



# 3<sup>rd</sup> COMESA INVESTMENT FORUM

SHARM EL SHEIKH, EGYPT 12-13 APRIL 2010  
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## Useful Information

### Conference Venue

Maritim Sharm El Sheikh International Congress Center  
Peace Road at Um Marikha Bay  
Sharm El Sheikh  
Egypt

### Programme

We have designed the programme to create an interactive, outcome-oriented format for our discussions. We discourage speeches and all participants are invited to contribute actively to create a constructive, lively debate. Please find the latest version of the programme at [www.comesainvestmentforum.com](http://www.comesainvestmentforum.com).

### One-to-one meetings

We provide facilities at the meeting venue to allow participants to hold scheduled or impromptu meetings in a private atmosphere. The COMESA Investment Forum will facilitate one-on-one meetings between Delegates and ministers to discuss investment in the COMESA region and Africa. Details on one-to-one meetings with Ministers will be sent soon.

### IPAs Business Lounge

COMESA's 19 member states will be represented in the 'IPAs Business Lounge'. Interested Delegates will be able to get information about a Member country and hold meetings in a private atmosphere with the IPA's representatives. Meetings can be arranged via the Information desk in the conference centre.

### About Sharm El Sheikh

Sharm El Sheikh is situated on the southern tip of the Sinai Peninsula in Egypt, on the coastal strip between the Red Sea and Mount Sinai with a population of approximately 35,000. Sharm El Sheikh is the administrative hub of Egypt's South Sinai Governorate. It was formerly a port, but today its major industry is tourism, owing to its dramatic landscape, moderate climate and long stretches of natural beaches. Sharm El Sheikh is also known as The City of Peace referring to the large number of international peace conferences that have been held there.

### Climate and Dress Code

In April, the average temperature in Sharm El Sheikh is 25°C, but temperatures range from a minimum of 20°C to a maximum 30°C. A business suit or smart casual wear is appropriate throughout the meeting. No formal attire is required. But please bring a light jacket for the Bedouin Dinner in the Saharan Desert on the evening of 12<sup>th</sup> April 2010.

### Currency and Credit Cards

The unit of currency is the Egyptian Pounds (EGP). Participants can change money at the airport. Major credit cards (American Express, Diners Club, MasterCard and Visa) are accepted in hotels, restaurants and shops.

Local currency (EGP) as of 3 March 2010:

- 1 US\$ = 5.47955 EGP
- 1 Euro = 7.47814 EGP



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## Electricity

Egypt's electricity supply: 220 V (50 HZ)

## Language

Egypt's official language is Arabic. The official languages of the COMESA Investment Forum are English and French. Sessions will be interpreted in English, French and Arabic.

## Medical Services

First Aid Facilities will be available inside the Maritim Sharm El Sheikh International Congress Center during the official programme hours.

## Security

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Egypt will provide full, state-level security at the meeting venue and at the official hotels. Participants entering the security zone at the meeting venue must be registered and have a badge.

## Internet

Internet facilities are available to all participants at the Conference Centre at the business centre.

## Time

Egypt is two (2) hours ahead of GMT/UTC

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