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Information note for participants

Eighth Conference on Climate Change and Development in Africa

A special session in preparation for African inputs to the Climate Action Summit, to be convened by the Secretary-General of the United Nations on 23 September 2019

Theme: Stepping up climate action for a resilient Africa – a race we can and must win

28-30 August 2019

New Building Conference Centre, African Union Commission

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Hosted by the Government of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia

Convened by the African Union Commission, the Economic Commission for Africa and the African Development Bank, in partnership with the Pan African Climate Justice Alliance

“We are losing the fight against climate change... The status quo on climate policy is a suicide...Technology is on our side...We need the political will to tackle climate change...If we fail in climate change, we fail in everything...”

António Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations

Welcome to the eighth conference on Climate Change and Development in Africa (CCDA-VIII), which will take place in Addis Ababa from 28 to 30 August 2019. The Conference is hosted by the Government of the Federal Republic of Ethiopia and convened jointly by the African Union Commission, the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) and the African Development Bank (AfDB) in partnership with the Pan African Climate Justice Alliance and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).



Please read the following information carefully, as it will help you to plan your travel to Addis Ababa.

Immigration requirements

All participants will receive a visa on arrival at Bole International Airport, where they will be required to produce and present their conference invitation letter to the immigration authorities. Thus, kindly ensure you print and bring with you this letter.

In order to assist participants in obtaining visas upon arrival, the ECA African Climate Policy Centre needs to receive your **online registration** and a copy of the photo page of the passport at least **five working days** before your arrival at the Bole International Airport. The online registration form is available on the second page of your invitation letter.

Please note that an Ethiopian visa costs US\$30 (if requested online, the cost is \$32) or the equivalent in euros per person. Payment must be made in either United States dollars or in euros at the time of issue. For media personnel, the cost of a visa is \$40 (if requested online, it is \$42) or the equivalent in euros. Holders of diplomatic and service passports and United Nations Laissez-Passer (UNLP) will receive visas gratis. Bank receipts for money changed at the airport must be kept securely as customs officials may ask you to present them on your departure.

Health requirements

Visitors to Ethiopia should be in possession of a valid health certificate for yellow fever. Vaccination against cholera is also required for anyone who has visited or transited a cholera-infected area in the six days prior to their arrival in Ethiopia. As Addis Ababa is situated at 2,400 metres above sea level, it is advisable to take precautionary measures to avoid any health problems that might be triggered by the high altitude.

The African Union Health Care Centre, situated in the Old Building of the Conference Centre, can provide emergency medical services to participants and delegates attending the Conference.

Guidelines on the personal security and safety of participants

The African Union Security and Safety Service is always ready to serve its clients. In this regard, the Service requires the full cooperation of all participants to ensure the safety of your valuables and your personal security.

While you are on African Union Commission premises, please ensure that you:

- Wear your conference badge visibly and show it to any authorized person who asks to see it
- Do not leave bags and parcels unattended, as they may be confiscated or destroyed
- Do not bring unauthorized persons and children into the Conference Centre
- Look after any valuable personal property
- Check that you have all your documents and personal items before you leave conference halls and meeting rooms
- Inform the Security and Safety Service or the nearest Security Officer if you lose anything valuable

When you are in your hotel, please follow the safety advice below:

- Upon entering or leaving your room, make it a habit to lock the door
- Before leaving, inspect your room to make sure that no money, jewellery, cameras or other valuables are visible
- Deposit valuables or portable items at the reception desk and obtain a receipt
- Should you observe anything suspicious or out of the ordinary, please contact the Security and Safety Service

Any travel outside Addis Ababa requires a separate Security Clearance to be approved by the receiving Area Security Coordinator. Please consult with your organization on the process of acquiring Security Clearance for in-country travel. Always consult with local counterparts on the ground before field missions.

Useful telephone numbers

Emergency numbers

Police Emergency Numbers (24 hours)	991
City Police	+251 – 115 572100 / 572121
Federal Police	+251 – 115 524077 / 526302 / 526303

Airline reservations

A number of international airlines operate to and from Addis Ababa. Participants must secure their return/onward air passage prior to their arrival in Addis Ababa. There are two official travel agencies in the ECA compound – Gashem Travel and Airlink Travel – that can assist with the reconfirmation of tickets and provide participants with travel and tour-related information.

Gashem Travel	Tel: +251 115 44 30 51 / 44 30 52 / 46 84 85 or +251 0911 25 04 68 (mobile)
Airlink Travel	Tel: +251 115 44 43 33/ 44 43 34/ 44 43 65 or 44 43 37

Ethiopian Airlines and Kenya Airways also have offices in the African Union Commission compound, in the Old Building.

Please have your ticket with you when visiting the travel agencies and the airlines to reconfirm your flights.

Hotel accommodation

All participants must contact the hotels directly to arrange, confirm and guarantee their bookings. The hotels are listed in annex I.

We kindly request all participants to note that neither ECA nor the African Union Commission will be in a position to provide hotel accommodation to those who fail to arrange their hotel accommodation directly with the listed hotels.

