

Venue

MARSS2023 conference will be held on the main campus of New York University Abu Dhabi (NYUAD), which is located on Saadiyat Island, east-north of Abu Dhabi. The NYUAD campus was established in partnership with New York University and the Emirate of Abu Dhabi and founded upon a shared understanding of the essential roles and challenges of higher education in the 21st century, to provide the place where distinguished international thinkers come to exchange ideas and engage with the community. NYUAD hosts over 2100 undergraduate and 115 graduate students from more than 125 countries, with more than 360 faculty members coming from 50+ different countries. NYUAD offers 26 undergraduate, 11 PhD, and two master majors.

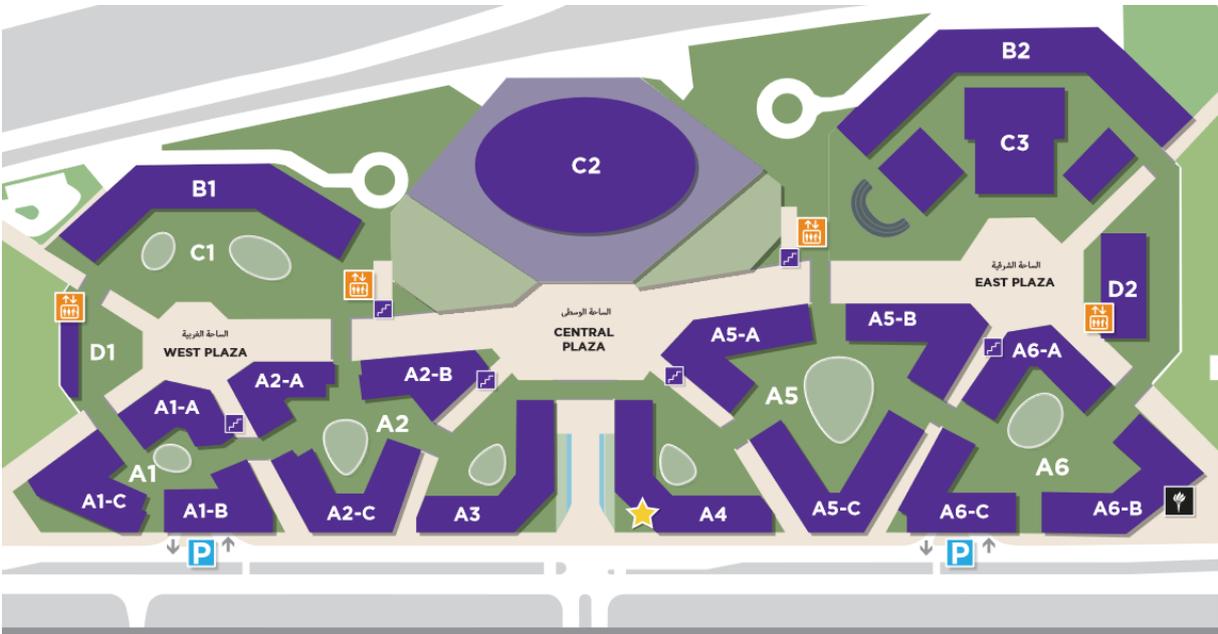
Access to NYUAD campus

Address: NYU Abu Dhabi - Al Saadiyat Island - Saadiyat Marina District

Phone: +971-2-628-4000



NYUAD campus map

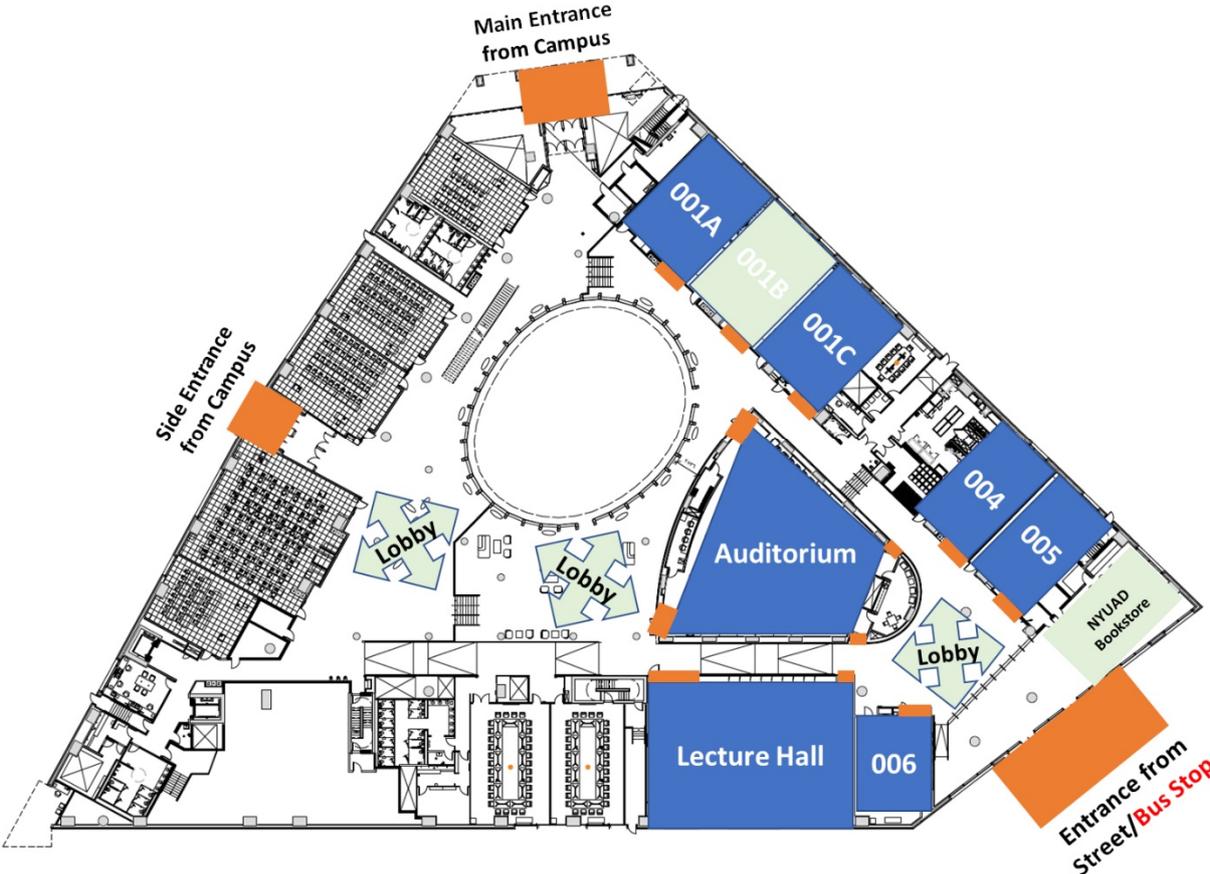


A2 Computational Research Building	B1 West Apartment Building	P Parking Entrance/Exit
A3 West Administration Building	B2 East Apartment Building	Elevators from Parking
A4 East Administration Building	C1 Experimental Research Building	Welcome Center
A5 Social Science Building	C2 Campus Center	Institute Conference Center
A6 Arts and Humanities Building	C3 Arts Center	
	D1 West Restaurant	
	D2 East Restaurant	

MARSS2023 conference is held in the NYUAD Conference Center (denoted as A6 on the campus map) that is located on the east side of the campus, 3 to 5 minutes walking distance from the NYUAD Welcome Center (denoted by the star on the map). NYUAD Conference Center has a 300-seat auditorium, 180-seat lecture hall, several presentation rooms, and a spacious reception lobby. The auditorium (left photo) is the largest space in the Conference Center allocated to opening ceremony, closing ceremony, and plenary talks at the conference. The lecture hall (right photo) has the bonus of letting in natural light, it is used for selected sessions. Several other spacious presentation rooms are also used for parallel session. The lobby is allocated to the registration, coffee breaks, lunches, and receptions.



Floor map



Hotels

The conference host in Abu Dhabi has arranged discounted deals with two hotels in downtown Abu Dhabi. Both are just 250 meters apart from each other and at close distance from the conference venue. For more information follow this link <https://marss-conference.org/venue-travel/hotel>

1. Jannah Burj Al Sarab Hotel

Address: Mina Street, Al Zahiyah, Tourist Club Area, Abu Dhabi.

