default.aspx
Romania	No visa is required	https://embassies.gov.il/bucharest/pages/default.aspx
Slovakia	No visa is required	https://embassies.gov.il/bratislava-en/Pages/default.aspx
North Macedonia	No visa is required	https://embassies.gov.il/Beograd/Pages/default.aspx

You need a passport valid for six months beyond the length of stay. You can find useful information on conditions of entry, visa agreements, consular fees, and legal regulations:

- <https://mfa.gov.il/MFA/ConsularServices/Pages/Visas.aspx>
- <https://embassies.gov.il/Beograd/Pages/default.aspx>

For the participants requiring visa, IMS will provide, upon request, an official invitation letter.

8. INTERNET CONNECTION

The meeting venue and the hotel has free Wi-Fi connection for the participants.

9. CURRENCY AND BANKS

New Israeli Shekel is the currency in Israel. Money can be exchanged in banks or exchange offices. Banking hours: Most banks are open Sunday to Thursday, during the mornings, some are also open in the afternoon. ATMs are widely available.

10. WEATHER

Climate data for the period of the workshop (in November) in Tel Aviv is listed below:

Mean precipitation:	81 mm
Mean humidity 08:00:	63 %
Mean humidity 14:00:	55 %
Mean temperature:	19.6 °C
Mean daily maximum temperature:	23.7 °C
Mean daily minimum temperature:	15.5 °C

11. LOCAL ORGANIZERS AND CONTACT DETAILS

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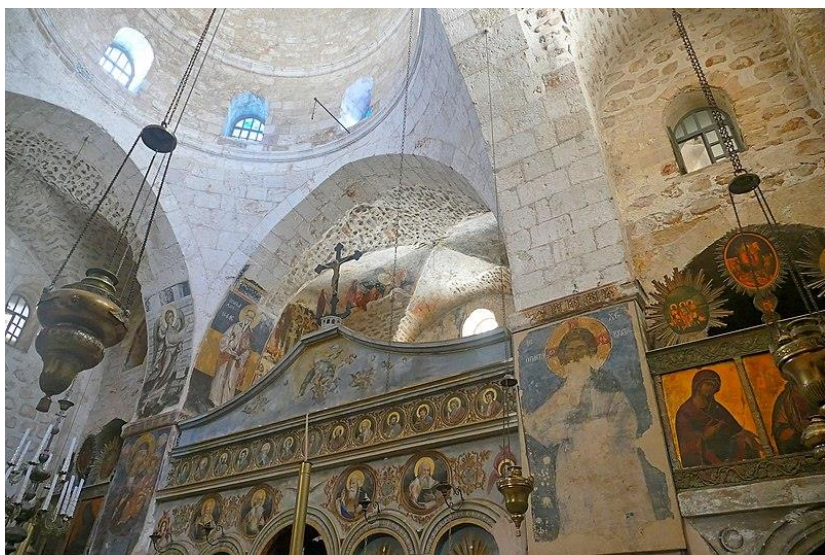
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Some information regarding the sightseen tour to Jerusalem (Nov 3rd) and the social event on Tuesday evening (Nov 5th)

On Sunday, Nov 3rd, IMS is offering a day-tour to Jerusalem (located ~60 km SE of Tel-Aviv). Since Jerusalem is located on a mountain 800 meters high, the temperatures are lower than in Tel-Aviv (please follow the forecast at the IMS web site). The day in Jerusalem will begin with a visit to the Mount. Scopus, overlooking the city from east. From there we'll take a walk to the old city of Jerusalem, visiting the main religious sites (Via Dolorosa, Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Wailing Wall etc.) and we will finish the tour in Jerusalem's biggest street market in Western Jerusalem. Lunch in a lovely Jerusalem restaurant is included in the tour.

We will probably leave Jerusalem at about 17:00.

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On Tuesday, November 5^h, IMS is offering a short waking tour (if the weather will allow...) in Tel Aviv,

The tour will include a visit to the Sarona complex, which was originally a German Templar Colony, and today houses boutique stores, artist galleries, as well as cafes, restaurants and bars.

We will also visit the unique Bauhaus architecture houses of the "White City" alone Rothschild Boulevard, and will end the tour with a dinner in a lovely restaurant in Tel-A

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