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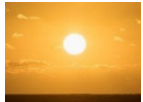
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**Subregional dialogue on biodiversity monitoring and
reporting for countries in Western Asia**
Manama, Bahrain, 21-23 December 2025

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1. Opening and registration

The Subregional dialogue on biodiversity monitoring and reporting for countries in Western Asia, jointly organized by the Government of Bahrain, UNDP, UNEP and SCBD will be held in Manama, Bahrain from Sunday, 21 December to Tuesday, 23 December 2025.

The meeting will start at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, 21 December 2025, and registration will take place in the Hall Awal 2 at the Gulf Hotel Convention and Spa in Manama, Bahrain at 8:30 a.m. the same day.

2. Venue

The dialogue will be held at:

Gulf Hotel Convention and Spa

Hall Awal 2

Building 11 Rd No 3801

Manama, Bahrain

Website:

<https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/bahmg-gulf-hotel-convention-and-spa/overview/?scid=f2ae0541-1279-4f24-b197-a979c79310b0>

Tel: +973-1771-3000

3. Working language of the meeting

The meeting will be held in English.

4. Documents



Participants are kindly reminded to bring their own copies of the documents for the dialogue as there will be no extra copies made available on site during the dialogue. Documents will be made available on the Secretariat's web site at the following links: <https://www.cbd.int/meetings/NBSAP-OM-2025-08>.

5. General information on access to Manama, Bahrain



Manama is serviced by the Bahrain International Airport, which is located in the Moharraq area about 6 km from the city centre of Manama. Taxis are available at the exit of the arrivals hall, Bahrain Taxi Group, Speedy Motors, Arabian Taxi, Careem and Uber at a cost of about US \$20 and the trip takes about 20 minutes.

When booking accommodation, we recommend checking with the hotel to see if airport transfers are available.

6. Visa information & Entry Requirements



Participants from the following countries are visa exempt for entry into Bahrain: Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and United Arab Emirates. Participants from all other countries require a visa to enter Bahrain. Below please find the special link for the visa application to Bahrain. All participants are kindly requested to fill out the application form with all required information and send a clear copy of the passport and a personal photo to the following email address: events@sce.gov.bh

Visa Application Link: [Visa Apply - طلب تأشيرة دخول \(UNDP\) – Fill in form](#)

7. Health Requirements

There are no special health requirements for entry to Bahrain. For more information, please consult a medical professional regarding requirements for your travel. It is recommended to secure international medical, accident and travel insurance for the period of participation prior to departure.

8. Hotel information

Participants are requested to make their own hotel reservations. A list of recommended hotels is provided in Annex A at the end of this document.

Further information on hotels in and around Manama is available at the website of the Bahrain Tourism Authority as follows: <https://www.bahrain.com/>

9. Mobile Connection

Upon arrival at the airport, you will find mobile network providers Zain, Batelco and STC in the arrivals area. Both offer SIM cards and prepaid credit for purchase.

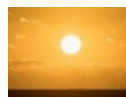
10. Payment of the Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA)

For participants whose travel is facilitated by the CBD Secretariat/UNDP-Bahrain through the generous funding of the UNEP-China Trust Fund: UNDP-Bahrain will liaise with participants regarding the disbursement of the DSA. Funded participants are kindly requested to **bring their passports and boarding passes on the first day of the meeting**. These will be copied and returned to participants during the meeting. It is advisable that participants have some cash or credit card at hand to cover expenses that may occur between their arrival and receiving their DSA.

11. Official languages in Bahrain

The official language in Bahrain is Arabic, English and several other languages are spoken.

12. Weather and time zone information



In December average temperatures in Manama range between +24°C in the daytime and +17°C at night. The current weather conditions may be found at <https://worldweather.wmo.int/en/city.html?cityId=220>.

The standard time zone in Manama is AST (Arabia Standard Time) which is equivalent to GMT/UTC+3 hours.

13. Electricity

The standard electricity voltage in Bahrain is 230V at a frequency of 50Hz. You will need a voltage converter if your devices are from a country that uses a lower voltage, such as 120V.

