

Practical Information Of The GLOBAL SEMINAR: Frugal AI: “New Horizons for Supreme Audit Institutions”

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1. Introduction

The Arab Republic of Egypt warmly welcomes participants to the **SCEI Global Seminar on “Frugal AI: New Horizons for Supreme Audit Institutions,”** organized by the **Accountability State Authority (ASA)** under the framework of its chairmanship of the **INTOSAI Supervisory Committee on Emerging Issues (SCEI)**, and scheduled to be held on **31st August & 1st September 2026 in Cairo, Arab Republic of Egypt.**

This practical information provides participants with essential details on the **logistical and administrative arrangements**, including the venue, accommodation, transportation, registration, visa requirements, and other useful information to facilitate their participation and ensure a smooth and successful Seminar experience.

The Accountability State Authority (ASA) wishes all participants a pleasant and productive visit to the Arab Republic of Egypt.

2. Venue and Date of the Seminar

The Seminar will be held at **Al Masa Hotel Nasr City in Cairo, Egypt**, on 31 August – 1 September 2026.

3. The Venue

Al Masa Hotel Nasr City, Cairo – Arab Republic of Egypt.

Address: Abdel Aziz El Shennawy Street, Nasr City, Cairo Governorate. To reach it, please use this link:

https://www.google.com/maps/place/Al+Masa+Hotel+Nasr+City/@30.0609307,31.3158515,18z/data=!4m9!3m8!1s0x14583e51103c0615:0xc2eb3aec54a78cbc!5m2!4m1!1i2!8m2!3d30.0612396!4d31.3170778!16s%2Fg%2F1td8msl8?entry=tту&g_ep=EgoyMDI2MDgxOS4wIKXMDSoASAFQAw%3D%3D

4. Contact Details

For any inquiries, please contact:

- Email of the Egyptian Organizing Team from the Accountability State Authority:
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5. Registration and Seminar Attendance Requirements

- Online registration is available via the following link: <https://saiegyptevents.com/frugal-ai/>
- Please note that registration must be completed by the specified deadline
- Participant ID badges will be issued to delegation members during registration, on the first day of the seminar.

6. Working Language of the Seminar

- The official language of the meeting is English; simultaneous interpretation into Arabic will be provided.

7. Seminar Documents

- All the Seminar documents will be made available on the website <https://saiegyptevents.com/frugal-ai/#media> and via a QR code, which will be provided to participants during the seminar.

8. Hospitality for Participants

- Lunch and coffee breaks will be provided.
- An official dinner will be organized by the Accountability State Authority of Egypt on 1 September, 2026.
- The Accountability State Authority will organize a social program on 2 September, 2026. The social program will be to the Great Museum, and The Pyramids of Giza.

9. Information for Participating Delegations

Visa Requirements:

- Please ensure your passport is valid for at least six months beyond your intended stay, and obtain a valid visa if required before entering Egypt.
- Participants wishing to obtain an entry visa to Egypt should contact the nearest Egyptian diplomatic consulate in their country of residence. In countries with no Egyptian diplomatic representation, a visa may be obtained on arrival, provided a valid passport and a recent personal photo are presented during online registration.

For visa Facilitation,

- Participants who require a visa facilitation letter are kindly requested to indicate this requirement in the online registration form and upload a clear copy of their valid passport. The visa facilitation letter will be issued based on the information provided in the registration form.

Luggage and Prohibited Items:

- Airlines strictly enforce restrictions on baggage size and weight.
- Participants are advised to check airlines' websites for air-transport rules to avoid additional costs. For more details, please visit:
- Arabic:
<https://www.cairo-airport.com/ar-eg/شركات-الطيران>
- English:
<https://www.cairo-airport.com/en-us/Airlines-Companies>

Airport Arrival and Departure:

- Cairo International Airport (CAI), located in northeast Cairo, comprises 3 main passenger terminals (1, 2, 3) and serves both international and domestic airlines.

10. Transportation Support

- Transportation will be provided for all participants from the international airport to the hotel, and back to the airport for their return flights.
- At the airport, a dedicated team will welcome participants, holding a sign bearing the name "SCEI Global Seminar" and the logo of the Accountability State Authority (ASA), and will accompany them to the transportation.

Other Means of Transportation:

- Participants may use taxi services at their own discretion via mobile applications; several ride-hailing apps are available, such as: **Careem – inDrive – Uber – DiDi**

11. Hotel Information

1. Sonesta Hotel Tower, Cairo, Egypt (meeting venue)

- A luxury 5-star property of the Sonesta International group, located at 3 El Tayaran Street, El Sharekat, Nasr City, Cairo, Egypt.
- Please refer to the hotel's policy for check-in/check-out times, cancellations, and/or booking changes.

2. Al Masa Hotel Nasr City, Cairo, Egypt

- The hotel is approximately 1.9 km from the meeting venue, about 8 to 10 minutes by car depending on traffic.
- Please refer to the hotel's policy for check-in/check-out times, cancellations, and/or booking changes.

3. Le Passage Cairo Hotel, Cairo, Egypt

- The hotel is approximately 12 km from the meeting venue, about 18 to 20 minutes by car depending on traffic.
- Please refer to the hotel's policy for check-in/check-out times, cancellations, and/or booking changes.

4. Hilton Cairo Heliopolis

- The hotel is approximately 10 km from the meeting venue, about 13 to 15 minutes by car depending on traffic.

5. Triumph Plaza Hotel Cairo

- The hotel is approximately 7 km from the meeting venue, about 9 minutes by car depending on traffic.

12. General Information

Credit Cards, Currency and ATMs:

- The Egyptian pound is the official currency. Foreign currency can be exchanged at banks, exchange bureaus, major hotels, and some ATMs. Banks may charge transaction fees, and a passport is required when exchanging currency.
- For the latest exchange rate information, please visit the Central Bank of Egypt website:
<https://www.cbe.org.eg/en/economic-research/statistics/cbe-exchange-rates>
- ATMs will be available at the airport as well as at the accommodation hotel.
- Credit cards are widely accepted in Cairo, e.g., Visa, Mastercard, etc.

Electricity

- Egypt operates on a 220-volt power supply, 50 Hz frequency, with two-pin AC plugs.

Weather

- The weather in Cairo is mild, with average daytime high temperatures ranging from 35–37°C and average nighttime low temperatures ranging from 21–23°C.

Time Zone

- The Arab Republic of Egypt is in the UTC+3 time zone. Participants are asked to take the time difference into account when arranging their travel and arrival, as all meeting sessions and events will follow local Cairo time.

Mobile Phones and Internet

- If you do not have international roaming enabled, all major telecom operators in Egypt offer temporary lines for tourists.
- Visit any WE, Orange, Vodafone, or Etisalat store and request a temporary line with plenty of minutes and mobile data to last throughout your trip.
- Wi-Fi service will be provided at the meeting venue.

Dress Code

- 31 August – 1 September 2026: Formal attire (meeting).
- Official Dinner: Smart casual
- Social program: Casual attire.