

Roundtable on Financing Water

Logistical note

Venue

The second meeting of the OECD-WWC-Netherlands Roundtable on Financing Water will take place on 13 September 2017 at WATEC in Tel Aviv, Israel.

The meeting will take place in **Pavilion 2, Halls G & H** of the Tel Aviv Convention Center.

Further details about the venue can be found on the WATEC [website](#).

Note: there is no storage available for luggage or large bags at the conference center.

WATEC Registration and Badges

The WATEC registration fee has been waived for participants of the Roundtable on Financing Water. Participants who have confirmed their participation to the OECD do not have to register via the WATEC homepage.

Roundtable participants can **pick up their badges** at the Registration Desk in the entrance of the conference center (on September 12th or the morning of September 13th). As the conference center will be very busy during WATEC, please allow sufficient time to pick up your badge before the start of the meeting (which will begin at 9:00 am).

Visa information

Please check visa requirements for your home country.

Please see attached an official letter of invite from the Ministry of Economy and Industry. The letter is meant to assist Participants with visa requests and with the arrival at Ben Gurion airport.

Accommodation

Please see the list of hotels provided on the WATEC homepage

<https://events.eventact.com/runreg2/event/RegForm.aspx?Event=28869&Company=342&Form=22803&Account=0&lang=en&hc=&login=465849665116>

Contact

Please contact Anna Rourke (Anna.Rourke@oecd.org) if you have any questions regarding logistics.

You can also contact Laura Braun (+33 7 83 14 85 96) or Kathleen Dominique (+33 6 09 63 38 89) if you have any questions about the Roundtable meeting.

Visit the [OECD water website](#) for more information on [the Roundtable](#) and OECD work on water.

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Field excursion on 14 September 2017

For those who have confirmed their interest in participating in the field visit, a one-day field trip has been organised to visit Israel's most important water desalination plants (Sorek) and wastewater treatment plants (Shafdan). The visit will provide the opportunity to have an in-depth view of Israeli water expertise in the operation of integrated water management systems.

Please meet at 8:00 am at the Tel Aviv Conference Centre entrance. We will depart from there at 8:15 am.

Program Schedule

Sep. 14, 2017	Visiting Water Companies	
8:15	Drive to Shafdan	
9:00-10:00	SHAFDAN	
10:15-11:00	Drive to Sorek	
11:30-13:00	IDE- Sorek desalination Plant	

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Welcome to Israel

Security

Owing to security conditions prevailing in Israel, participants, like all Israeli citizens, will probably have to undergo security checks when traveling, entering public buildings, banks, cinemas, theatres, etc. We appreciate your understanding, cooperation and tolerance in such cases.

The Administration advises participants to take passports with them at all times.

Electricity

		Type C	230 V	50 Hz
		Type H	230 V	50 Hz

Weather:



In Jerusalem, nights could be a bit chilly at this time of the year. Please carry a light jacket with you.

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Currency

1 NIS ~ 0.28 USD ⇔ 1 USD = 3.5 NIS

- Forex Exchanges shops are available in airport, and in the cities.

Please carry with you Euros or USD's .

- ATM's are widespread, and you can use your credit card to withdraw shekels, USD's or Euros easily.
- Travellers cheques would be accepted in Forex Exchanges shops

Dress

"Official" during official meeting.

"Business Casual" during field visits

Israelis often tend to less formal cloths.

Basic Words in Hebrew:

Shalom – hello, goodbye

Boker tov – good morning

Laila tov – good night

Ken - yes

Lo – no

Eifo? – where?

Ká'ma? – how much?

Ká'ma ze olé? – how much does it cost?

Aní medaber ... – I speak ...

Anglit – English

Tzarfatit – French

Sefaradit – Spanish

Aní lo medaber ivrit – I don't speak Hebrew

Toda – thank you

Má? – what?

Numbers

1 - echad

2 - shtaim

3 - shalosh

4 - arba

5 - chamesh

6 - shesh

7 - sheva

8 - shmone

9 - tesha

10 - eser

100 - mea

1000 - elef

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Food:

Israeli food is considered as Mediterranean food. You will be able to find in addition a wide variety of international cuisines. Fresh fruits and vegetable are safe to consume freely, and are widely use in daily food.

Please note – in Israel, the term "VEG", include eggs. If you are a strict vegetarian, please specify clearly that you do not consume eggs while ordering your dish.