



AiO AGM 2023

Dubai, UAE in September 3-6



Dubai, U.A.E.:



I look forward to welcoming all AiO Logistics Network members to Dubai!

One of the reasons this place is so popular with freight forwarders is that Dubai is not only well placed in the Persian Gulf for trade, but it is a commercial and cultural crossroads for Asia, Africa and Europe. You will find a new city when you arrive, but keep in mind that Dubai has come a long way on its journey to being a major world city. It was settled in the 1700s as an insignificant fishing village but the city proliferated in the early 21st century with a focus on logistics, distribution, tourism, and luxury, having the second most five-star hotels in the world, after London. Dubai also

boasts the tallest building in the world, the towering Burj Khalifa, which stands at 828 meters (2,717 ft) tall. I hope those of us who haven't yet seen the Burj will get to on this trip. Dubai as well is currently by far the most populous city in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and the capital city of the Emirate of Dubai. Last year Dubai had a population of around 3.49 million, and it is still growing.

Dubai is specifically of interest to international logistics professionals like us. Being situated in the eastern Arabian Peninsula on the coastline of the Persian Gulf, it goes without saying that Dubai is also a major international transport hub for cargo. Originally it was oil revenue that helped accelerate the city's economic development, which was already a crucial and important regional business center. A hub for regional and international trade since the early 20th century, Dubai's economy now greatly relies on revenues from many developed industries involved in trade, tourism, aviation, real estate, and financial services. Though oil production contributed less than 1 percent of the emirate's GDP in 2018 yet it is still a driver for much of the logistics services for the region. During the past few decades, Dubai developed two major international airports as air cargo hubs: Dubai International Airport (DXB) and Al Maktoum International Airport (DWB). Dubai has also developed two major commercial ports in Dubai, Port Rashid and Port Jebel Ali. Port Jebel Ali, in a free trade zone, is the world's largest man-made harbor, the biggest port in the Middle East, and the 7th-busiest port in the world.

In addition to all that, Dubai offers copious shopping opportunities whether it be fashion, electronics, souvenirs, or almost anything else you can imagine. And Dubai has some of the best cuisines in the world. Also, you won't have a lack of things to do since Dubai offers numerous forms of entertainment, from desert safaris, to horse racing, to skiing, to live bands in the evening.

But I will give you the best reason to be with us in Dubai: To meet new friends and deepen relationships within the network. There will be people from all over the world there to see you and develop business with you. This is the real benefit to you and your company so make sure to be there!

We at AiO also look forward to seeing you. We are counting the days!

Gary Dale Cearley,
Executive Director



DUBAI, U.A.E.

With year-round sunshine, intriguing deserts, beautiful beaches, luxurious hotels and shopping malls, fascinating heritage attractions and a thriving business community, Dubai receives millions of leisure and business visitors each year from around the world. These visitors can benefit from a range of services and a local infrastructure that help make any trip to Dubai smooth and hassle-free.

Dubai has a warm, sunny climate that is ideal for tourism, with mild temperatures for most of the year and a low rainfall. Summer temperatures in July and August can reach highs of around 45°C (113°F) with high humidity, making this the least comfortable time of year to visit in terms of climate. However, Dubai is well geared up for high temperatures, and public transport, shopping malls, hotels, restaurants and visitor attractions are all air conditioned.

English is widely spoken in Dubai, and as all restaurant menus, road signs and other information is usually presented in both English and Arabic, visitors who speak English will have no trouble making their way around. Many tour operators and travel professionals will also be able to offer services to French, Russian and German speaking visitors.



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The local currency is the dirham, which is pegged to the dollar at Dhs 3.67. Dubai offers a sophisticated network of banks, currency exchanges and ATMs, making it easy to access money across the city.

Dubai is tolerant and cosmopolitan and all visitors are welcome. However, Islam is a way of life in the city, and therefore tourists should adopt a certain level of cultural and religious sensitivity for the duration of their stay. While dress codes are fairly liberal, swim wear should only be worn on beaches or at swimming pools, and when visiting shopping malls and other attractions, tourists should wear clothing that is not too tight or revealing. Certain attractions, such as mosques or religious sites, usually have stricter dress codes, requiring both men and women to cover up bare shoulders, arms and legs, and women to wear headscarves.

Despite being governed by Islamic laws, alcohol is available to tourists in licensed bars and restaurants (these are almost always located inside four and five star hotels), and in airport duty free shops.

