

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE

IORA AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES BUSINESS FORUM AND EXHIBITION

1-3 December 2026

Sultanate of Oman

Dear Delegates,

This Administrative Note serves to provide essential information for the delegations and organizers participating in the **IORA Aquaculture and Fisheries Business Forum and Exhibition**, which has been rescheduled for 1-3 December 2026 in the Sultanate of Oman.

The Business Forum and Exhibition is jointly organized by the IORA Fisheries Support Unit and the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries Wealth and Water Resources of the Sultanate of Oman, in collaboration with the IORA Secretariat.

A. NOMINATION AND REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS

- IORA Member States are requested to nominate TWO (2) representatives:
 - One (1) government/public officer
 - One (1) private sector representative (should be at the level of a CEO)

All nominations should go through the respective Member State's IORA National Focal Point, typically the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Nominated delegates must complete the online registration form using this link: <https://forms.gle/FxkneDp9vDDkj7Ck9>

Please ensure that a copy of the passport and a personal photo are submitted to the IORA Secretariat at the email addresses provided below, while registering online. Incomplete registrations will not be processed.

B. Nomination and Registration Deadline:

The deadline for both the nomination of participants and the submission of registration forms is 31 October 2026.

C. HOSPITALITY

We are pleased to offer the following hospitality packages to participants and exhibitors:

TWO participants from each Member State will be invited for the aforesaid Business Forum and Exhibition on the following basis:

Full hospitality (international economy return air ticket, hotel accommodation, selected meals during the workshop, and airport transfers) will be provided **to one participant from eligible countries¹**.

¹ Bangladesh, Union of Comoros, Madagascar, Maldives, Mauritius, Mozambique, Somalia, Tanzania, Seychelles, Singapore and Republic of Yemen.

Additional participants, participants from **other Member States and Dialogue Partners**, and CEOs of private companies are welcome to participate in the Business Forum and Exhibition at their own expenses.

D. ACCOMMODATION

- Accommodation in a standard single room will be provided to participants from the above-mentioned eligible countries for 4 nights, depending on flight schedule at

i. Hotel: CROWN PLAZA, Convention & Exhibition Centre

Address: Madinat Al Irfan Muscat, Oman

For a single room with breakfast, the rate is 35 R.O. (around 91 US\$) without taxes (22.85%)

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Web: [Select your room](#)

ii. Hotel: Radisson Collection Muscat, Hormuz Grand

Address: Muscat, Al Matar street

For a single room with breakfast, the rate is 55 R.O (around 143 US\$) with taxes

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iii. Hotel: Novotel Muscat Airport

Address: Seeb

For a single room with breakfast, the rate is 35 R.O (around 91 US\$) with taxes

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iv. Hotel: Aloft King

Address: Muscat, 396 Ghala, Al Azaiba South

For a single room with breakfast, the rate is 30 R.O (around 78 US\$) with taxes

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v. Hotel: City Seasons Muscat

Address: Muscat, Al Khuwair

For a single room with breakfast, the rate is 35 R.O (around 91 US\$) without taxes (22.85%). Complimentary airport pick-up and drop-off from/to Muscat Int. Airport. Complementary transfer provided from Hotel to OCEC (venue location) drop-off & pick-up (from and to) daily, one time as per the event.

vi. Golden Tulip Muscat

Address: Muscat, Al Khuwair

For a single room with breakfast, the rate is 28 R.O. (around 73 US\$) with taxes.

In exceptional circumstances, and only in accordance with the flight schedule, additional nights will be considered.

Any further stay, amendments to the room category or services (such as room service, minibar, laundry and other hotel services) at the hotel will be at the individual's cost

E. TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS

- i. **Local Transportation:** Shuttle will be provided from and to the airport on the days of arrival and departure (Subject to confirmation prior to arrival).
- ii. **Air-ticket booking:** Participants who are eligible for the full hospitality package should ensure that they provide **a scanned copy of their passport, a passport photo, and a short profile/ bio-data (max. 100 words) in their registration form and register** for air-ticket booking and visa application purposes.

F. VISA PROCEDURE

The host, Oman, will facilitate visa issuance for the two candidates from Member States. However, the following documents and information are required:

- Clear copy of Passport (the expiry date of the passport shall not be less than 6 months from the travel date)
- 2 Passport photos
- Mother's name

G. EXHIBITION

- IORA Member States and Dialogue Partners are requested to nominate private sectors, preferably Chief Executive Officers (CEOs) of companies in the fisheries and aquaculture sectors.
- Oman will also be inviting private sectors from both Oman and internationally.
- Arrangements will be made for Business-to-Business meetings.
- Booths will be rented to companies who will be willing to demonstrate and showcase their products and services. For more information about booth rental and cost, kindly contact:
 - Dr Dawood Al Yahyai (Dawood.alyahyai@mafwr.gov.om/ dawoodalyahyai@gmail.com)
 - Mr Mustafa Al-Qurshi (mustafa.ar@alnimrexpo.com), with copy to Dr Shamimnaz Sadally Roomaldawo (shamimnaz.sadally@iora.int)
- More information on the arrangements will be provided soon.

H. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Attire: Business attire is recommended.
- Language: English will be the working language.
- Currency: The Omani Rial (OMR) is the local currency (USD 1 ≈ OMR 0.385). (<https://www.xe.com/currencyconverter/convert/?Amount=1&From=USD&To=OMR>)
- Payments: Debit/credit cards are accepted, but cash is advisable for some local vendors.
- Weather: Temperature details will be shared closer to the event.
- Electricity: Oman uses Type G plugs, with 240V, 50Hz power.

I. POINT OF CONTACT

For further inquiries, please contact the relevant coordinators below:

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