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CENTRAL ASIAN AND CAUCASUS REGIONAL FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE COMMISSION

Seventh Session

11-13 October 2021

Istanbul, Turkey

INFORMATION NOTE

Session venue

1. The Seventh Session of the Central Asian and Caucasus Regional Fisheries and Aquaculture Commission (CACFish) will be held at the Elite World Istanbul Hotel (Sehit Muhtar cad. No 42 Taksim, Istanbul, 34435) in Lalezar Hall. The Session will start at 14.00 hours on Monday, 11 October 2021, and will conclude at 17.00 hours on Wednesday, 13 October 2021.

On-site registration

2. Participants are requested to arrive at the venue hotel (Elite World Istanbul) between 11.00 and 14.00 hours on 11 October 2021 for on-site registration procedures. Badges and materials will be available at the FAO registration table during this time period only.

Working languages

3. Simultaneous interpretation is in English, Russian and Turkish, session documents are in English and Russian.

Working documents

4. All pre-session documents are available on the dedicated webpage of the [Seventh Session of the CACFish](#) and pendrives will be provided to delegates on site. As the pre-session documents are available online, participants are encouraged to use personal lap-tops/tablets during the Session (for which electrical outlets will be made available in the meeting room) in order to reduce the need for hard copy documents. In addition, you may also access working documents from the QR code that will be placed into your individual nametags. The same QR code will also be made available at different spots of the meeting room. However, printed copies of session working documents will be made available on the spot, as requested.

Press liaison and information

5. For the duration of the Seventh Session the Communication Officers of FAO Sub-regional Office for Central Asia will be responsible for relations with the press and all matters concerning information to the public. Contact details:

- Turuhan Alkir, National Communications Specialist
E-mail address: Turuhan.Alkir@fao.org; Mobile phone: +90 (535) 315 44 47.

6. Accreditation is a requirement for all journalists attending the event, thus journalists will be registered for the event on-site, providing a letter of assignment from their editor or employer.

Advance communication of the texts of speeches and statements

7. To facilitate the CACFish Secretariat's task and ensure accuracy of interpretation, prepared speeches or statements from members or observers should be handed in advance to the Secretariat by e-mail to CACFish-Secretariat@fao.org. Delegates are also kindly requested to provide accurate copies of speeches as delivered, to facilitate media coverage.

Correspondence and inquiries

8. All correspondence concerning the Session should be addressed to the CACFish Secretariat located at the FAO Sub-regional Office for Central Asia, at CACFish-Secretariat@fao.org.

Formalities for entry into Turkey

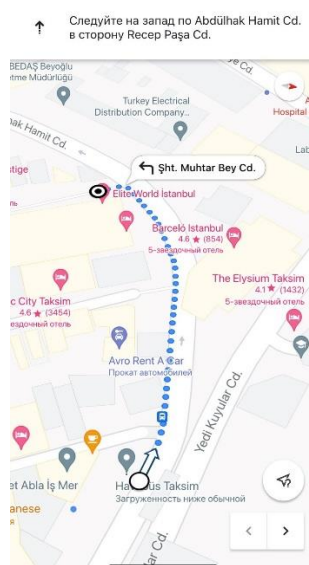
9. Passport holders of some countries require a visa to enter Turkey. For further information regarding visa issuance, participants are encouraged to contact their local Turkish Embassy/Consulate, or visit the [website](#) of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkey. The e-Visa Application System is available [here](#).

10. For participants who require a visa to enter Turkey and who have indicated this during the online registration, an official letter of invitation will be issued in order to support them in their application for the entry visa.

