

**2nd MEETING OF THE AEWA NORTHERN BALD IBIS
INTERNATIONAL WORKING GROUP**

25-27 September 2017, Agadir, Morocco

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR MEETING PARTICIPANTS

The 2nd Meeting of the AEWA Northern Bald Ibis International Working Group (NBI IWG2) will be held at the **Royal Atlas & Spa Hotel**, on 25-27 September 2017, in Agadir, Morocco. The Meeting is being kindly hosted by the High Commission for Water and Forests and the Fight against Desertification (HCEFLCD).

The NBI IWG2 will be opened at 09:00 on Monday, 25 September and is scheduled to finish after the field trip by 17:00 on Wednesday, 27 September 2017.

CONTACT DETAILS – ORGANISATION TEAM

In case of any questions or if you require any assistance, please contact the meeting organisers.

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CONFERENCE VENUE and HOTEL

Royal Atlas & Spa Hotel

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BP 20012

Agadir

Morocco

Website: <http://royal-atlas-spa.hotels.com>

Reservations have been made at the Royal Atlas and Spa Hotel for all pre-registered participants. If you have any questions related to your hotel booking, please contact the meeting organiser Dr Mohammed El Bekkay (el_bekkay@yahoo.fr).

Agadir is a major city in Morocco, located on the shore of the Atlantic Ocean near the foot of the Atlas Mountains, just north of the point where the Sous River flows into the ocean. It is 508 km south of Casablanca. It is the capital of the Agadir-Ida Ou Tanane Prefecture and of the Souss-Massa economic region.

TRAVEL AND TRANSPORT TO AND FROM THE AIRPORT

Travel will be to Agadir-Al Massira Airport (<http://www.agadir-airport.com/en/index.php>).

The distance from the airport to the Royal Atlas and Spa Hotel, which is close to the city center is about 20 km.

Vehicles have been arranged to pick up all participants at the airport and bring them to the hotel. Please look out for a **placard at the exit with your name.**

The same arrangement will be made for departures. Exact times will be clarified during the meeting.

MEALS

- Dinner will be provided for all participants on arrival day, 24 September.
- Lunches and evening meals will be provided for all participants on both meeting days (25 and 26 September).
- Lunch and dinner will also be provided on the field trip day (27 September)
- Refreshments will be provided during the coffee breaks on the two meeting days.
- **PLEASE NOTE: Any additional expenses, e.g. snacks and drinks will be at the cost of the individual participants and payable at the hotel reception before departure.**

EXCURSION

On 27 September, a visit to Souss-Massa National Park is planned to take all morning, followed by lunch in the field. The exact timings of the excursion will be confirmed, however arrival back at the hotel is expected to be **no later than 17:00.**

VISAS

Participants experiencing any difficulties with visa applications should contact the meeting organiser Dr Mohammed EL Bekkay (el_bekkay@yahoo.fr) with cc to Mr Chris Bowden (chris.bowden@repub.org.uk).

CURRENCY

The currency in Morocco is the Moroccan Dirham (MAD). 1 MAD = 0.10 USD and 0.09 EUR.

INTERNET

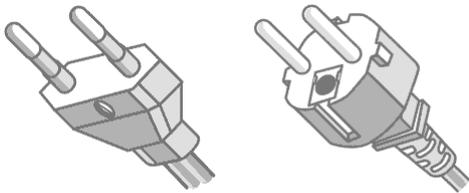
Wireless internet will be available throughout the venue for the duration of the meeting.

WEATHER

The average temperature in Agadir in September reaches a high of 26°C during the day and drops to around 17°C at night.

ELECTRICITY

Electric sockets in Morocco supply 220 volts; The following plugs are used:



EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

The emergency numbers are as follows:

Police: 19

Gendarmerie: 177

Fire/ambulance: 15