

## **Regional workshop**

***Enhancing transboundary water cooperation in the MENA region:***

***progress, challenges and opportunities***

**3-4 March 2020, Beirut, Lebanon**

### ***Practical Information***

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#### **Venue**

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The workshop will be held at the **UN House ESCWA**, in Beirut.

Address: [Riad el-Solh Square, Beirut, Lebanon](#)

Telephone: +961-1-981301

Website: <https://www.unescwa.org/>

***Please ensure that you submit by email prior to the event date a photo (passport size) to Mr Ziad Khayat (khayat@un.org), needed for the entry permission to the UN premises.***

Participants are kindly asked to bring photographic identification on the first day of the meeting and to allow sufficient time to pass through security to collect their identification badge.

Access to the United Nations House is provided through the [Gibran Khalil Gibran Garden](#) pedestrian entrance.

There will be simultaneous interpretation into Arabic, English and French.

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#### **Accommodation**

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Participants interested in booking a hotel near the venue, can contact Ms Yesser Chaaban at: [yesser.chaaban@markaziasuites.com](mailto:yesser.chaaban@markaziasuites.com), at Markazia Suites Hotel, located in walking distance from the United Nations House (see map below).

Address: Syria Street, Solidere Downtown, 11-4502

Telephone: +961 1 991 200

Website: <https://www.markaziasuites.com/>

The hotel has the below preferential room rates for all participants:

- single occupancy at the rate of 95\$+ 11% VAT per suite per night on bed and breakfast basis.
- double occupancy at the rate of 105\$+ 11% VAT per suite per night on bed and breakfast basis.

Participants are encouraged to request airport transfer services from/to the Beirut-Rafic Hariri International Airport directly through their hotel.

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### Coffee breaks, meals

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- The organisers will be offering coffee breaks and lunches for all participants during the days of the workshop as described in the agenda.
- A dinner will be offered on the **3<sup>rd</sup> of March**. More information will be provided during the workshop.

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### Currency

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The monetary unit in Beirut is the Lebanese Pound.

*Participants are informed that due to the current financial situation in Lebanon, cash availability, especially in foreign currencies, at ATMs might be affected.*

*Carrying some cash (as per the related regulations for Lebanon) and/or cards is advisable.*

For more information on the currency exchange rate: [www.xe.com](http://www.xe.com)

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### Weather Forecast

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The average daily temperature for Beirut in March can reach highs of 20°C or drop to an average minimum temperature of 10°C.

If you wish to check the local weather conditions, you can visit the website:

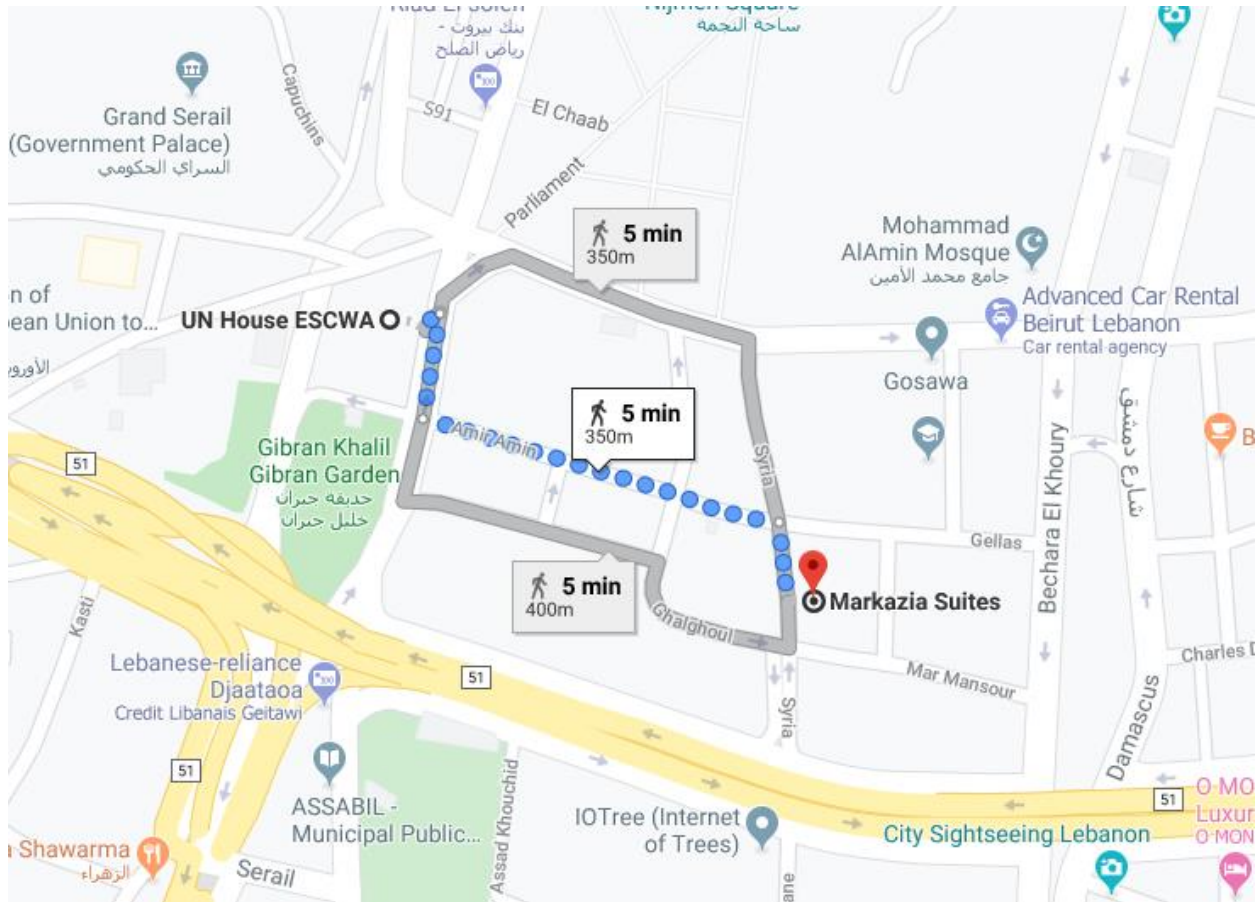
<https://www.accuweather.com/>

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### City Information

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For more information on the city of Beirut, you can visit the following [link](#).



**For any questions concerning logistical issues:**

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