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

(SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

Date	Time	Activity
3 rd Sept, 2023	19:00 – 19:30	Registration
3 rd Sept, 2023	19:30 – 21:30	Welcome Address & Cocktail Reception
4 th Sept, 2023	9:30 – 10:00	Registration
4 th Sept, 2023	10:00 – 11:00	One-to-one meetings (3)
4 th Sept, 2023	11:00 – 11:30	Coffee Break
4 th Sept, 2023	11:30 – 12:30	One-to-one meetings (3)
4 th Sept, 2023	12:30 – 13:00	Group Photo
4 th Sept, 2023	13:00 – 14:20	Lunch
4 th Sept, 2023	14:20 – 15:40	One-to-one meetings (4)
4 th Sept, 2023	15:40 – 16:00	Coffee Break
4 th Sept, 2023	16:00 – 17:00	One-to-one meetings (3)
4 th Sept, 2023	18:00 – 22:00	Banquet Dinner
5 th Sept, 2023	9:30 – 10:50	One-to-one meetings (4)
5 th Sept, 2023	10:50 – 11:10	Coffee Break
5 th Sept, 2023	11:10 – 12:30	One-to-one meetings (4)
5 th Sept, 2023	12:30 – 13:30	Lunch
5 th Sept, 2023	13.30 onwards	Optional Group Activities
6 th Sept, 2023	9.30 – 11.10	One-to-one meetings (5)
6 th Sept, 2023	11:10 – 11.30	Coffee Break
6 th Sept, 2023	11:30 – 13.10	One-to-one meetings (5)
6 th Sept, 2023	13:10 – 14:20	Lunch
6 th Sept, 2023	14:20 – 15:40	One-to-one meetings (4)
6 th Sept, 2023	15:40 – 16:00	Coffee Break
6 th Sept, 2023	16:00 – 17:20	One-to-one meetings (4)
6 th Sept, 2023	17:30 – 19:30	Prize Draw and Conclusion of Event

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Attendee	Normal Rate	Early Bird Rate*
1 st Attendee (Members)	1,295 USD	1,145 USD*
Additional Attendees (Members)	1,195 USD	1,145 USD*
Non Members	1,295 USD	-
Spouse	USD 395.00**	395 USD**

* Valid for those who register before 15th February 2023 and make payment within 5 working days from their registration.

**Spouses are allowed to attend the evening social functions and spouse club activities only. They will not be allowed to enter the meeting venue or attend the one to one meetings.

*Refunds will be offered as follows: Cancellation 60 days before the event – full refund
Cancellation between 30-60 days prior to the – 50% refund
Cancellation with less than 30 days of the event – no refunds available

SPONSORSHIP

Sponsorship packages at the AGM are a great way to maximize your exposure and benefit from attending. If you want to be remembered within the group, investing into sponsorship is a great way to market your company to the community.

There are options to suit all budgets! If this sounds interesting and you would like to discuss the sponsorship opportunities, please contact us at: info@aiologistics.net





Baniyas Road, Deira,
Dubai 476,
United Arab Emirates

Our newly renovated hotel is located in the beautiful Deira Creek area of Dubai, only a short walk from the bus and metro stations, and 7 kilometers from Dubai International Airport. The hotel, first built in 1975, is a classic fixture of traditional Dubai. The area teems with shopping malls, as well as traditional souks such as the Spice Market. Our rooms and suites boast a private balcony, coffee and tea supplies, and other upscale amenities. The Radisson Blu Hotel, Dubai Deira Creek is the ideal choice for a stylish, comfortable stay, whether you're visiting for leisure or business.



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ROOM RATES

Room Type

Standard Single Occupancy
Standard Double Occupancy

Room Rate Per night

AED 550.00 (Approx 149.00 USD)
AED 600.00 (Approx. 163.00 USD)

- All rates are INCLUSIVE of 10% Service charge, 7% Municipality Fee, 5% VAT
- Subject to AED 20.00 Tourism Dirhams per room per night
- Should the government increase the rate of national and local taxes at the time of your booking, your rates will reflect the increased tax.
- The following amenities are included:
 - Breakfast buffet
 - Free use of our fitness area including sauna, steam room, swimming pool and fitness equipment
 - Fast wireless internet access

Check in and Check out Policy:

Our check in time is at 14:00 hours and check out time is at 12:00 hours. Request for early check in or late check out is purely subject to availability on the arrival or departure date without guarantee. However, you may pre-book a night prior the actual arrival date to guarantee early check in and/or book additional night to guarantee late check out.



The Plus One Club:

Dubai is an incredible city for business and tourism. Therefore we are sure there will be a number of our members who will want to bring their partners this year.

As such, we would like to arrange some group activities for your spouses to enjoy whilst the hard work and meetings go on.

The Plus One Club will include the following:

- The welcome cocktail (3rd September)
- A private lunch for the plus one members (4th September)
- Afternoon activity (4th September)
- The banquet dinner (4th September)
- A private lunch for the plus one members (5th September)
- Afternoon activity (5th September)
- Closing Cocktail (6th September)

We are currently finalizing the specifics of this program and will announce more information shortly.

*Please note the plus one club only applies for registered spouses with the event. The cost is USD 395.00 per person.

*Please also note that the spouses are not able to attend the one-to-one meetings.



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THE AiO AGM 2022 RECAP

BANGKOK, THAILAND

Last year's event was a huge success. Held in the Landmark Hotel Bangkok, our members from all over the world came together to network and create new business opportunities!

Don't miss out this year!



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