Device compatibility: Many modern electronics, like phone and laptop chargers, are designed to work with a wide range of voltages (e.g., 100-240V) and will only need a plug adapter, not a voltage converter. Always check the label on your device's power adapter to confirm its input voltage range.



14. Banking & Currency



The official currency of Bahrain is the Bahraini Dinar (BHD).

- **Currency Code:** BHD
- **Symbol:** .ب.د (Arabic) or BD (Latin)
- **Subunit:** The Dinar is divided into 1,000 fils.
- **Exchange Rate:** The Bahraini Dinar rate as at 24 November USD \$1 = BHD 2.659 and €1 = BHD 2.30

15. Disclaimer

The co-organizers of the dialogue disclaim all responsibility for medical, accident and travel insurance, for compensation for death or disability compensation, for loss of or damage to personal property and for any other loss that may be incurred during travel time or the period of participation. In this context, it is strongly recommended to secure international medical, accident and travel insurance for the period of participation prior to departure.

Annex A: List of hotels close to the venue

Hotel/Accommodation	Distance (venue)	Contact Details	Price Per Night
Gulf Hotel Convention and SPA Building 11 Rd No 3801 Manama, Bahrain Website: https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/bahmg-gulf-hotel-convention-and-spa/overview/?scid=f2ae0541-1279-4f24-b197-a979c79310b0	Venue hotel	Tel: +973 1771 3000	BD 54
Four Seasons Hotel Bahrain Bay Building 555, Block 346, Bahrain Bay, Road 4606 Manama, Bahrain Website: https://www.fourseasons.com/bahrain/	4.0 km (10-minute drive)	Tel: +973 1711 7777/5000	BD 196
The Westin City Centre Bahrain Al Seef District, Shaikh Khalifa Bin Salman Hwy Manama, Bahrain Website: https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/bahwi-the-westin-city-centre-bahrain/overview/?scid=f2ae0541-1279-4f24-b197-a979c79310b0	3.0 km (7-minute drive)	Tel: +973 1717 7777/1000	BD 81
Novotel Al Dana Resort Bahrain 121 Sheikh, Shaikh Hamad Causeway P.O. Box 11073 Manama, Bahrain Website: https://all.accor.com/hotel/3600/index.en.shtml	4.5 km (8-minute drive)	Tel: +973 1729 2929	BD 52
Mövenpick Hotel Bahrain 143 Road 2403 Muharraaq, Bahrain Website: https://movenpick.accor.com/en/middle-east/bahrain/muharraaq/hotel-bahrain.html	9.6 km (15-minute drive)	Tel: +973 1749 0000	BD 61
Crowne Plaza Manama Bahrain Diplomatic Area 317 Manama, Bahrain Website: https://www.ihg.com/crowneplaza/hotels/us/en/manama/mnaba/hoteldetail	4.4 km (10-minute drive)	Tel: +973 1753 0011	BD 57
Wyndham Garden Manama Wyndham Garden, Building, 65 Road 4003 Manama, Bahrain Website: https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/en-uk/wyndham-garden/manama-bahrain/wyndham-garden-manama/overview?iata=00094570&cid=PS:pwjw7mp03olaryf&ads_type=ppc&gad_source=1&gad_campaignid=23257300973&gbraid=0AAAAABAwYoSdlbq0HwnRXVXNz42YJA0Zj8&gclid=EAIaIQobChMIrPnb99SLkQMVjUdHAR1W-zUnEAAAYASAAEgIXWPD_BwE	2.0 km (7-minute drive)	Tel: +973 6631 6666	BD 51
Ibis Styles Manama Diplomatic Area Building 511 Road 1706 Manama, Bahrain Website: https://all.accor.com/hotel/A1X4/index.en.shtml	4.3 km (9-minute drive)	Tel: +973 1723 3310	BD 32
Elite Resort & Spa Bldg. 101, Area 322 Shk, Shaikh Hamad Causeway Manama, Bahrain Website: https://elitegrouphotels.com/room/elite-resort-spa/	4.5 km (7-minute drive)	Tel: +973 1731 3333	BD 53
