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



## INFORMATION NOTE

### Theme:

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

### Organizers



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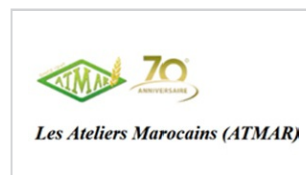
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## Dear Participant,

We thank you for your interest to participate in the Third Africa Congress on Conservation Agriculture (3ACCA), co-organized by the ACT Network, INRA Morocco, and partners, and scheduled from **5th to 8th June 2023** in **Rabat, Morocco**.

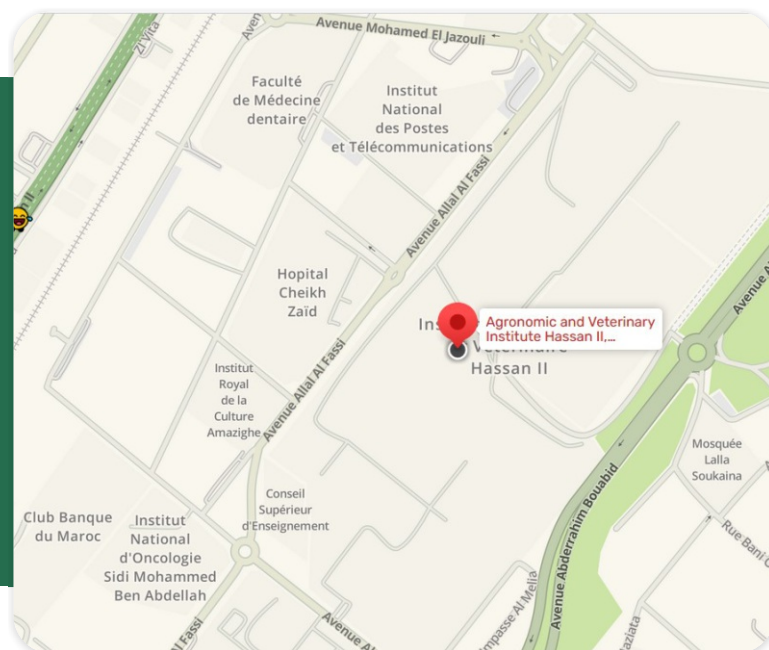
The theme of the 3ACCA is: **“Building a Resilient Future in Africa through Conservation Agriculture and Sustainable Mechanization”**.

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

## ① Venue

The congress will be held at the **Agronomic-and-Veterinary-Institute-Hassan-II (IAV Hassan-II) APESA Conference Halls in Rabat, Morocco**.

On the fourth day, a field trip is planned at sites including the INRA/ ICARDA experimental station in Merchouch, Region of Rabat.



## 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 the field day trip for all registered and paid participants. Kindly note that **the Registration Fee does not include Hotel Accommodation.**



## ③ VISA and Immigration Requirements

### General requirements for entering Morocco

You will need the following if you wish to visit Morocco

- A valid and acceptable passport or travel document for your intended stay;
- The validity of the passport or the travel document must be longer than the duration of the stay;
- A valid visa into the Kingdom of Morocco, if required;
- A mission order for governmental applicants;
- An invitation from the entity that invites and organizes the event;
- Sufficient funds to pay for your day-to-day expenses during your stay;
- A return or onward ticket;
- Visitors to Morocco should be in possession of a valid health certificate for Yellow Fever if traveling through the yellow fever belt of Africa or South America.

**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/#/>

# VISA Application

## CAUTION:

**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.**

Please read the following information carefully and start the application process **at least two months before** your planned travel date:

The application for an entry visa to Morocco (where VISA requirements apply), is the responsibility of each participant. The Congress Organizing Committee will assist registered delegates in sending official electronic invitation letters and visa letters to embassies where it will be a requirement. Please let us know if you require the invitation letter for visa applications.

## Useful Resources:

### Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation

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

### 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 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 [this link](#) to download the form.

