



Welcome to Egypt

Participant Travel Information

SUSTAIN International Workshop

Regenerative Soil and Water Solutions for Salt-Affected Agroecosystems in Arid Regions

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Welcome to Egypt! On behalf of the Organizing Committee, we are delighted to welcome you to the SUSTAIN International Workshop. We hope your visit will provide an excellent opportunity for scientific exchange, international collaboration, and professional networking, while also allowing you to experience Egypt's remarkable history, vibrant culture, and renowned hospitality.



Getting to the Workshop

Participants may arrive through either Cairo International Airport (CAI) or Sphinx International Airport (SPX). Cairo International Airport offers the widest range of international flight connections, while Sphinx International Airport is the closest airport to the workshop venue and provides a shorter and more convenient transfer.

Transportation from both airports is readily available through Uber, inDrive, official airport limousine services, licensed airport taxis, and hotel-arranged airport transfers. As traffic conditions in Cairo may vary, participants are advised to allow sufficient travel time, particularly during peak hours.



Visa Requirements

Participants are kindly requested to check the visa requirements applicable to their nationality before travelling to Egypt.

Citizens of most European Union (EU) Member States, other European countries, Canada, the United States, the United Kingdom, Japan, Australia, and several other eligible countries can generally obtain a Visa on Arrival at Egyptian international airports, including Cairo International Airport and Sphinx International Airport, making the arrival process quick and convenient.

Participants from countries requiring a visa in advance are encouraged to apply through Egypt's official e-Visa system or the nearest Egyptian Embassy or Consulate before travelling.

Please ensure that your passport is valid for at least six months beyond your date of arrival and carry printed and electronic copies of your passport, visa (if applicable), travel insurance, hotel reservation, return flight itinerary, and workshop invitation letter.



Workshop Venue & Accommodation

The Green Desert Hotel, located at Kilometre 84, Cairo–Alexandria Desert Road, near Sadat City, has been selected as the official venue for the workshop. Its strategic location offers a peaceful setting away from the busy city centre while remaining easily accessible from both Cairo International Airport and Sphinx International Airport.

The hotel features modern conference facilities, comfortable guest rooms, complimentary Wi-Fi, restaurants, outdoor swimming pools, fitness and recreational facilities, landscaped gardens, and ample parking, providing an excellent environment for scientific meetings and networking.

Approximate travel times are:

- Sphinx International Airport: 30–45 minutes
- Cairo International Airport: 60–90 minutes
- Giza Pyramids & Grand Egyptian Museum: 45–60 minutes
- Downtown Cairo: 60–90 minutes

A preferential room rate is expected to be available for workshop participants. However, in accordance with COST rules, participants are free to choose any accommodation that best suits their preferences. Alternative options include Silotel Hotel (Sadat City) and hotels in 6th of October City, Sheikh Zayed City, and Giza, all offering convenient access to the venue.



Mobile Connectivity & Internet

Egypt has excellent mobile network coverage. Local SIM cards are readily available at both airports and throughout the city from Vodafone Egypt, Orange Egypt, WE, and e& Egypt. Participants with eSIM-compatible devices may also choose international providers such as Airalo, Holafly, Nomad, or Saily before departure. Complimentary Wi-Fi is available at the workshop venue and in most hotels, cafés, and restaurants.



Climate During the Workshop

Late September is one of the most pleasant times to visit Egypt. Participants can generally expect warm, sunny, and dry weather, with daytime temperatures typically ranging between 30–34°C and evening temperatures around 22–25°C. Rainfall is very uncommon during this period. Light clothing is recommended for outdoor activities, while a light jacket or sweater may be useful inside air-conditioned conference rooms and during the evening.



Practical Information

- Currency: Egyptian Pound (EGP)
- Language: Arabic (English is widely spoken in hotels, airports, tourist attractions, and academic institutions.)
- Time Zone: UTC+3
- Electricity: 220 V, 50 Hz (Type C & F plugs)
- Recommended Apps: Uber, inDrive, Google Maps, Google Translate, WhatsApp, Airalo or other preferred eSIM applications.



Discover Egypt

If your schedule allows, we encourage you to extend your stay and discover some of Egypt's most celebrated attractions, including the Pyramids of Giza, the Grand Egyptian Museum, Saqqara, Old Cairo, Khan El Khalili Bazaar, and a relaxing Nile River dinner cruise. These iconic destinations offer an unforgettable opportunity to experience Egypt's rich cultural heritage and world-renowned archaeological treasures.



Need Assistance?

The Local Organizing Committee is committed to ensuring a pleasant and successful visit for all participants. Final logistical information, including workshop contacts, emergency telephone numbers, venue directions, and a Google Maps link to the Green Desert Hotel, will be shared with all registered participants before the workshop.

We look forward to welcoming you to Egypt and wish you a safe journey, a productive workshop, and an enjoyable stay.