

ASIAN PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

Committee on Budget & Planning 2024

General Information

4-7 November 2024

Doha, Qatar

1. Venue of the Meeting

The APA Standing Committee meeting on Social and Cultural Affairs will take place in the Shura council of the state of Qatar.

2. Official Language

The official languages of the APA are English (working language) and Arabic (Article 18 of APA Charter).

3. Documents

All official documents shall be written in English. In addition, any delegate who wishes to distribute documents in the meeting are advised to have prior consultations with the APA Secretariat.

All amendments to the Standing Committee draft resolution should be forwarded to the APA Secretariat in advance no later than November 1, 2024, for circulation before the meeting.

4. Registration

Participants are kindly requested to fill out the Registration Form and send it to the Shura council of the State of Qatar at: bpdoha@shura.gov.qa and to the APA Secretariat: secretariat@asianparliament.org no later than October 30, 2023.

5. Security and Identification Badges

Each member of the national delegation will be provided with an identification badge enabling the entrance to the Meeting venue. The badges will be presented to the delegates upon their arrival to Doha at the designated information desk in Fairmont Doha Hotel.

6. Visa Regulation

If visa is required the participants are requested to possess a passport of at least 3 months of validity to enter the State of Qatar.

A visa application link will be sent to the contact points of the APA member, to enter the State of Qatar. To ensure the timely issuance of entry visas, kindly urge you to submit the list of the delegation members, along with the contact point details (name, email, and phone number), as soon as possible. Please note that if the names are not submitted in a timely manner, we may not be able to process the visas before the meeting. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter to avoid any delays.

7. Arrival and Departure

All participants of the Standing Committee Meeting will be welcomed and seen off at **Hamad International Airport**.

All local transportation, including the Airport Transfer will be organized by the Shura Council of the State of Qatar.

Participants are kindly requested to indicate in the Registration Form the flight itinerary to enable the Shura Council Secretariat to effectively organize the Transfers.

In order to facilitate the arrangement of local transportation, delegations` secretaries are kindly requested to inform the Shura Council Secretariat of any change in their delegates flight schedule at least 24 hours in advance.

8. Accommodation and Meals

Fairmont Doha Hotel has been designated as an official hotel for the event.

The Shura Council of the State of Qatar will cover accommodation cost to official delegates of APA member parliaments in the format of 2+1 for the dates of November 4-7, 2024.

Delegates who wish to stay additional nights will have to cover the expenses on their own.

Breakfast and meals will be provided for all delegations during the official part of the Program.

Delegates wishing to make other meal arrangements will meet the costs themselves.

9. Currency Exchange

The official currency in Qatar is Qatari Riyal, QTR, which is equivalent to 3.65 US dollars.

ATMs are available throughout the city, as well as at the Fairmont Doha Hotel.

10. Climate and Time

In November, the temperatures in Doha are usually around 32°C/23°C.

Time:

UTC/GMT +3 hour.

11. Emergency telephone numbers

General Emergency number: 999

Fire emergency: 999

12. Facts about Qatar

Facts about Qatar can be found on the following website:

<https://visitqatar.com/>

Contact Persons

Documentation:

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