

AMENDED INFORMATION NOTE

Fifth Session of the African Risk Capacity Conference of the Parties

Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire, 8-9 March 2017

The African Risk Capacity Agency (ARC Agency) looks forward to welcoming you to the Fifth session of the ARC Conference of the Parties scheduled for 8-9 March 2017 in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire at the kind invitation of the Government of Cote d'Ivoire. **For reasons beyond our control, the Fifth session of the CoP and corresponding side events have been moved from Sofitel Abidjan Hotel Ivoire to Radisson Blu Abidjan Airport Hotel.**

Arrival and Visa

All visitors to Cote d'Ivoire must hold passports that are valid for at least 90 days from the date of departure from their initial point of embarkation. The Government of Cote d'Ivoire has arranged the visa on arrival for those who will require visas for entry into Cote d'Ivoire. Please find attached the letter from the government which you might have received earlier.

The Government of Cote d'Ivoire will dedicate a desk at the port of entry for ARC delegates. Upon arrival to Félix-Houphouët Boigny International Airport in Abidjan, please go straight to the aforementioned desk, where assistance for visa issuance will be provided by Government officials. Visa will then be obtained at a cost of 20000 XOF/\$50 USD.

The Government of Cote d'Ivoire will be providing protocol and security services for all Ministers and VIPs.

Kindly be aware that it is a requirement to have a yellow fever certificate to enter Cote d'Ivoire, regardless of whether you are travelling from a country with no risk of yellow fever. Hence participants are kindly requested to bring with them a valid yellow fever certificate.

Airport Transfer

For participants staying at Radisson Blu Abidjan Airport Hotel, the Government has organized transportation from the Airport to the hotel and back on the day of departure. Government Officials will be waiting for you to guide you to the shuttle.

Accommodation

ARC has reserved a block of rooms at:

Radisson Blu Abidjan Airport Hotel

Boulevard de l'Aéroport, Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire

Tel + +225 21 22 20 00

http://eu.radissonbluonetouch.com/blu_abid/guest#/menu/9?lang=en&parent=2

Please mention that you are a delegate to the ARC CoP5 session on arrival.

Meeting participants for whom ARC is providing accommodation will be staying at the Radisson Blu Abidjan Airport. For others who wish to stay at the Radisson Blu Abidjan Airport, ARC can book a room on your behalf at a rate of XOF 145,000.00/classic room per night inclusive of breakfast.

For participants who are willing to stay at a different hotel across the street from Radisson Blu Abidjan Airport hotel, ARC has negotiated a preferential rate at Onomo Abidjan Airport for a limited number of rooms:

Onomo Abidjan Airport

Tel.: +225 21 21 21 91

Boulevard de l'Aéroport, Abidjan – Côte d'Ivoire

<http://www.onomohotel.com/-ONOMO-Abidjan-Airport>

Rate and Location

Single: XOF 66000

Inclusive of breakfast and internet

Across the road from Radisson Blu Abidjan Airport

Airport transfer organized by the Government on arrival and departure will be provided to the two aforementioned hotels.

Meeting Venue

The fifth session of the Conference of the Parties will be taking place at the Radisson Blu Abidjan Airport from 8 to 9 March. A detailed draft Agenda and Programme of Work, including meeting times, is attached to the present logistics note.

All participants are requested to register at the meeting room to receive identification tags and registration packages containing background documents, the agenda and relevant information on the conference.

Presentations during the sessions and discussions may be made in any of the four AUC languages (Arabic, English, French and Portuguese) with simultaneous interpretation. Documentation will also be made available in all of these languages.

Lunch and refreshments will be provided at the meeting venue during the meeting days.

Gala Dinner

On 8 March, the Government of Cote d'Ivoire will host a Gala Dinner at Latrille Events starting 19:00 for all the participants to the CoP. Transportation from the meeting venue to the Gala dinner and back will be organized by the Government of Cote d'Ivoire. The dress code for the Gala Dinner is black tie or traditional.

Medical Services

The Government of Cote d'Ivoire will provide a medical team composed of two doctors, one emergency doctor and one nurse on site to ensure necessary medical assistance to all participants.

Security

The Government of Cote d'Ivoire will provide necessary security for all participants at the airport, the meeting venue and the Gala Dinner venue.

Climate

Abidjan has a tropical monsoon climate with short dry season. The month of March is characterized by essentially constant daily high temperatures, with daily highs around 31°C throughout the month, exceeding 33°C or dropping below 30°C only one day in ten.

Currency

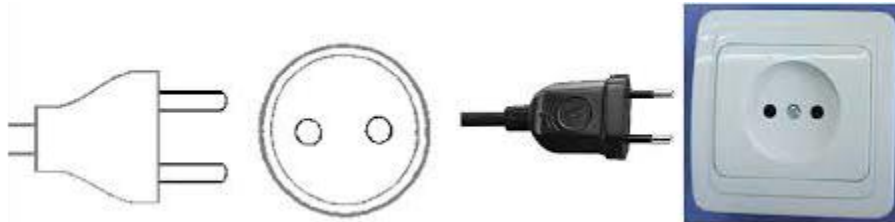
In Cote d'Ivoire, the West African XOF (or CFA in French) is the main currency of exchange. Money can be changed in banks and other accredited points such as the airport and in hotels. Credit cards (Master Card, Visa), and cash (US Dollars, Euros) are accepted by major hotels around the country. Banking hours are from Monday to Friday, 07:45 – 1530hrs, Saturday from 07:45 – 12:00hrs and are closed on Sundays. ATM Machines are available in branches of major banks and accept VISA cards. The exchange rate is approximately 1 USD = 624,54 XOF (February 2017).

Health and Security

The link below provides further detail on health and security recommendations, and restrictions by Ivorian Customs Bureau: <https://ivory-coast.visahq.com/customs/>

Other travel information

- Local time in Abidjan is GMT plus 00 hours
- The electrical power supply is 220-240 volts. Please be advised that plugs are of the two round-pronged, continental European type though many hotels have multi-plug outlets, which take US and UK plug types. See image below:



- Tap water may not be suitable for drinking and participants are advised to use bottled water.

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