

3ACCA

THIRD AFRICA CONGRESS ON
CONSERVATION AGRICULTURE
5-8 June 2023 | Rabat, Morocco



Dear Participant,

We thank you for your registration and confirmation of your participation in the Third African Congress on Conservation Agriculture (3ACCA), co-organized by ACT Network and INRA Morocco, scheduled from **5th to 8th June 2023** in **Rabat (Morocco)** under the theme:

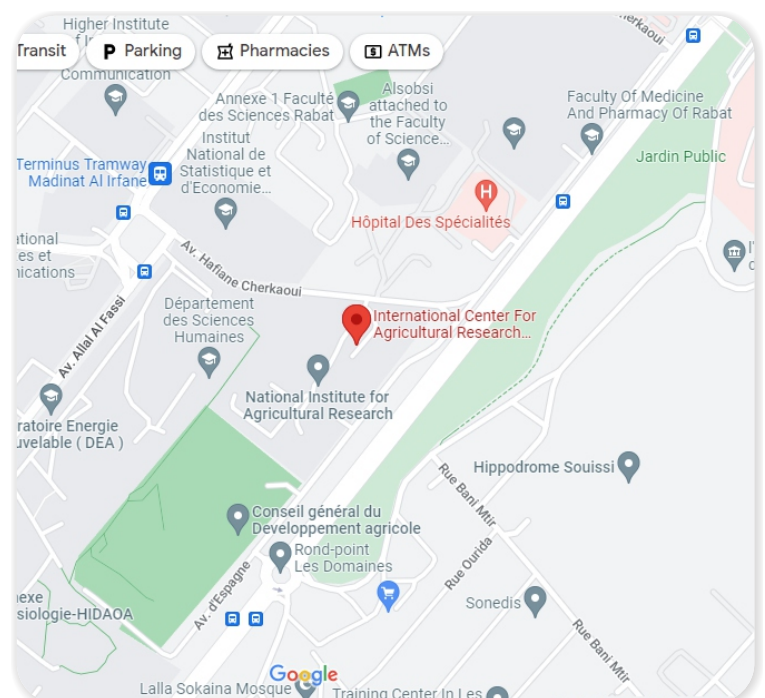
Building a Resilient Future in Africa through Conservation Agriculture and Sustainable Mechanization.



It is necessary to take note of the following information which will help you plan and prepare your trip to Morocco.

1 Location

The congress will be held in the **Agronomic and Veterinary Institute (IAV Hassan II) Conference Room** in Rabat and on the third day a field trip is planned at the **INRA/ICARDA experimental station in Merchouch, Region of Rabat I.**



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② Conference package

The conference package shall include a conference pack, teas, lunch and access to all 3ACCA events as per the programme, including facilitation for one excursion for all registered and paid participants.



③ Visa and Immigration Requirements

Moroccan legislation, relating to the entry and stay of foreigners in Morocco, provides that any foreigner wishing to visit Morocco must have a passport or any other valid document issued by the State of which he or she is a national, recognized by the Moroccan State as a travel document (Law No. 02-03 of November 11, 2003).

The visa is an authorization to enter and stay for a limited period on Moroccan territory issued by the competent Moroccan authority. It is materialized by the affixing of a specific and secure “visa” sticker. The visa indicates a period of validity, from one day to three months, or even one year in exceptional cases and, depending on the case, accompanied by one, two or multiple entries.

However, the fact of being in possession of a visa does not confer an irrevocable right of entry. The control carried out during the verification of a passport or travel document may also relate to the means of existence and the reasons for the person’s arrival in Morocco and the guarantees of his or her repatriation, in application of the law relating to the entry and stay of foreigners in Morocco.

It is up to the competent authority issuing the visa to determine the length of stay and the period of validity of the visa according to the profile of the applicant, the type and category of visa requested and the number of entries.

For more information visit:

<https://www.diplomatie.ma/fr/visiter-le-maroc>

<https://www.consulat.ma/fr/types-de-visas-octroyes>

<https://www.acces-maroc.ma/#/>

3.1 Requirements for entering Morocco

You will need the following when traveling to Morocco:

- A valid and acceptable passport or travel document for your stay
- Sufficient blank pages on your passport for visas
- A valid visa, if applicable
- Sufficient financial resources for your daily expenses during your stay
- A return or onward travel ticket

NB: Some products are prohibited from entering Morocco; other products attract customs duties.

For information on customs requirements, please visit:

<https://www.douane.gov.ma/web/guest/presentation-adil>

3.2 Visa application

ATTENTION: DO NOT ENTER MOROCCAN TERRITORY WITHOUT A VISA IF YOU NEED TO HAVE ONE, AS THERE WILL BE NO ISSUE OF VISA AT THE ENTRY POINTS. PEOPLE WHO HAVE COMPLETED THEIR REGISTRATION FORMALITIES WILL RECEIVE AN INVITATION FROM THE ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE TO HELP THEM WITH THEIR VISA PROCEDURES.

