

GLIDE SYMPOSIUM WELCOME PACK

We are pleased to welcome you to our inaugural symposium, 'Integrated Approaches To Disease Elimination' at the Anantara Eastern Mangroves in Abu Dhabi from Feb 7-9, 2024.

Please find below some information regarding your stay in Abu Dhabi.

SYMPOSIUM VENUE

Anantara Eastern Mangroves, Al Salam Street- Al Kheeran- Eastern Mangrove, Abu Dhabi
Hotel information and location can be found [here](#).

All symposium sessions will take place in the Mangrove Ballroom. Badges can be collected outside the ballroom on February 8th between 8-9 am, before the Opening Session. To learn more about the GLIDE Inaugural Symposium, please [visit our website](#).

CONTACT INFORMATION

Logistics

The GLIDE Symposium Contact Information – Please contact Khadija Swaleh or Johny Eapen if you require any further assistance with logistical arrangements.

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Symposium

For any questions regarding the symposium agenda or speakers' roles, please contact Dr. Aïssatou Diawara, Technical Specialist: adiawara@glideae.org.

ACCOMMODATION

Hotel: GLIDE-supported participants have reserved accommodation at the Anantara Eastern Mangroves Hotel for the duration of the Symposium. Breakfast is included throughout your stay. Before departure, participants should settle any expenses for extra days stayed and any other miscellaneous expenses. Self-paying participants may do so at the time of check-in and settle any outstanding balances with the hotel at checkout.

Meals: GLIDE will provide lunch during the two meeting days of the symposium at the 'Ingredients' Restaurant. A dinner reception will be held on the first day of the meeting (February 8th). Please note that GLIDE will not provide dinner on the last day of the meeting (February 9th).

LOGISTICAL INFORMATION

Transportation: Airport Transfers: Airport pick-ups and ground transportation will only be arranged for participants supported by GLIDE. Please look for the driver holding a placard with your name on it.

Taxis: From Abu Dhabi International Airport to Anantara Eastern Mangroves costs approximately 40 – 60 AED (USD \$11 – 17) for a normal taxi.

The 150-kilometer trip from Dubai International Airport to Abu Dhabi city takes 90 minutes. Traffic has a significant impact on both the fare and the time, this greatly influences the final fare. The taxi ride from Dubai Airport to Abu Dhabi should cost approximately 329 AED (USD \$90). Almost all taxi drivers in Dubai have point-of-sale (POS) systems, payments can be made using credit or debit cards as well as cash (dirhams).

Other: When making a reservation, inquire about airport transfers as many hotels offer them. In addition to local taxis, Ubers operates in Abu Dhabi, along with a local provider, Careem.

LOCAL INFORMATION

Attire: The dress code in Abu Dhabi does not impose restrictions. However, considering that UAE is an Islamic country and how important is to respect the traditions of a host country, in public places, such as streets or malls, it is recommended to avoid transparent clothes, skirts, and shorts, and cover up from the shoulders to the legs included for both men and women.

Weather: February averages with daytime highs of 24°C (75°F) and evening lows of 13°C (56°F).

Electricity: The standard frequency in the UAE is 50Hz, and the standard voltage is 220V. The G power plug type, which is a square three-pin, is commonly used. With a different power plug, it is advisable to carry a travel adapter, although some hotels provide plug converters.

Currency: The official currency in the UAE is the dirham (AED) equivalent to an exchange rate of 1 US\$ = approximately AED 3.67. VISA, Master cards, and international debit cards are widely accepted in most establishments. ATMs are widely available in banks, malls, and hotels for cash withdrawals.

Emergency:

- *Police 999
- Ambulance 998
- Fire Emergency 997

* There is a dedicated Tourism Police division of Abu Dhabi Police that can help you with a range of questions and provide guidance. +971 2 800 2626 and +971 2 512 7777 are their phone numbers or visit, [here](#).

Medical Services: Two nearby hospitals to the hotel include Healthpoint and Mediclinic Airport Road. A list of medical services, such as hospitals and clinics is available on the Abu Dhabi Government webpage [here](#) and [here](#).

Visas: You may find all information concerning visas and required documents below.

List of visa-free entry countries [link](#).

List of countries eligible for a 30-day or 90-day visa on arrival [link](#).

Visa process and required documents [link](#).

If you are required to apply for a visa in advance, you may apply for a tourist visa using the above process. Some airlines or hotels also help in acquiring your tourist visa; please reach out to your airline or accommodation directly. If an invitation letter is required to obtain a visa, kindly download it from the received invitation email.

EXPLORE ABU DHABI

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1. Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque*
2. Abu Dhabi Corniche
3. Louvre Abu Dhabi
4. Marina and Yas Mall for shopping, entertainment, and dining options.
5. Yas Island to experience Ferrari World, Warner Bros, Sea World, and more
6. Mangrove National Park for Kayaking and hiking
7. Abrahamic Family House
8. The National Aquarium
9. Qasr Al Watan, The Presidential Palace
10. Qasr Al Hosn
11. Beaches (Saadiyat Island, Corniche, Yas Island, Al Hudayriat Island)

*Mosques hold a religious and sacred position for all Muslims. Visitors to mosques should therefore abide by specific ethics and rules and show their full respect by following the instructions indicated below:

1. Men and women should both dress modestly, in loose-fitting clothing that covers the arms and legs.
2. Do not wear see-through or transparent clothing.
3. Do not wear shorts or skirts.
4. Do not wear a sleeveless shirt or clothing with profanity.
5. For more info on the dress code, please see [here](#).

For more details on the above activities and additional options click on this [link](#).