Phone: 800-JANNAH (526624) and +971 2 201 6222



2. Ramada Abu Dhabi Corniche Hotel

Address: Al Meena St - Al Zahiyah - Abu Dhabi

Phone: (800) 854-9517 and +971 2 401 9000



Daily bus transportation to/from MARSS2023 venue

Bus transportation will be provided

on October 09:

- **14:30** from both hotels to the conference venue,
- **20:00** from the conference venue to both hotels

on October 10-11:

- **07:50** from both hotels to the conference venue,
- **18:00** from the conference venue to both hotels

on October 12:

- **07:50** from both hotels to the conference venue,
- **21:30** from the banquet site to both hotels.

The trip between the venue and the hotels will take about 20 minutes and is free of charge for registered conference participants.

Taxis in Abu Dhabi

Using taxi to get around Abu Dhabi is easy. Taxis can be booked 1) by calling (600 535 353), 2) by using the smart phone app ([Abu Dhabi Taxi](#)), 3) by stopping a taxi in the street. Additionally, you can ask the reception desk of your hotel to arrange a taxi for you. This typically takes a few minutes before having a taxi ready for your trip. One direction trip from the hotel to the conference venue (NYUAD) should cost you round 25 AED (~7 USD). Paying tips to the taxi driver is not typical, but always welcomed.

Careem service, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Uber, is also available in Abu Dhabi. You can simply download their smart phone App and start using it.

For more information about taxis, taxis for families and passengers with additional needs, chauffeur driven services, airport taxis, etc. please visit this link <https://visitabudhabi.ae/en/plan-your-trip/around-the-emirate/taxis> or scan the following QR Code



At the conference venue (NYUAD), taxis are typically lined up and waiting for customers in front of the Welcome Center (denoted by the star in the campus map above). You can approach them any time to leave the campus.

Please always **keep your hotel address and the venue address on a written note with you**, just in case you need to use a taxi or you get lost.

Sightseeing in/near Abu Dhabi

Abu Dhabi is the largest city after which the Emirate is named. The city is an island located in the central-west region of the UAE that offers a mix of ancient history, rich culture and heritage, stunning nature, beautiful beaches, high-end luxury hotels, surprising wildlife, family-friendly adventure, world-class shopping centers, renowned golf courses, and a welcoming atmosphere.

The organizers in Abu Dhabi worked with a local tourism company to offer good deals of sightseeing to the participants of MARSS2023 Conference. The following page in the official MARSS2023 webpage describes the different deals <https://marss-conference.org/venue-travel/location-travel>

While MARSS2023 host does not coordinate any guided sightseeing, below is a list of a few recommended options to look into for self-directed exploration.

1. Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque: The largest mosque in the UAE.
2. Observation Deck at 300: The highest vantage point in Abu Dhabi. Level 74 of Conrad Abu Dhabi Etihad Towers.
3. Yas Theme Parks: Three world's leading theme parks, Ferrari World Abu Dhabi, Yas Waterworld, and Warner Bros World Abu Dhabi.
4. Louvre Museum: A world-renowned art museum.
5. Eastern Mangrove National Park: Mangrove forest with over 60 species of birds, plus channels for kayaking and other water activities.
6. Heritage Village: A family-friendly spot to experience the traditional way of life in the desert.
7. UAE Currency Museum: The museum showcasing a variety of paper notes, gold and silver coins.
8. The Founder's Memorial: A permanent national tribute dedicated to commemorating the life, legacy and values of the late Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, the founding father of the UAE.
9. Emirates National Auto Museum: The unique collection of vehicles.
10. Desert camping, Jeep safari, and Dune bashing: The best desert experience in the UAE.
11. Emirates Palace: The epitome of luxury in Abu Dhabi, showcasing Arabian hospitality at its finest.
12. Qasr Al Hosn: The oldest and most significant building in Abu Dhabi, holding the city's first permanent structure; the watchtower.
13. Qasr Al Watan: More than just a palace, it is an enriching interactive journey in a contemporary setting that reveals and reflects on governance, knowledge and craftsmanship.
14. The Souk at the World Trade Center Abu Dhabi: Offering everything from traditional artifacts to henna, spices to jewelry, Arabic perfumes to clothing and accessories.
15. SeaWorld Abu Dhabi: A marine life theme park and animal research, rescue, and rehabilitation center. SeaWorld Abu Dhabi is the first SeaWorld park outside of the United States.
16. The National Aquarium Abu Dhabi: It is the largest aquarium in the Middle East and is home to 46,000 animals spread across 10 zones, including 200+ sharks and rays that represent 25 different species.
17. Snow Abu Dhabi: This is among the world's largest indoor snow parks.

