

# INFORMATION SHEET

#### **MEETING VENUE**

The 2019 edition of the Africa Climate Week (ACW) will be held from 18 to 22 March at the:

Accra International Conference Centre (AICC) Castle Rd Accra, Ghana Tel. +233 54 563 4977



#### **REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS**

To register for the ACW 2019, please use the online facility on the official ACW website at: http://regionalclimateweeks.org/. A confirmation notification will be issued via e-mail to participants upon approval of the online registration.

Registration on-site will start on Monday, 18 March 2019 from 08:00 to 08:30 a.m. at the venue.

### **TRAVEL**

Participants are responsible for their own travel bookings to Ghana.

Accra is served by the Kotoka International Airport (KIA), which has both civil and military uses. Located 6 miles (9.7 km) from downtown Accra, KIA is the sole international airport in Ghana.

# **VISA REQUIREMENTS**

All visitors preparing to enter the Republic of Ghana are responsible for checking visa requirements and must have a valid passport (at least for six months after date of departure).

It is recommended that visa applications from participants are submitted at least one month before initiation of travel.

Applicants from the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) are exempted from acquiring visa. However other countries in Africa are also exempted to from acquiring visa. For the full list, kindly visit the following website: www.ghanaimmigration.org.

























For support with visa upon arrival (fee applicable 150 USD), please submit a copy of your national passport (including your full name, your passport number and nationality) and your itinerary to: <a href="mailto:aantwib@gmail.com">aantwib@gmail.com</a>; <a href="mailto:mfnadel@yahoo.co.uk">mfnadel@yahoo.co.uk</a>; <a href="mailto:koppongboadi@gmail.com">koppongboadi@gmail.com</a> <a href="mailto:mmoukaila@boad.org">mmoukaila@boad.org</a>.

PLEASE NOTE that submissions through the above-mentioned channel will be available only until Wed. 13 March 2019.

Documentation of yellow fever vaccination is required in Ghana. All travelers will be required to show an **International Certificate of vaccination for yellow fever** at the point of entry.

#### **TRANSPORTATION**

#### Taxi:

Accra has an extensive taxi network and numerous taxi ranks, but most taxis lack a meter system, so price negotiation is required between the passenger and driver. Metered taxis do operate in the city, but tend to be more expensive. Taxis in Ghana are painted in two colors: the four bumpers fenders are yellow/orange, and the rest of the car is in a color of the operator's choice.

#### Tro tros and buses:

By far the most common form of transport in Accra, tro tros (motor vehicles re-purposed for passenger transport) is the third biggest, and second most efficient and cost-effective way of getting around the city. The buses are typically minibuses or vans. Tro tros are typically decorated with flags and stickers of various countries or (local and international) soccer teams, and with witty sayings, wisecracks, local proverbs (in English or local languages) or Bible verses printed on the bus's rear. Tro tros stop at any bus stop or gathering of people, and can also be found at truck and taxi stations, such as the Neoplan station.

#### **ACCOMMODATION**

Participants will be responsible for making their own hotel bookings, contacting directly the hotel of choice.

Participants are also responsible for the payment of their reservations and/or for the settlement of eventual cancellation/no show fee, as applicable, according to the hotels policies.

A comprehensive list of hotels\* (with indicative rates) is included below:

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HOTELS ON B/B	CONTACT	Distance from/to the venue	Indicative price in USD
Kempinski Hotel Gold Coast City Ministries, PMB 66, Gamel Abdul Nasser Ave	+233 242436000	1.0 Km	380
Movenpick Ambassador Hotel Independence Ave	+233 302611000 Fax: +233 302611001	2.2 Km	277
Accra City Hotel Barnes Road	+233 302633863 Fax: 0302667533	2.2 km	178
Alisa Hotels & Conferencing Dr Isert Street, North Ridge	+233 302214233/302214244	2.5 Km	120
Golden Tulip Hotel Liberation road	+233 302213161/0243535355 Fax: +233 302775361	5.5 Km	160
Tang Palace Hotel  Borstal Ave Ln	+233 302788889/88/86	5.9 Km	250
Best Western Premier Accra Airport Hotel 17 Quartey PApafio Ave.	+233 302216570/3022957300	6.6 Km	160
Labadi Beach Hotel La Rd	+233 302772520/0547141662/020 5892262 Fax: +233 302772501	7.6 Km	300
Fiesta Royale Hotel 39 Norley Road	+233 302740811 Fax: 0302517556	11.8 Km	180



