Visitors to Morocco should be in possession of a valid health certificate for Yellow Fever if travelling through the yellow fever belt of Africa or South America. Malaria prophylaxis is recommended.

### **COVID: Conditions of entry to Morocco**

Since 30th September 2022, travellers no longer need to present a vaccination certificate or a negative PCR test result. However, they must present a duly completed and signed passenger health form on arrival.

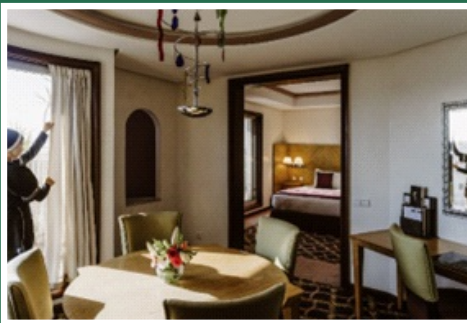
**Important:** Measures and instructions vary according to the evolution of the health situation. To find out which ones apply at the time of your journey, please consult the information updated on the website of the **Office National des Aéroports du Maroc**.

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.



## 5 Hotel Accommodation And Recommended Arrangement

The Congress organizers have identified and recommended the following hotels for participants' accommodations:



All participants can make direct contact with the hotels to arrange, confirm, and guarantee their reservations, as well as settle the bill.

In addition to accommodation costs, all participants will be responsible for settling other related costs such as breakfast (where not included), telephone, internet, fax, room service, mini-bar, laundry, and meals (dinner) - and must pay these directly to the hotel at checkout time.

*Please note that the congress secretariat will not be liable for any costs incurred by congress participants while making reservations or during their hotel stay.*

*The following are the rates (fares) for each destination:*

Name of Hotel	Tariffs (MAD <sup>1</sup> )		Address	Telephone	Email Address / website
	Single Room	Double Room			
<b>Helnan Chellah</b> *****	780		2 Rue D Ifni, Quartier Administratif, 10000, centre-ville de Rabat, Maroc. City center	+212 6 61 46 51 60  <b>Meryem Regragi</b> (booking contact)	<b>E:</b> Gm.chellah@helnan.com  <b>W:</b> <a href="https://helnanchellahhotel.com/fr/-hotel.com">https://helnanchellahhotel.com/fr/-hotel.com</a>
<b>Le Diwan</b> *****	1360	1480	African unity (Place De L'Unité Africaine), Rabat 10005, Maroc	+212 5372 62727  <b>Mrs kaoutar Bolaamaim</b> (Reservation service)	<b>E:</b> H2820@accor.com  <b>W:</b> <a href="https://all.accor.com/hotel/2820/index.fr.shtml">https://all.accor.com/hotel/2820/index.fr.shtml</a>

**Transportation from the above two hotels to the congress venue will be provided by the organisers.**

<b>Majliss Hotel</b> ****	800		6 Rue Zahla, Rabat, City center	+212 537733726	<b>W:</b> <a href="https://majlisshotel.com-hotel.com/fr/">https://majlisshotel.com-hotel.com/fr/</a>
<b>Ibis Hotel</b> ***	810	904	Quartier Agdal Avenue Haj Ahmed Charkaoui, Place De La Gare, Agdal	+212 537131707	<b>E:</b> ha0g2@accor.com  <b>W:</b> <a href="https://all.accor.com/hote/A0G2/index.fr.shtml">https://all.accor.com/hote/A0G2/index.fr.shtml</a>
<b>Mercury Shahrazad</b> ***	833.20	966.40	Quartier Hassan 21 Rue de Tunis, Rabat 10000,	+212 5377-22226	<b>Zineb Khayar</b>  <b>E:</b> H2962@accor.com  <b>W:</b> <a href="https://all.accor.com/hotel/2962/index.fr.shtml">https://all.accor.com/hotel/2962/index.fr.shtml</a>
<b>Hotel Texuda</b> ***	500	600 (Twin) 700 (Tripple) 1000 (Suite)	Quartier Océan, 32, Av. El Moukawama, Quartier de l'Océan, 14000 Rabat	+212 6 77 47 02 35	<b>E:</b> hosna@hotmail.com  <b>W:</b> <a href="https://hoteltexuda.com-hotel.com/fr/">https://hoteltexuda.com-hotel.com/fr/</a>