Please carefully review the information below and begin the visa application process at least two months prior to your travel date:

USEFUL RESOURCES:

Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation

- <https://www.acces-maroc.ma/#/> (Do I Need a Visa to Enter Morocco?)
- <https://www.acces-maroc.ma/#/guide-usage> (User Guide)
- <https://www.acces-maroc.ma/#/auteur-voyage> (Application for Electronic Authorization to Travel to Morocco)
- <https://www.acces-maroc.ma/#/e-visa> (Electronic visa application)
- <https://www.consulat.ma/fr/visitez-le-maroc> (Ministry of Foreign Affairs website)

List of countries whose nationals are exempt from the entry visa to Morocco

- <https://www.consulat.ma/fr/liste-des-pays-dont-les-ressortissants-sont-dispenses-du-visa-dentree-au-maroc>

Ministry of Tourism

- <https://mtaess.gov.ma/fr/>

④ Health Requirements

Travelers wishing to travel to Morocco, by any means, must present a health form, to be downloaded online before boarding, duly completed. It is also distributed at the airport or the port. Please click on the link below to download the form.

<https://www.sante.gov.ma/PublishingImages/2021/protocole/FSP%20avion.pdf?csf=1&e=2iw7FK>

Apart from universal vaccinations (tetanus, polio, whooping cough, diphtheria, hepatitis B) no vaccination is required to visit Morocco. Some vaccines are nevertheless useful for the personal protection of the traveler. In the event of prolonged rural stays, it is strongly recommended to be vaccinated preventively against rabies.

In the event of a medical emergency, please call the single national free number “141”. Only one vaccine is compulsory for travel to Rabat: yellow fever if you are from a Latin American or sub-Saharan African country. However, many vaccines are strongly recommended for safe travel:

- Diphtheria, tetanus and poliomyelitis.
- Hepatitis A (food risk) and B (blood and sexual risk).
- Whooping cough.
- Measles for children.
- Typhoid.
- Rabies (stray dogs).

Further, it is highly recommended that all participants should arrange for their own travel insurance covering and not limited to theft or loss of belongings and medical cover.

COVID-19 test prior to arrival: Travelers do not need a negative pre-departure testing to travel to Morocco.



5 Hotel Accommodation And Recommended Arrangement

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To book the negotiated accommodation rates please contact below persons

1 Hotel Chellah Helnan



Helnan Chellah Hotel
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Hotel Manager

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- www.helnan.com
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Single room: 780.00 MAD

2 Hotel Diwan



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Rooms : 1360.00 MAD | Rooms : 1480.00 MAD

3 Other Hotels

| Hotel | Address | Booking contact | Rates in BB in Dhs HT |
|-----------------------|-------------|-----------------|--|
| Majlis Hotel **** | city center | | Single room: 800.00 |
| Ibis Hotel *** | Agdal | | Single: 810.00 Double: 904.00 |
| Mercury Shahrazad *** | Hassan | | Single: 833.20 Double: 966.40 |
| Hotel Texuda *** | Ocean | | Single: 500.00 (28 rooms) Twin: 600.00 (12 rooms) Triple: 700.00 (04 rooms) Following: 1000.00 (04 rooms) |

6 Sponsored Delegates

All travel and accommodation arrangements for sponsored delegates will be made by the 3rd African Congress on Conservation Agriculture Organizing committee. Sponsored delegates can contact the congress helpdesk for assistance and information by emailing helpdesk@act-africa.org.

7 Airport Transfer And Excursion Transport

7.1 Taxis

In Morocco, there are two types of taxis: share taxis commonly called “Grand Taxi” and the taxicab or “Petit taxi”. To benefit from a cheap transfer, two solutions are available: share taxis or the services of taxicabs online.

Share taxis follow fixed routes at a low fixed rate; so for a trip in large or small taxi, it is advisable to seek information at the station of your chosen destination.

7.2 Trolley cars

The tramway connects the city centers of Rabat and Salé on a length of 20 km and over 31 stops, and connects the main centers of activity: administrative centers, universities, hospitals, railway and bus stations. Tramway web portal:

<https://www.tram-way.ma/>

7.3 Buses/Trains

For longer distances, the bus or train is a mode of transport that complements the tram or taxi solutions.