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AH HOTEL AND CONFERENCES 84/86 1 <sup>st</sup> boundary Road (Free transport provided for large groups)	+233 302508199 / 302508186 / 302508344 reservations.ah1@gmail.com	18.1 Km	100

<sup>\*</sup>Reservations may be subject to rooms availability. Prices may also vary depending on the reservation.

### **HEALTH REQUIREMENTS**

With respect to health requirements and precautions to be taken by participants travelling to Ghana, all participants are recommended to consult and seek medical advice from their physicians/doctors and take medical precautions as advised.

The following vaccines are recommended when travelling to Ghana: typhoid, hepatitis A, hepatitis B, cholera, yellow fever, rabies, meningitis, and influenza.

Participants are required to contact either the Ghana diplomatic mission in their countries or to consult a doctor before departing to ensure having gotten the proper vaccinations and immunizations.

You are additionally strongly advised to obtain an international travel and medical insurance to cover the cost of any medical treatment and repatriation during the period of your travel. Drink or use only boiled or bottled water and well cooked food.

### **GENERAL INFORMATION DURING YOUR STAY IN ACCRA**

# **Currency & accepted forms of payment**

The Ghana Cedi is the most used currency in Accra. However, foreign currencies are accepted in certain places. The Dollar (US & Canadian), the Euro, the Pound and some African currencies are also acceptable in certain places.

ATMs are common in large towns and will accept most cards. Credit cards are accepted at many hotels, guesthouses and some shops, but MasterCard is not widely accepted.

Travelers' cheques can be exchanged in large hotels, banks and bureaux de change.

# Language

Ghana is a multilingual country in which about eighty languages are spoken. Of these, English is the official language and lingua franca.

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#### Weather

The majority of Ghana is a tropical savanna climate, with a small part of the southwest being a monsoon climate.

Average temperatures in Accra vary very little. Considering humidity, temperatures feel hot all year with a very low chance of rain throughout the year. March and April are the hottest months of the year. The warmest time of year is generally mid-March where highs are regularly around 91.1°F (32.8°C) with temperatures rarely dropping below 79°F (26.1°C) at night.

### **Communication**

**SIM Cards** being used in Ghana are: MTN, Vodafone and Tigo

These can be bought at the airport, as needed

## **Telephone Country Code: +233**

## **Electrical appliances**

In Ghana the power plugs and sockets are of type D and G. The standard voltage is 230 V and the standard frequency is 50 Hz.





## **Time Zone**

Ghana is GMT/UTC + 0 h Standard Time

### **INTERESTING PLACES TO VISIT IN GHANA**

- The National Theatre in Accra, home of the National Symphony Orchestra Ghana
- The National Museum
- The National Theatre
- The Jamestown area
- Oxford Street
- Makola Market
- Kwame Nkrumah Memorial Park



























- W.E.B Du Bois Memorial Center
- The Jubilee House (the office of the Government of Ghana and the President of Ghana)
- The Parliament House of Ghana
- The Ghana-India Kofi Annan Centre of Excellence in ICT
- The Black Star Square
- The Accra Sports Stadium
- The Accra Centre for National Culture
- Artists Alliance Gallery
- The Cathedral of the Holy Spirit

Accra has an Atlantic beachfront and the most popular of the city's beaches is Labadi Beach, along with Kokrobite Beach, which is located 25 kilometres (16 miles) west of Accra. The beachfront area also houses the Academy of African Music and Arts.

### **CONTACTS IN CASE OF EMERGENCY**

Police Hotline - 091 Ambulance - 193 Fire Service - 192/999

Conference Focal Point: +233 501301374/501301746/242184162/208186958

We look forward to welcoming you in the Republic of Ghana!





















