

## Coast to Ocean: Priority Actions and Investments

Category	Themes
Main Session 1	Opening Conference– Celebration of NIOF 100 year anniversary
Main Session 2	IOC/AFRICA – Operational Oceanography- Maritime Africa/Egypt cooperation
Main Session 3	Natural Hazards and Climate Change
Main Session 4	Fisheries and Aquaculture Management
Main Session 5	Coastal policy and ICZM
Main Session 6	Coastal and Marine Knowledge and Data Management
Special session 1	launching the UN Decade for Ocean Science for Sustainable Development in the region
Special Session 2	Korea/Egypt cooperation
Special Session 3	Success stories of EU funding projects (EU delegation at Egypt)
Special Session 4	Ocean Science Policy
Special Session 5	Maritime-Marine Special Planning
Special Session 6	The Future of the Ocean, the Investment Opportunities
Special Session 7	Building coastal and marine network
Special Session 8	Women in Science “ Bring the women talent into the Ocean Science to build sustainable future”
Special Session 9	Intensive Aquaculture Success Story (Evergreen)
Special Session 10	Egyptian Knowledge Bank

Day	Main Session	Special Session
12 <sup>nd</sup>	Main sessions 1 & 2	Special sessions 1,2 & 3
13 <sup>th</sup>	Main sessions 3 & 4	Special sessions 4,5,6 & 7
14 <sup>th</sup>	Main sessions 5 & 6	Special sessions 8,9 & 10

**\* Sessions and Themes may be subject to change**

**More details will be announced shortly**

## INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

12-14 February 2019, Alexandria, Egypt

### VENUE

12-14 February 2019: International Conference on “Coast to Ocean: Priority Actions and Investments”

#### **Bibliotheca Alexandrina, Corniche Road, Azarita District, Alexandria, Egypt**

The Bibliotheca Alexandrina is a major library and a cultural center located on the shore of the Mediterranean Sea in the Egyptian City of Alexandria. Factually, the place is more than a library: it hosts book fairs, book launches, ceremonies, competitions, concerts, conferences, educational courses, exhibitions, festivals, forums, lectures, meetings & presentations, reading activities, round table discussions, seminars, shows, theater, training courses, video-conferences and workshops. Beside the main library hall, which contains millions of books, there are six specialized libraries: The Arts and Multimedia Library, The Taha Hussein Library for the visually impaired, The Children's Library, The Young People's Library, The Microforms Library and The Rare Books & Special Collections Library. Moreover, the Library hosts four museums and its Plaza is the home of a planetarium, which hosts scientific events and provides scientific information on all levels.



### **Coast to Ocean: Priority Actions and Investments**

The Conference provides a platform to present recent advances in Marine Science all over the world. It is an important step to spot more light on the way, in which the marine and coastal ecosystem sustainability issues interact with social and economic pressures to reach integrated solutions. Moreover, the event, with its diverse themes and topics, will provide a forum and a venue to exchange ideas and proposals between the scientific community, stakeholders and the

decision makers; in order to ensure that ocean science can fully support countries in the achievement of sustainable development. Themes of the conference focus on, but not limited to: Coastal and Marine Hazards, Coastal Policy and Legislation, Marine Pollution, Marine Data Management , Fisheries and Aquaculture Management, Marine Economy and Marketing of Marine Science

### **ARRIVAL TO EGYPT**

Most participants from outside Egypt will arrive through Cairo International Airport, in Cairo or through Borg El Arab International Airport (**RECOMMENDED**) in Alexandria.

### **Time Zone**

Egypt is GMT + 02:00 hours

### **Electricity**

The electric current in Egypt is 220V, 50 Hz. You may need an adaptor (converter) for your plug if different than below.



### **Official languages**

The official languages of Egypt are Arabic and English. The Conference official language is English.

### **Money and Banking**

The official currency of Egypt is the Egyptian Pound (LE). The current exchange rates (December 2018) are: 1 USD = 17.90 LE, and 1 EUR = 20.40 LE

Foreign currency can be changed at Airports, Banks or Hotels. Banks in major centers are open from 8:30 to 14:30 Sunday to Thursday.

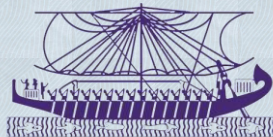
Major international cards are accepted. Credit card fraud occurs in Egypt as in most other parts of the world. The usual precautions should be taken.

Travellers' cheques are accepted at most banks and hotels.

### **Medical services**

Any medical costs incurred during stay in Egypt shall be borne by the participants themselves; it is therefore strongly recommended that participants arrange for their own health insurance.





## **Accommodation**

Participants are advised to stay in hotels in the vicinity of the event venue. We recommend any of the following hotels:

*Windsor Palace Hotel*

<http://www.paradiseinnegypt.com/Home/windsor/>

*Steigenberger Cecil Hotel*

<https://www.steigenberger.com/hotels/alle-hotels/aegypten/alexandria/steigenberger-cecil-hotel>

*Le Metropole Hotel*

<http://www.paradiseinnegypt.com/Metropole/index.html>

## **Weather**

February is the mid of the winter season in Egypt. During this month the air mean temperature is around 17°-20 C, the relative humidity is around 70% and the mean rainfall is 36 mm.