Arrival and transportation to the city

11. Upon arrival to Sabiha Gökçen Airport (Asian side) or Istanbul Airport (European side), alternate transportation means are available to reach the city:

- Taxi service, considered as a safe means of transport, is available at the airports. All taxis are obliged to calculate rates via taximeters. The approximate distance and price from the Sabiha Gökçen Airport to Elite World Istanbul are estimated as 38 km and 220 TRY (additional cost will be charged in amount of 13.25 TRY for crossing the bridge which is considered as toll road). The approximate distance and price from the Istanbul airport to Elite World Istanbul are estimated as 43 km and 170 TRY.
- Shuttle services: HAVAS buses available at the airports, stop 5 minutes walking distance from Elite World Istanbul. The cost of one-way HAVAS ticket from Sabiha Gokcen airport is 27.50 TRY, from Istanbul Airport – 35 TRY.



Venue information

12. The Session will be conducted in Elite World Istanbul Hotel with an address at Şhit Muhtar Cad. No.: 42, İstanbul, 34435, Turkey. Coffee breaks will be served in Ayasofya hall.



Lalezar hall

Ayasofya hall

Exchange of foreign currency

13. Foreign currency may be exchanged at the airport or at exchange offices and banks in the city. The approximate exchange rates at the exchange offices/banks in the city are: 1 USD = 8.85 TRY, 1 EUR = 10.32 TRY.

Hotel accommodation

14. A list of proposed hotels, with a location near to the Session venue, can be found below. Please be informed that there are no arrangements for special hotel prices and that no block reservations are made, therefore the FAO Sub-regional Office cannot guarantee availability in these hotels.

- Elite World Prestige Hotel: <https://www.eliteworldhotels.com.tr/elite-world-prestige-otel.aspx>
- Mineo Hotel Taksim: <https://www.mineohotel.com/>
- Avantgarde Hotel Taksim: <https://www.avantgardecollection.com/avantgarde-hotel-taksim.aspx>

Catering Services

15. Buffet lunch and coffee breaks will be provided at the hotel on 11th, 12th, and 13th October 2021.

Reception

16. FAO will host a gala dinner on 11 October 2021 (Monday) at [Oligark Restaurant](#), to which all Session participants are cordially invited. The address of the restaurant: Kuruçeşme Mahallesi, Muallim Naci Cad. No:58, 34345 Beşiktaş / İstanbul.

Field Trip






17. At the invitation of the CACFish Secretariat, there will be a field visit for participants on Wednesday, 13 October 2021. Participants wishing to take part will be requested to sign in during the on-site registration on 11 October, to enable the Host to make the necessary arrangements. More details will be made available on arrival and relevant information will be included in the Order of the Day.

Electricity

18. Electricity voltage in Turkey is 220 volts with European model sockets. Should there be a need for an electricity adapter; participants should make sure to bring it along.

Weather Forecast Information

19. Weather forecasts during the event are stated as following:

OCTOBER 10 - OCTOBER 21					
SUN 10/10		21° /15°	Partly sunny		5%
MON 10/11		22° /17°	Clouds yielding to sun		25%
TUE 10/12		22° /17°	Partly sunny		25% →
WED 10/13		22° /17°	Times of clouds and sun		20%

COVID-19 related information

20. Passengers arriving from a country other than Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Brazil, Egypt, India, Nepal, Pakistan, Singapore, South Africa, Sri Lanka, the United Kingdom, must:

- have a negative COVID-19 PCR test taken at most 72 hours before arrival; or
- have a negative COVID-19 rapid antigen test taken at most 48 hours before arrival.

This does not apply to:

- passengers younger than 12 years;
- passengers with a COVID-19 vaccination certificate showing that they were fully vaccinated at least 14 days before arrival;
- passengers with a COVID-19 recovery certificate issued at most 6 months before arrival;
- merchant seamen.

Additional information may be found here: <https://tr.usembassy.gov/covid-19-information-2/> and <https://covid19.saglik.gov.tr/>.

Additional cost for PCR test for designated nominees will be reimbursed after the travel on provided bank accounts.

Within the last 72 hours before travel online form should be filled in and printed/saved on your smartphone. The form will be checked at the boarding. Once the form is filled in, HES-code will be automatically assigned to you. HES-code may requested from you in malls, hotel or any other public places <https://register.health.gov.tr/>.

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