



2024 Jobs and Development Conference

October 8 & 9, 2024 | Cairo, Egypt

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Venue:

The 2024 #Jobs4Dev conference is hosted by [J-PAL Middle East and North Africa](#) and is being held at the [American University in Cairo](#): AUC Avenue, New Cairo 11835, Egypt.



The main conference venue is the **Moataz al Alfi Hall**. Additional meeting rooms have been reserved for the parallel sessions (full details including room numbers, locations and a map will be provided in due course, with copies included in attendees' conference folders).

To view the full map of the AUC and for directions to the Moataz El Alfi conference hall (accessed from the Pepsi Gate entrance via AUC Gate 4) please go to:
<https://www.aucegypt.edu/campus-tours/virtual-tour>.

Accommodation:

A block booking for conference attendees for 3 nights (from Monday 7th - Wednesday 9th October 2024) has been reserved at [Dusit Thani Lakeview Cairo](#).

- Address: [El-Tessen street, Cairo, Cairo Governorate 11835](#). Tel: [02 26140000](#).
- Facilities include: Wireless internet access throughout guestrooms; Safety Deposit Boxes at Front Desk; 24-hour in-room dining; Concierge service; Limousine / transportation / car rental services; Laundry / dry cleaning services; Currency exchange; Smoking and non-smoking rooms available; Medical services.



A limited number of standard rooms have been reserved for conference participants at a discounted bed & breakfast group rate of **US\$219** per night.

Details on how to reserve a room, and the payment link to use to secure your booking, will be shared with attendees following registration.

Should you decide not to make use of the block booking, suitable alternative options nearby include:

- [Tolip El Narges](#) (room with en suite shower is approx.US\$ 145 per night)
- [The Westin Cairo Golf Resort & SPA, Katameya, Dunes](#) (room with en suite shower is approx.US\$298) per night)

Travel: Flights

Attendees are encouraged to fly into Cairo International Airport (CAI) and to ensure that airline reservations are made in good time. So that the organising team have a record of your arrangements and can offer logistics support if required, once you have secured your flights, please send the airline name, flight number, and date & time details to:

wadia.naidoo@uct.ac.za; hhany@povertyactionlab.org and eriad@povertyactionlab.org.

Travel: Airport transfers & local transport

Cairo Airport (CAI) is approx. 27 km/17 miles from the AUC New Cairo campus, and 24km/15 miles from Dusit Thani Hotel. **Please contact the hotel directly to arrange for shuttle transfers at your own cost, for both arrival and return trips to and from the airport.**

Should you prefer to make your own local travel arrangements, limousine and taxi services will be available at the airport, otherwise Uber is a safe, inexpensive option.

Please note that a Coach service will be available for guests staying at Dusit Thani hotel to take attendees to and from the AUC campus on both days of the conference, as well as to and from the Gala Dinner venue on the night of 8th October. Attendees staying in other hotels are advised to make their own way to the various venues, or we invite you to travel to the Dusit Thani hotel to join the group on the coaches provided. Please indicate your intended local transport plans when you RSVP in September (*the link to RSVP will be shared in due course*).

Visas

If you require a visa to visit Egypt, please ensure that you apply in good time. Visit <https://visaguide.world/africa/egypt-visa> for more information. Should you need an



official Visa Letter of Invitation (LoI) to accompany your visa application, please request one from the organising team by emailing sarah.marriott@uct.ac.za.

Dining & Meals

As noted above, hotel rooms are available on a bed and breakfast-basis. Lunch* will be provided during the conference on both days. The official conference dinner* will be held on the evening of 8th October at [Al Azhar Park](#).

Please note that all other meals are for attendees' own expense.