In addition to accommodation costs, all participants will be responsible for all other additional costs – such as breakfast (where not included), telephone, Internet/fax, room service, mini-bar, laundry, other meals (lunch and dinner) – and must pay for these directly when checking out.

Hotels identified for conference participants will be shared on the event websites at: www.uneca.org/ccda8 or www.climdev-africa.org/ccda8.

Arrival at Bole International Airport

All participants should communicate with their hotel focal person for pick-up from the airport to hotels and vice versa.

Temporary importation of laptops and other conference equipment

To comply with the import customs regulations of the Government of Ethiopia, participants should declare laptops and any conference equipment they may be bringing with them into the country. The customs office will register the items for temporary import and they will be taken out of the country at the end of the conference.

Journalists entering the country with professional cameras will need to bring two passport-sized photographs with them and pay a fee of 1,000 Ethiopian birr upon arrival.

Registration and identification badges

Participants will be required to register and obtain identification badges prior to the start of the session.

For security reasons, all participants are required to wear identification badges at all times during the conference as well as during official social functions.

Registration will start from Sunday, 27 August 2019 and go on until the morning of 28 August 2019 at the Delegates' Registration Building, located at the pedestrian entrance of the African Union Commission compound.

More up-to-date information about the accreditation arrangements for the Conference will be posted on the conference website at www.uneca.org/ccda8 or www.climdev-africa.org/ccda8.

ICT services

The African Union Commission's Conference Centre is equipped with Wi-Fi. Technical support is available in the conference room. Technical support for presentations must be arranged in advance with the Conference Centre support team.

Please be advised that BlackBerry services are not available in Ethiopia.

Restaurants in Addis Ababa

A list of selected restaurants in Addis Ababa is provided in annex II.

Mobile phones

Participants are encouraged to bring with them a dual band mobile handset (900/1800 MHZ). The Ethiopian Telecommunication Company (ETC) sells SIM cards with pre-charged airtime. The total package costs 40 Ethiopian birr and includes 15 birr-worth of airtime.

Participants will require their passport and a passport photograph when purchasing a SIM card. It takes approximately one day to have an ETC mobile phone connected.

General information about Ethiopia

Ethiopia is as large as France and Spain combined and has a surface area of 1,112,000 square kilometres. Addis Ababa is situated at an altitude of 2,400 metres. Agriculture is the backbone of the national economy and the principal exports from this sector include coffee, oil seeds, pulses, flowers, vegetables, sugar and animal feed. About 90 per cent of the population earns its living from the land. There is also a vibrant livestock sector and exports include cattle, hides and skins.

The population of Ethiopia is estimated at 100 million, with over 50 per cent being under 20 years of age. The average number of inhabitants per square kilometre is 69. Ethiopia is a multi-ethnic State with a great variety of spoken languages. There are 83 languages – the three main ones being Amharic, Tigrigna and Oromigna – with 200 dialects. English, French, Italian and Arabic are also spoken, mainly in Addis Ababa. Additional information on Ethiopia and ECA can be found online at: <http://www.uneca.org> and <http://www.ethionet.et>.

Climate

Ethiopia has two main seasons. The dry season lasts from October to May and the rainy season starts in late June and ends in September. The high elevation moderates temperatures year-round and the city's position near the equator means that temperatures are very constant from month to month.

Owing to frequent rain in August, participants are encouraged to bring warm clothing as average temperatures range between 9°C and 23°C.

Electricity

Electric supply in Ethiopia is 220-240 volts, 50 cycles AC accessible via 13-amp, two-pin (European) socket shown below.



Currency (Ethiopian birr)

Ethiopian currency is denominated in “birr” and “centimes”. The exchange rate fluctuates. The official exchange rate of the United Nations was **US\$ 1.00 = ETB 28.99** as of August 2019.

Things to do around Addis Ababa – Attractions

You are welcome to visit and see various attractions in Addis Ababa. Some of these are highlighted in annex III.

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Annex I
Hotels

No	Hotel	No. of rooms / Type of rooms	Price	Distance from AUC
1.	<p>YEBO HOTEL AND SPA</p> <p>Phone/WhatsApp: +251969141296 Preferable mode of communication WhatsApp Contact: Mr. Nati E-mail: yebonati01@gmail.com</p>	64	US\$ 60 (first come first serve)	The hotel is a few metres' walk from the African Union's "Old Gate". Mr. Nati is able to arrange for additional rooms at other hotels to cater for more delegates if need be
2.	<p>RADISSON BLU HOTEL</p> <p>Tel: (251-11) 5-15 76 00/ 17 04 00 Fax: (251-11) 5-15 76 01 Contact: Ms. Feven Yirga E-mail: feven.yirga@radissonblu.com reservations.addisababa@radissonblu.com Website: www.radissonblu.com</p>	Single Standard Room	US\$ 125 plus 26.5% tax	4.6 km
3.	<p>ELILLY HOTEL</p> <p>Tel: 0115- 58 77 77/73/70 Fax: 0115 58 52 00 Contact: Ms. Elisabeth Shume / Mr. Tesfaye Amenu E-mail: info@elillyhotel.com reservation@elillyhotel.com Website: www.elillyhotel.com</p>	Standard Rooms	US\$ 110 Inclusive of breakfast and all taxes	5.0 km