MARSS2023 Registration Desk

The conference registration desk (A6 Building) will be opened on October 09, 15:00–20:00 and remains open during the conference (October 10–12). At the registration desk, you will receive your welcome bag with a name badge, meal vouchers, and conference materials. You are kindly requested to wear your name badge throughout the conference. Our support team at the registration desk, and MARSS volunteers at the venue (easy to identify in orange shirts), will be happy to assist you with any questions you may have.

Digital Download of the Conference Proceedings

Link: <https://nyu.box.com/s/7dx6f1l8n2w15k1glsifost2lkonwdgi>

Password: NYUADMARSS2023Open

Instructions: (1) Click on the link above. (2) Enter the password mentioned above. (3) Download the zip file on your computer. (4) Unzip the file to a local folder in your computer. (5) Start exploring the proceeding.

Information for Speakers

The official language of the conference is English. All speakers should locate their session room 5–10 minutes prior to the start of the session, and inform the session chair on their arrival. Each session room has a video projector. Please use your own laptop for the presentation. It is advisable to try your laptop with the video projector in advance, during break time, to ensure the connection is working. On-site technical assistance will be available.

All presentations must adhere strictly to the allotted time to ensure smooth working. The time allocation for presentations at MARSS2023 is as follows:

- Plenary talk: 40 min (35 min + 5 min discussion)
- Technical session talk: 20 min (15 min + 5 min discussion)

Information for Session Chairs

Session chair should arrive at the session room 10 minutes prior to the start of the session, check the attendance of all speakers and make sure of correct pronunciation for the speakers' introduction. If a speaker is not present in the session, the original schedule should be maintained, since people may come from other parallel sessions to attend a specific talk. Thus, in such a case, there will be a 20-minute break. Please report any missing talk to the conference secretariat after the session ends.

It is crucial that the sessions run strictly on schedule. Each 20 minutes slot normally includes 15 minutes talk and 5 minutes Q&A. Session chairs should warn the speakers 7 minutes before the end of the 20 minutes slot and show

the “2 min” cardboard sign. Some speakers are uncooperative and use all 20 minutes for the talk. Please be firm in not permitting speakers to run over the allotted time of 20 minutes. In such cases, there is no Q&A. If necessary, ask the attendees to use the microphone during discussion.

Food and Beverage

All refreshment breaks will be served at the scheduled time in the reception lobby. The breaks will be held in the location of the session following the break. Lunch will be provided in the same A6 Building, and is included in the registration fee. Drinking water will be provided throughout the conference.

Award Ceremony

The Award Ceremony is an essential part of the MARSS2023 Closing Ceremony, which will start at 17:50 on October 12 in the Auditorium **immediately after the last plenary talk**. All accepted and presented full papers will compete for Best Paper Awards in different categories. The Awards Committee will announce all the nominees and winners.

MARSS2023 will present the annual Big-on-Small Award to promote upcoming talents with an excellent research track and international visibility. Members of the Steering Committee and the Academic Advisory Board nominated five candidates and decided by anonymous voting. At the Award Ceremony, all nominees will receive a certificate of Award nomination, and the Big-on-Small Award winner will be announced and honored by laudation.

Conference Banquet Dinner

If you are registered for the 3-days duration of the conference, you will receive a banquet ticket at registration. The MARSS conference banquet is always an informal event, without a strict agenda. We enjoy a relaxed get-together, conversation with colleagues, and the fabulous Arabian cuisine after the exciting yet work-intensive conference days.

Date: October 12 (Thu), 2023

Time: 19:00 – 21:30

MARSS2023 host will provide bus transportation to the banquet site (if the banquet takes place outside the campus) and from the banquet site to both conference hotels.