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## SDG 4 Teacher Conference (Arab States)<sup>1</sup>

### Quality and Innovation in Teacher Professional Development: Issues and Challenges

Thursday 9 and Friday 10 November, 2017  
Beirut, UNESCO Office in Beirut Venue

### Practical Information Sheet (PIS)

In collaboration with: TERG<sup>2</sup>



<sup>1</sup> SDG4 stays for Sustainable Development Goal # 4, EDUCATION.

<sup>2</sup> TERG stays for Teacher Education Research Group.

## Practical Information Sheet (PIS)

### Venue:

The SDG4 – Teacher Professional Development conference will be held at the UNESCO Regional Office for Education in the Arab States, Beirut, address:

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## Accommodation:

All invited participants will be staying at the Hotel Riviera, Beirut, where accommodation will be provided during the days of the meeting (including breakfast, and free Wi-Fi, TV). UNESCO will also pay participants a reduced DSA to cover their dinner expenses except for the evening(s) when all participants are possibly invited to a dinner out. Please be advised that participants will have to pay however for their extra charges such as telephone calls, laundry, room service, etc.

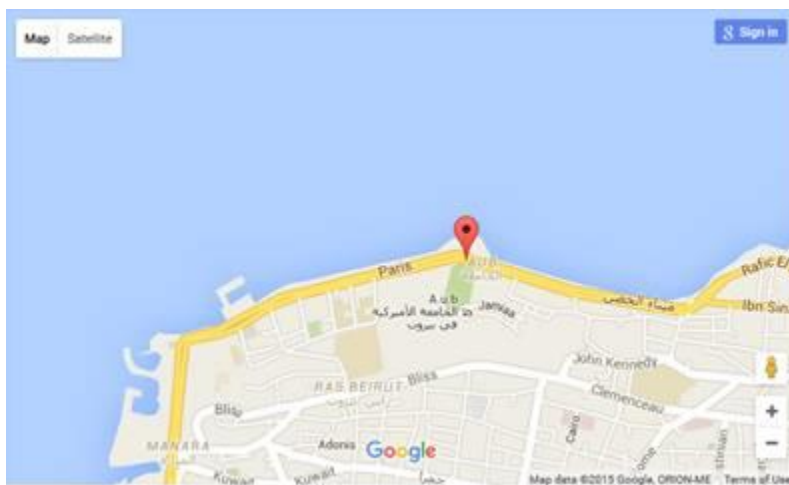
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### **Air Transportation:**

UNESCO provides invited participants with economy tickets to arrive in Beirut (on WED, 8 November, 2017) and depart from Beirut to their home countries either on Friday, 10 November, 2017 (after 5 pm) or SAT, 11 November, 2017 (morning).

### **Internal Transportation:**

Transportation from the Airport to the hotel and vice-versa will be provided by the organizer/Riviera Hotel and is pre-paid. Upon arrival, please look for Riviera Hotel representatives with your name tag at the airport exit (arrival area).

Taxis may be ordered by participants for personal purposes on their own costs. Taxis in Beirut are quite reliable, although not all are metered. A drive from the hotel to downtown should not exceed 10-15 USD.

### **Working language:**

The working language during the meeting will be Arabic, English and French, and simultaneous translation will be provided.

### **Weather:**

The weather in Beirut during mid-November is usually as follows:

- The temperature varies between 24-12 degrees Celsius;
- Rain may be expected, although the actual rainy season starts rather in late November.

### **Foreign Exchange and Banking:**

In Beirut, payments are generally accepted both in cash and by credit cards; there are two local currencies used, namely: (1) The USD Dollar; and (2) The Lebanese Pound (1 USD = 1,500.00 LBP). ATMs are available throughout Beirut, including in the hotel lobby.

### **Security situation:**

Despite the tense situation in the Region, the security situation in Beirut is quite stable. However, participants should avoid crowded areas and rallies, and should conduct themselves cautiously in all circumstances.

### **Credit Cards:**

Main credit cards are accepted in most hotels and restaurants, as well as in most stores.

### **Visas:**

Visa procedures vary depending on the participant's nationality. Citizens of many Arab countries can obtain the visa upon arrival directly at the airport. Participants from countries who need a prior visa approval should apply in their home countries based on the UNESCO invitation and/or their nomination by their respective Ministries of Education. However, participants from Iraq, Palestine, Libya and Yemen should send UNESCO Office in Beirut a colored scanned copy of their passports and our office will apply for their visas in Beirut.

Other participants from North America and Europe do not need a prior visa approval; they will get it at the airport for free.

**Please check the attached Visa Procedures attachment.**

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