



Financial Inclusion Global Initiative (FIGI) Symposium

Cairo, Egypt, 22 to 24 January



Practical Information for Participants

Venue

Royal Maxim Palace Kempinski Cairo



Address: Royal Maxim Palace Kempinski Hotel, First Settlement, Ring Road, 11477, Cairo Governorate, Egypt

Tel.: +202 22495300

Website: <https://www.kempinski.com/en/cairo/royal-maxim-palace-kempinski-cairo/hotel-location/>

E-mail: info.royalmaxim@kempinski.com

Visa requirements and entry formalities

A valid passport and a visa are required to enter Egypt. All participants are requested to send a copy of their passport together with the Registration Confirmation message from ITU to the Egyptian Embassy or Consulate in their country of origin or residence in order to obtain a visa.

Participants who are nationals of countries where there is no Egyptian representation should send an email to beltabie@tra.gov.eg and samarm@tra.gov.eg, for the special arrangements that have been made by the host country to facilitate the delivery of visas or entry permits, as required.

Deadline for requesting visa support 30 November 2018.

For more information on visas and entry permits, please visit the website of Egypt's Ministry of Foreign Affairs at <http://www.mfa.gov.eg/English/Embassies/Pages/Listing.aspx>

Vaccinations

For information about vaccination requirements and health information for travelers please consult the World Health Organization's (WHO) website at <http://www.who.int/countries/egy/en/>.

Transportation

A pick-up from the airport to the official hotels (see Annex 1) and vice versa **is provided** by NTRA. It is very important that participants send their exact hotel information by filing the following form https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd8S8hVRKQdU_47kjEN79hju6SYdAC6IAhwcPhRNaYpQVmkxA/viewform?usp=sf_link

Shuttle buses to the venue will be also provided at the doors of the official hotels. Please contact Ms Maha Badr mahab@tra.gov.eg for any assistance.

Accommodation

Special rates have been negotiated with Royal Maxim Palace Kempinski Hotel for the meeting participants.

Participants should book their own accommodation directly with the contact persons of the hotel mentioned in **Annex 1** and copy the National Telecommunication Regulatory Authority (NTRA), Amiraz@tra.gov.eg when making their booking.

Good to know

About Cairo

Cairo, Egypt's sprawling capital, is set on the Nile River. At its heart is Tahrir Square and the vast Egyptian Museum, a trove of antiquities including the royal mummies and gilded King Tutankhamun artefacts. Nearby, Giza is the site of the iconic pyramids and Great Sphinx, dating to the 26th century B.C.E. In Gezira Island's leafy Zamalek district, the 187m Cairo Tower affords panoramic city views.

Weather

In January, average temperatures in Cairo range between 21°C and 11°C. There are 8 hours of sunshine a day. The expected temperatures during FIGI symposium are:

21 January 2019	22 January 2019	23 January 2019	24 January 2019
Average	Average	Average	Average
High:22°C	High:21°C	High:21°C	High:21°C
Low:10°C	Low:9°C	Low:9°C	Low:10°C

Time zone

The Arab Republic of Egypt is on Eastern Europe Time – Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) plus 2 hours.

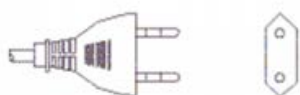
Currency and banking

The official currency of Egypt is the Egyptian Pound (EGP). Visa, American Express, Access/MasterCard can be used. Banks are open from Sunday to Thursday, from 8.30 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. The exchange rates in Egypt can be found at the below link:

<http://www.cbe.org.eg/en/EconomicResearch/Statistics/Pages/ExchangeRatesListing.aspx>

Electricity

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



Important telephone numbers

General emergency	112
Fire Department	180

Ambulance	123
Police	122

Host country contacts

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The National Telecom Regulatory Authority (NTRA), Egypt

Annex 1

Hotel list

The negotiated rates below **for only the first and second hotels** are for bed and breakfast (taxes and service charges are included):

#	Name of hotel	Star rating	Single (USD)	Double (USD)	Contact person
1	Royal Maxim Palace Kempinski	4.5	130	150	<p>e-mail: reservations.royalmaxim@kempinski.com</p> <p>Room reservation: https://www.kempinski.com/KICAI2/en/booking/booking-room-availability/</p> <p>Mrs. Menna Ahmed Deputy Director of Events Royal Maxim Palace Kempinski First Settlement · New Cairo · P.O. Box 41 · 11477 Cairo · Egypt Tel +20 2 2389 9000 · Mobile +20 100 163 0123 www.kempinski.com</p>
2	Helnan-Landmark	4.1	90	110	<p>Mr. Abd Raboh El- Mokhtar Director of sales New Cairo Plot 86, 90th Street Fifth Settlement, New Cairo, Egypt e-mail : res.landmark@helnan.com Tel : +2 (02) 25371371 Ext.: 841 Fax : +2 (02) 25371370 Mobile : +2 01095357637/01270371111 Website: http://www.helnan.com</p>
3	Tolip Hotels & Resort	4	105	115	<p>Amr Farid Regional Sales Executive National Hotels & Touristic Services Co. New Cairo, Cairo, Egypt Tel. : +202 26170000 Ext : 824 Fax : +202 26179989 Mob. : +201094357726 E-mail: sales6@tolip-eg.com</p>

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