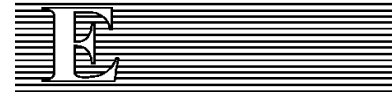




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INFORMATION NOTE

1. INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

Welcome to Tunis, Tunisia and to the first Joint Session of the Committee of Directors General of National Statistics Office (CoDGs) and the Statistical Commission for Africa (StatCom-Africa). It is important to take note of the following information, which will further assist you in the planning, and logistics of your travel to Tunis, Tunisia.

2. Date

The Meeting will take place in Tunis, Tunisia, from 08 to 12 December 2014.

3. Venue

The Meeting will be held at Hotel Ramada Plaza in Tunis.



4. Requirements to enter in Tunisia

Participants are required to obtain visa from the Tunisian Embassy in their respective countries. If there is no Tunisian Embassy in your country, kindly send your passport details, by 26 November 2014, to Bel-AubeN@africa-union.org, osarr@uneca.org, aasrat@uneca.org and Benlamine.hamouda@ins.tn to arrange visa on arrival/entry.

5. Accommodation

All participants are required to stay at RAMADA PLAZA there is no other alternative.

The negotiated price with the hotel is 165 DT/night including breakfast (equivalent of USD 92) in the single room. Double room including breakfast: 185DT (USD 103). Hotel Ramada Plaza is equipped with free Wi-Fi.

In addition to accommodation costs, all participants will be responsible for all other additional costs: i.e. room service, additional meals (i.e. dinner), telephone, fax, room service, mini-bar and laundry, payable directly to the hotel before or at checkout time

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6. Airport Transfer

Hotel provides airport shuttle services. It is important to indicate at least one week before the flight information: date of arrival, airline, and flight numbers to the hotel contact and AUC contact: Bel-AubeN@africa-union.org.

7. Transportation

For other travel, use yellow taxis which are equipped with counter indicating the amount of the race. Additional 50% rate will be applied after 21h. The big taxis are more expensive. Taxis are available throughout the day.

8. Additional Information

❖ **Weather**

Mediterranean climate in the north and the east side, semi-arid interior and the south Sahara. Average temperatures vary between 11.4° C (December) and 29.3° C (July). Rainfall is irregular and concentrated during the cold season (three quarters of the annual total): 800 mm North, South 50-150 mm. Forest cover in the north, predominantly olive groves in central and Sahel, date palms in the south.

The main rivers: Medjerda and Méliane.

❖ **Voltage**

From 220V single phase with up to 220/380 V

❖ **Currency**

The local currency is the Tunisian Dinar TND (1 Euro = 2.3 DT, 1 U.S.D = 1.8 DT). The Visa International is accepted in most banks in Tunisia. It is easy to find distributors in town 24h/24. Traveller's checks are accepted by major banks in major cities of Tunisia.

Tunisian dinars are available: from bank counters at the airport, in the hotel, or in the banks in the city of Tunis or in vending Blue Card / Visa International.

❖ **Language**

The official language is Arabic, the other most widely spoken language is French. Many young people speak English.

❖ **Local time**

The Local time: Greenwich Mean Time + 1 (GMT+1).

❖ **Telecommunications**

Country dialling code: +216

You can buy a local chip from one of the three operators in Tunisia: Tunisie Telecom, Orange and Ooredoo. Sim cards can be bought at the airport or in the city.

❖ **Health Requirements**

A valid yellow fever certificate is required.

9. Contact

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