

FORUM OF ELECTION MANAGEMENT BODIES OF SOUTH ASIA



8TH ANNUAL MEETING

ELECTION AND DISPUTE RESOLUTIONS
&
NO VOTER TO BE LEFT BEHIND



LOGISTIC NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS

23-26 SEPTEMBER 2017 –KABUL, AFGHANISTAN

BRIEF BACKGROUND

SINCE THE CREATION OF FEMBOSA, ANNUAL MEETINGS WERE HELD IN PAKISTAN (2011), IN INDIA (2012), IN BHUTAN (2013), NEPAL (2014) SRI LANKA (2015). AND THE LAST MEETING HELD IN MALDIVES (2016) IN THIS MEETING, IT WAS DECIDED TO HOLD THE EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING OF FEMBOSA IN AFGHANISTAN.

THE AGENDA OF THE ANNUAL MEETINGS ARE AIMED TO HOLD DISCUSSIONS ON IMPORTANT CURRENT TOPICS RELEVANT TO ELECTION MANAGEMENT AND ELECTORAL PROCESS, GIVING SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE REGION AND DECISIONS BEING TAKEN ON THE INCOMING CHAIRPERSON OF FEMBOSA AND THE HOSTING COUNTRY OF THE NEXT MEETING.

8TH ANNUAL MEETING OF FEMBOSA WILL BE HOSTED BY INDEPENDENT ELECTION COMMISSION OF AFGHANISTAN IN KABUL FROM 24 TO 26TH SEPTEMBER 2017 ON THE THEMES:

- ELECTION AND DISPUTE RESOLUTIONS; AND
- NO VOTER TO BE LEFT BEHIND



TRAVELS

IN BRIEF, THE LOCAL HOSPITALITY (ACCOMMODATION, MEALS, LOCAL TRANSPORTATION AND CULTURAL TOUR) WILL BE PROVIDED BY INDEPENDENT ELECTION COMMISSION OF AFGHANISTAN (IEC).

ALL OTHER COSTS INCLUDING VISA, TRAVEL COST AND MEALS DURING TRAVEL SHALL BE BORNE BY THE PARTICIPANTS.

EXPECTED ARRIVALS: [23 SEP 2017](#)

EXPECTED DEPARTURE: [26 SEP 2017 LATE AFTERNOON](#).

LOCAL TIME: ([GMT+4:30](#))

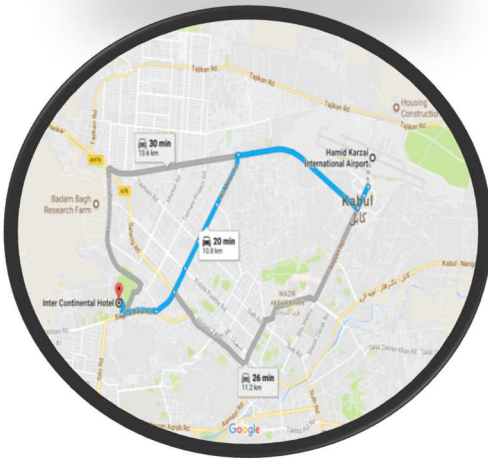


VENUE

FOLLOWED BY A ONE DAY CULTURAL TOUR, 8TH FEMBOSA ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE HELD IN HOTEL INTERCONTINENTAL KABUL, KABUL CITY, AFGHANISTAN

DATES:

24 – 25 SEPTEMBER 2017



ACCESS FROM THE AIRPORT

THE HOTEL INTERCONTINENTAL KABUL IS AROUND TEN (10) KILOMETERS AWAY FROM KABUL INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

PROTOCOL ARRANGEMENTS ARE CONSIDERED IN NEW VIP TERMINAL OF KABUL INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TO WELCOME THE MEETING PARTICIPANTS ON 23RD SEPTEMBER 2017 PREFERABLY AFTERNOON.



SECURITY MEASURES

DESPITE KABUL IS RELATIVELY STABLE THAN OTHER PROVINCES, SECURITY MEASURES HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO ASSURE FULL SAFETY OF THE PARTICIPANTS.

ARMORED VEHICLES WILL TAKE THE PARTICIPANTS FROM THE AIRPORT TO HOTEL WITH OTHER SECURITY MEASURES INCLUDING SECURITY ARMED GUARDS.



ACCOMMODATION

ROOMS/SUITS HAVE BEEN RESERVED FOR PARTICIPANTS AS PER THE DETAILS BELOW:

HOTEL INTERCONTINENTAL KABUL
BAGHI BALA
KABUL, AFGHANISTAN

ON THE HIGHER FLOORS OF THE HOTEL THESE ROOMS HAVE SPECTACULAR VIEWS OF THE HINDU-KUSH MOUNTAINS OR MAGNIFICENT VIEW OF THE CITY.

ALL ROOMS FEATURE ENSUITE BATHROOMS, WI-FI, TV WITH SATELLITE CHANNELS.