**Vegan, Halaal or Kosher meals will be arranged by request only. Please indicate your preference and/or any special dietary requirements (such as nut or seafood allergies) when you RSVP in September (the link to RSVP will be shared in due course).*

Travel Grants

If you will not receive institutional support to attend and require financial assistance in the form of a travel grant*, restricted funding** can be made available for accepted applicants who are citizens of (and are residing in) LICs. In addition, to support the participation of African scholars, travel grants are now available for eligible African researchers with accepted papers.***

Please consider applying by sending a short motivation (100-200 words, indicating your citizenship and/or residence) to the conference managers, before Thursday 8th August 2024 with "Travel Grant: [Name]" in the subject line to: j4d@jobsanddevelopmentconference.org

**The grant will cover a return economy-fare flight, 3 nights' accommodation, airport transfers, and related travel costs.*

** NB: Decisions will be made at the discretion of the organising committee and will be undertaken in all fairness and due consideration for the number of motivations received and for the candidates who are in the most need.*

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Visiting Cairo

Cairo is one of the most dynamic cities in the world. The capital city of Egypt is a vibrant and bustling metropolis that offers a unique and enriching experience.

The city is home to some of the most iconic landmarks in the world, including the Great Pyramids of Giza, the Sphinx and the Egyptian Museum, which houses an extensive collection of ancient artifacts. With a rich history that dates back thousands of years, Cairo



is a city that is steeped in culture and tradition, ranking among the top 100 cities in the world for international students, making it an ideal destination for those who are looking to broaden their understanding of the world.



Beyond its historical landmarks, Cairo is a city that is alive with energy and excitement, with bustling markets, lively music and delicious cuisine. The dialect of Arabic spoken in Egypt is the most well-known and most understood in the Arab world, making Cairo a prime language-learning center in the Middle East.

Please visit AUC Cairo's [Special Attractions](#) for more information.

MISC Info

- Exchange rates (Egyptian Pounds)
- Approx: US\$1 = E£48 | £1 = E£62 | €1 = E£52 | ¥ 1 = E£7
- Conference dress code: Business attire.
- Weather: October is slightly cooler than preceding months but remains hot; no rain and around 10 hours of average daily sunshine.
- Average maximum daytime temperature 30°C / 86°F
- Average minimum temperature at night = 18°C / 64°F
- Safety: Egypt is predominantly an Islamic country: please respect local traditions, customs, laws and religions. Keep a valid photo ID with you at all times.
- EMERGENCY CONTACTS: Public emergency numbers that can be dialed from anywhere within Egypt:
 - Cairo Tourist Police: 126 | Emergency Police: 122 | Ambulance service: 123
 - Organisers emergency contact numbers – WhatsApp only:
 - Sarah Marriott: +27 (0)79 139 1156
 - Heba Shehata: +20 100 521 7676
 - Wadia Naidoo: +27 (0)76 468 8909

For any other queries, please contact the #Jobs4Dev organising team:
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Tentative Schedule

Day 1: Tuesday, 8th October 2024

Time	Duration	Session	
07:30 - 08:25	-	-	Registration
08:30 - 08:45	15min	1	Opening Day 1 & Introduction
08:45 - 09:05	20min	2	Opening Address
09:05 - 10:05	1hr	3	Keynote Speaker #1
10:05 - 10:30	25min	-	Refreshments break
10:30 - 11:30	1hr	4	Plenary Panel Session
11:30 - 13:00	1hr30	5	AM Parallel sessions (Topics 1-4)
13:00 - 14:00	1hr	-	Lunch break
14:00- 15:00	1 hr	6	Special Sessions (6A & 6B)
15:00 - 15:30	30min	-	Refreshments break
15:30 - 17:00	1hr 30	7	PM Parallel sessions (Topics 5-8)
17:00- 19:00	-	-	Free Time
19:00 - 21:00	-	8	Gala Dinner

Day 2: Wednesday, 9th October 2024

Time	Duration	Session	
09:00 - 09:10	10min	9	Wrap-up Day 1 & Opening Day 2
09:10 - 10:10	1 hr	10	Special Sessions (10A & 10B)
10:10 - 10:30	20min	11	#Jobs4Dev: Group Photograph
10:30 - 11:00	30min	-	Refreshments break
11:00 - 12:30	1hr30	12	AM Parallel sessions (topics 9-12)
12:30 - 13:30	1hr	-	Lunch break
13:30 - 15:00	1hr 30	13	PM Parallel sessions (topics 13-16)
15:00 - 15:30	30min	-	Refreshments break
15:30 - 16:30	1hr	14	Keynote speaker #2
16:30 - 16:45	15min	15	Wrap-up Day 2 & Close