\*Note that 1 USD = 10.35 Moroccan Dirham approximately



## ⑥ Sponsored Delegates

### Sponsored delegates

All travel and accommodation arrangements for sponsored delegates will be made by the 3rd African Congress on Conservation Agriculture Secretariat. Sponsored delegates can contact the congress help desk for assistance and information by emailing [helpdesk@act-africa.org](mailto:helpdesk@act-africa.org).

More details will be provided in individual sponsorship letters.

### Non-Sponsored delegates

Non-sponsored delegates should make their own arrangements in terms of accommodation and travel. Non-Sponsored delegates can also contact the congress helpdesk for information at [helpdesk@act-africa.org](mailto:helpdesk@act-africa.org).

## ⑦ Airport Transfers and Field Visit Transportation

### 7.1: From Med V Casablanca International Airport

#### By Train

Transfer from Med V airport to Rabat city station by train from the airport:  
Booking link and timetable; [ONCF - ONCF Espace Voyageurs](#).

#### By Taxi

Transfer from Med V airport to Rabat by taxi:

[Booking link](#), timetables and fares.

## 7.2: From Rabat-Salé International Airport

### By Taxi:

A large taxi rank, with a capacity of 30 seats, is located at the exit of the Airport. Fares are displayed at the Public Hall and at the Taxi Parking for the different destinations.

The following are the rates for each destination:

<b>Rabat city centre</b>	150DH per day	200 DH per evening
<b>Salé</b>	100DH per day	150 DH the evening

### Booking link and timetable:

<https://www.taxi2airport.com/fr/transferts-aeroport/rabat-sale-aeroport-taxi>

### By Bus:

Buses are available according to flight schedules [here](#).

For any additional support in the scheduling of your airport transfers, kindly furnish us with information on your flight itinerary through [helpdesk@act-africa.org](mailto:helpdesk@act-africa.org).

Field visit transportation will be provided to all delegates based on their selected field visit sites. Please select your preferred field trip route by logging in to your profile at <https://www.africacacongress.org/>.

Use the login credentials sent to your email address at registration. In case of any needed assistance contact [helpdesk@act-africa.org](mailto:helpdesk@act-africa.org).

## 8 Documents

All the necessary event documents will be provided in the congress pack at the registration desk.

## 9 Exchange Rate

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

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

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

### 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%.

### 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 currencies at the airport or in the hotels. You can find out the real-time exchange rate value by clicking [here](#):

## 10 Weather/ Climate

The climate in Rabat in June 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°C in 2011 and a minimum record of 14°C in 2013.

You can expect to have about 4 days with maximum temperatures of more than 30°C, 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 5, 2023, from 7:30 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 Language

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.

The 3ACCA proceedings will be conducted in both English and French, with instantaneous interpretation.

## 13 Telecommunication

### 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.

### Internet:

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

## 14 Security

Rabat is a safe city. However, as in all large cities, caution should be exercised. It is not recommended to walk alone in the streets after midnight. It is advisable not to take valuables with you if you venture into the old Medina, especially after dark.

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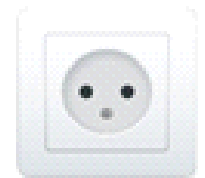
## 15 Power Outlets and Electrical Voltage

### Voltage and frequency of use

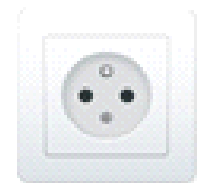
In Morocco, the electrical voltage is 220 V. The frequency is 50 Hz.

### 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

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## 16 Post Congress Tours

Participants who would like their spouse to accompany them or are interested in 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](mailto: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>

# 17 Contact Details

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**THANK YOU AND SEE YOU IN RABAT, MOROCCO**

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