FOR DETAILS SEE THIS LINK:

[HTTP://WWW.INTERCONTINENTALKABUL.COM/INDEX.HTML](http://www.intercontinentalkabul.com/index.html)

FOR COMMUNICATION, EACH PARTICIPANT WILL BE PROVIDED A FREE PRE-PAID SIM-CARD WITH 500 AFN BALANCE AND 1 GB INTERNET.



MEAL

BUFFET BREAKFASTS, LUNCHES AND DINNERS WILL BE PROVIDED DURING YOUR STAY.

ALL THE FOOD IS HALAL

DURING THE EVENTS, REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED TWO TIMES A DAY WITH FAMOUS DRY FRUITS OF AFGHANISTAN.

BUFFETS INCLUDES VEG AND NON-VEG FOODS INCLUDING DELICIOUS AFGHANI FRUITS



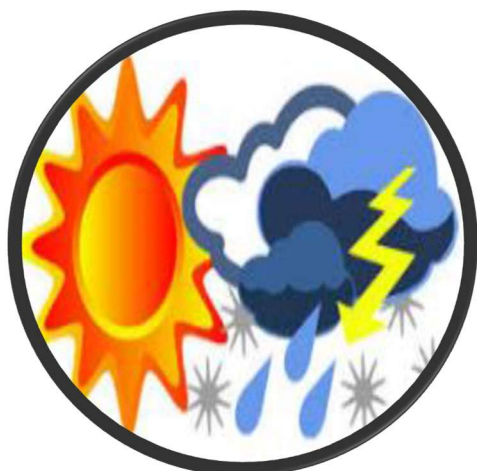
CURRENCY

THE CURRENCY OF AFGHANISTAN IS (AFGHANI) AND ITS CODE IS **AFN**. AFGHANI CONSISTS OF BANKNOTES AND COINS (COINS: 1-5 AFGHANIS)

1 USD = APPROXIMATELY 68 AFN

THE COMMERCIAL RATE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE DAILY. US DOLLARS CAN BE EASILY EXCHANGED AT HOTELS AND AIRPORTS THOUGH THE RATES ARE LITTLE HIGHER THAN OPEN MARKET.

ONLY CASH IS ACCEPTED IN MOST PLACES HOWEVER, CARDS (**VISA, MASTERCARD, ...**) CAN BE USED TO GET CASH FROM **ATMS**.



WEATHER

FROM 23-26 SEPT, THE WEATHER IN KABUL WILL BE NORMAL DURING THE DAY BUT IT MIGHT GET SLIGHT COLDER DURING THE NIGHT TIME.

THE HIGHEST TEMPERATURE DURING THE DAY WILL BE AROUND **20° C** AND DURING THE NIGHT THE LOWEST TEMPERATURE WILL BE AROUND **10° C**.

DURING THE CULTURAL TOUR, THE WEATHER IN BAMYAN PROVINCE IS RELATIVELY COLDER THAN KABUL ESPECIALLY DURING THE NIGHT TIME. THEREFORE, JACKETS/WARM CLOTHES ARE ADVISED.



VISAS

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST HAVE A VALID PASSPORT OR TRAVEL DOCUMENT WITH VALID AFGHAN VISA.

FACILITATION LETTERS FOR OBTAINING VISA HAVE ALREADY BEEN ISSUED TO THE AFGHAN EMBASSIES IN YOUR COUNTRIES.

UPON ARRIVAL VISA WILL ONLY BE ISSUED TO THE CITIZENS OF COUNTRIES IN WHICH AFGHANISTAN DOES NOT HAVE DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION (SRI LANKA, NEPAL, MALDIVES AND BHUTAN).

AFGHAN VISA WILL BE ISSUED FREE OF ANY CHARGES TO DIPLOMATIC AND SERVICE PASSPORT HOLDERS.



HEALTH

NO VACCINATION IS REQUIRED FOR ENTERING AFGHANISTAN.

NO HEALTH INSURANCE IS REQUIRED FOR OBTAINING AFGHAN VISA.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY HEALTH PROBLEMS DURING THE STAY IN KABUL, SECURITY HOSPITAL WILL PROVIDE NECESSARY HEALTH SERVICES.



CULTURAL TOUR

A ONE DAY CULTURAL TOUR HAS BEEN ARRANGED TO BAND-E AMIR NATIONAL PARK, HISTORICAL BUDA STATUES AND HISTORICAL GHULGHULA CITY LOCATED IN CENTRAL HIGH LANDS OF AFGHANISTAN (BAMYAN PROVINCE).

ROUND TRIP AIR TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS FROM AND TO KABUL, LOCAL TRANSPORTATION AND MEAL HAS BEEN ARRANGED IN BAMYAN.

DATE

26 SEPTEMBER 2017



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- INFORMAL FOR THE DINNERS OR INVITATIONS;
- CASUAL FOR CULTURAL TOUR.. WEATHER FORECAST PREDICTS COLD IN CENTRAL HIGHLANDS, PLEASE CONSIDER WARM CLOTHS;
- WOMEN PARTICIPANTS ARE ADVISED TO PUT HEADSCARF DURING THE CULTURAL TOUR.



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