4.	INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL Tel: (251-11) 5 50 50 66/18 04 44 Fax: (251-11) 5 54 00 90/96 Contact: Ms. Alem/ Ms. Liya Habtemariam E-mail: reservation@intercontinentalladdis.com Website: www.intercontinentalladdis.com	King Deluxe (Standard) Group of more than 15 Double occupancy Twin Deluxe Rooms	US\$ 110 US\$ 95 US\$ 158 US\$ 158 Inclusive of breakfast and all taxes	5.0 km
5.	JUPITER INTERNATIONAL HOTEL – KASANCHES Tel: (251-11) 5 52 73 33 (251-11) 5 52 63 70 0911 65 18 10 (Ayelech) Fax: (251-11) 5 52 64 18 E-mail: info@jupiterinternationalhotel.com Website: www.jupiterinternationalhotel.com	Standard Single Rooms Deluxe Rooms Twin Rooms	US\$ 90 US\$ 120 US\$ 140 Inclusive of breakfast and all taxes	4.7 km
6.	NIGIST TOWERS GUEST HOUSE Tel: (251-11) 5 50 97 70 Yirgat: 0911 19 55 35 E-mail: info@nigisttowers.com Website: www.nigisttowers.com	Studio One Bed Room Two Bed Room	US\$ 72.45 US\$ 84.53 US\$ 114.70 Inclusive of all taxes Breakfast not included	5.2 km

7.	DREAMLINER HOTEL Tel: (251-11) 4 67 40 00 Fax: (251-11) 4 67 40 01 Ms. Helen Wehega Email: reservation@dreamlinerhotel.com helendisasa@yahoo.com Website: www.dreamlinerhotel.com	Standard Single Standard King, Deluxe	US\$ 80 US\$ 100 Inclusive of breakfast and all taxes	4.2 km
8.	GLOBAL HOTEL Tel: (251-11) 4 66 47 66 Fax: (251-11) 4 67 34 22 Email: globalhoteladdisababa@gmail.com Website: www.globalhoteladdis.com	Single Rooms	US\$ 60 Inclusive of breakfast and all taxes	4.8 km
9.	RAMADA HOTEL Tel: (251-11) 6 39 39 39 Email: info@ramadaaddis.com Website: www.ramadaaddis.com	Superior Rooms	US\$ 115 Plus 26.5% tax Breakfast included	6.4 km

Annex II Restaurants

Serenade

Tucked up a dark cobblestone alley in eastern Piazza is this magnificent Mediterranean eatery. Peruse the creative menu, laden with succulent treats like braised lamb with caramelized onions, lentils, lemon, raisin and orange couscous. There are vegetarian delights and divine desserts.

Top View

Located up the hill from the Megenagna roundabout, Top View restaurant offers a great view of Addis Ababa while you dine. A variety of food is available including Ethiopian dishes.

Yod Abyssinia Cultural Restaurants

The two restaurants serve traditional Ethiopian dishes accompanied by cultural dance and music. The restaurant nearer town is at Bole Medhaniyalem Area, next to Brass Hospital.

Annex III

Things to do around Addis Ababa – Attractions

Meskel Square

This is Ethiopia's parade ground. There are always displays, festivals or at least some kids playing football (soccer) here. It is worth a look to see what is going on in Addis Ababa. The Addis Ababa Museum is up on the hill to the left. Also along the square are banks, the Post Office, Tourist Information offices, restaurants and a grocery store.

Holy Trinity Cathedral

Off Niger Street, the massive, ornate Holy Trinity Cathedral is Ethiopia's second-most important place of worship. It is also the final resting place of Emperor Haile Selassie and his wife. Their massive Aksumite-style granite tombs, complete with lions' feet, are a sight indeed.

National Museum

Although less visually stimulating than the Ethnological Museum, the National Museum is no less thought-provoking. Its collection ranks among the most important in sub-Saharan Africa. The paleontology exhibit contains two remarkable casts of 3.2 million year old Lucy, a famously fossilized upright hominid discovered in 1974. Upstairs are some celebrated Ethiopian works of art.

Ethnological Museum

The Ethnological Museum is located in Emperor Haile Selassie's former palace. On the first floor, you can find an exhibition on Ethiopia's traditions from birth to death including childhood, games, rites, culture, traditional medicine and burial customs. On the second floor, you will find a thematic exhibition of traditional musical instruments and can listen to music too.

St. George Cathedral

Commissioned by Emperor Menelik to commemorate his stunning 1896 defeat of the Italians in Adwa, the Piazza St. George Cathedral was completed in 1911. Paintings and mosaics by renowned artists, such as Afewerk Tekle, adorn the outer walls of the Holy of Holies. There is also a museum that contains Ethiopia's best collection of ecclesiastical paraphernalia outside St. Mary of Zion in Aksum.

Mount Entoto

Mount Entoto is the highest peak overlooking the city of Addis Ababa and is part of the Entoto mountain chain that rises 3,200 metres above sea level.