To get from the airport to city center Rabat:

- *by taxi for 200 Dh (MAD) about 20 euro (21 US dollars).*
- *by airport bus shuttle: Express bus shuttle from the airport to the central train station Rabat City and also to the train station Rabat Agdal (the TGV station in Rabat, TGV=high speed train), priced at 25 dhs (MAD), about 2,50 euros, Operated by the company "Alsa-City-Bus", Scheduled every 1 hour.*
- *by private shuttle: Private shuttle from the airport to Rabat center, priced between 300 and 500 dhs (MAD), about 30 and 50 euros.*
- *by local bus: Line No. 2, but you have to walk outside, out of the airport, 5 minutes walk to the bus station next to supermarket ATACADAO Bus ticket price is 5 dh (MAD) about 0, 50 euro.*

8 Documents

All conference materials will be made available in the conference folder at the registration desk.

9 Exchange Rate

The official currency unit of Morocco is the Moroccan dirham (DH). The abbreviation is MAD (Moroccan dirham).

Bank notes: You will find notes of 20-50-100-200 DH

Coins: The coins in circulation are 0.50-1-2-5 and 10 DH and 1-5-10-20 centimes.

9.1 How to pay?

In Morocco, like most countries in the world, you can pay by cash or credit card. When paying by credit card, the exchange rate applied is the current one. The maximum commission depends on each issuing institution and is generally 1%.

9.2 Where to change currency?

In establishments where it is not possible to pay by credit card, it is preferable to pay in dirhams. The best places to change your currency are the exchange offices located in the tourist areas of each city in Morocco. You can also change your currencies at the airport or in the hotels.

You can find out the real time exchange rate value by clicking here:

<https://www.bkam.ma/Marches/Principaux-indicateurs/Marche-des-changes/Cours-de-change/Cours-de-reference>.

⑩ Weather/climate

The climate in June in Rabat is hot and dry; it rarely rains in this month.

Temperatures rise to 26°C with lows of 20°C. Thus, the mean temperature average in June in Rabat is 23°C. Note that these seasonal averages are to be contrasted with those recorded in Rabat in June with a maximum record of 39° in 2011 and a minimum record of 14° in 2013. You can expect to have about 4 days with maximum temperatures of more than 30°, i.e. 13% of the time.

On average, in Rabat, the sun rises at 6:16 a.m. and sets at 8:40 p.m.

⑪ Registration And Identification Badges

Participants must register online on the Congress website: <https://africacacongress.org/> prior to the opening of the meeting.

The distribution of congress files and badges will take place on June 05, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. at the congress venue. Please bring your confirmation letter and proof of payment with you for ease of registration.

For identification and security purposes, all attendees are required to wear their name badges at all times throughout the congress and at official social functions.

⑫ Languages

Morocco has two official languages, Arabic and Amazigh. French is also spoken and understood by almost all Moroccans.

Spanish is widespread in the northern and southern regions of Morocco. Currently many young Moroccans also speak English.

13 Telecommunication

13.1 Telephone calls:

The dialing country code for Morocco is +212. To make calls from your mobile phone, don't forget to contract the "International" option with your telephone operator. The network is generally very well covered in Morocco.

It is also possible to buy a Moroccan SIM card provided that you have previously had your mobile phone unlocked. You can also find top-ups at any kiosk.

13.2 Internet:

Generally all hotels in Morocco have a broadband connection and many establishments offer free WI-FI connection: restaurants, cafeterias, airports, etc.

14 Security

Rabat is a fairly safe city; however, as in all major cities, the following security measures are worth considering:

- Please ensure to leave your laptops/electronic equipment in safe custody all the time.
- It is not recommended to walk on the streets after dark alone. Valuables should not be carried & jewelry that sparkles should be avoided when you leave your hotel.
- Narrow lanes are charming to wander around, but they may also make you an easy victim for con artists and robbers. Avoid straying very far from people.
- Trust only the tour guides recommended by your hotel staff.

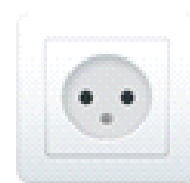
15 Power Outlet And Electrical Voltage

15.1 Voltage and frequency of use

In Morocco, the electrical voltage is 220 V. The frequency is 50 Hz.

15.2 Type of socket

In Morocco, Type C and E electrical sockets are used. Type C can be used with all kinds of plugs (E or F). The E-type socket, which has a plug for earth, can be used with the C plug, which also has a hole for earth.



Type C



Type E

16 Post Congress Tours

Participants interested in spouse or post congress tours within Rabat, Morocco can receive support from the Organizers by submitting their names and areas of interest to helpdesk@act-africa.org

Useful Resources:

<https://www.visitrabat.com/en/> | <https://www.visitmorocco.com/fr/voyage/rabat>

<https://www.visitmorocco.com/fr/idees-de-voyage> | <https://www.maroc.ma/fr> (Official site of the Kingdom of Morocco)

Contact Details

The Congress Secretariat Help Desk may be contacted at the following address:

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