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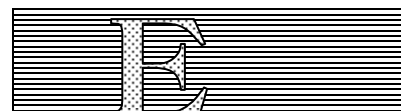
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Dear Participants,

We look forward to welcoming you to Addis Ababa and to the Africa Regional Preparatory Conference for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20). The conference is being held on the margins of the Seventh Session of the Committee on Food Security and Sustainable Development (CFSSD-7). The Conference will take place at the United Nations Conference Centre (UNCC) in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia and will comprise an experts segment to be held from 20 to 22 October and a ministerial segment to be held from 24 to 25 October 2011. The Conference will be preceded by the First Climate Change and Development for Africa (CCDA-1) Conference that will take place at the same venue from 17 to 19 October 2011.

Please find below useful information on the conference arrangements and on Addis Ababa. Should you have any questions or require any assistance, do not hesitate to contact the following officials of ECA Food Security and Sustainable Development Division:

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1. Registration and Identification Badges

Participants are required to register and obtain Identification Badges prior to the opening of the meeting. The venue for registration will be the Delegates Registration Bureau. Kindly bring along your invitation letter and personal identification for registration purposes. For identification and security reasons, all participants should wear their badges at all times.

2. Documents

Participants will be sent the aide memoire, agenda and programme before the meeting. Other documents will be available on the meeting website http://www.uneca.org/eca_programmes/sdd/events/Rio20 and will be provided at the time of registration. Documents, which participants wish to circulate, should be handed to the Secretariat. Participants are also advised to consult with the Secretariat on any matters pertaining to the issuance or distribution of meeting documents.

3. Travel

A number of international airlines operate to and from Addis Ababa. Sponsored participants will be provided with round trip air-tickets and Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA) for Addis Ababa based on UN rules for the duration of the meeting. Non-sponsored participants should secure their return/onward air passage prior to their arrival in Addis Ababa. Travel Agencies at ECA will assist with re-confirmation of tickets and provide participants with travel and tour related information. They can be reached at the following telephone numbers:

- Gashem Travel Tel: +251 115 44 30 51/ 44 30 52/ 44 40 38 or +251 911 25 04 68 (mobile)
- Airlink Travel Tel: +251 115 44 43 66/ 44 43 67/ 44 43 33/ 44 43 34 or +251 921 79 81 28 (mobile)

Ethiopian Airlines and Kenya Airways also have offices at the ECA compound, and can be reached at:

- Ethiopian Airlines: +251-11- 515 72 33 / +251-11-543310
- Kenya Airways: +251-11- 55130 18/ +251-11- 552 55 47 /+251-11-544301/+251-11-544176

Please have your ticket ready when visiting the travel agencies/Airlines for flight-related assistance.

4. Immigration Requirements

Visas are required for all participants travelling to Ethiopia, except for nationals of Djibouti and Kenya. **This also applies to holders of diplomatic and service passports, as well as United Nations Laissez-Passer.**

Following an agreement reached between the Ethiopian Government and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, all participants attending the meeting can obtain business visas on arrival at Bole International Airport. **In order to assist participants in obtaining visas upon arrival, please fill in the nationality, passport details and, if appropriate, flight details in the registration form.**

Please note that the Ethiopian Immigration Authority requires that participants carry with them and present to Immigration an official Letter of Invitation for the meeting.

Please note that an Ethiopian visa costs \$ 20 per person and payment must be made in US dollars at the time of issue. No other currency will be accepted. Holders of diplomatic and service passports, as well as United Nations Laissez-Passer, will receive visas free of charge.

5. Currency restrictions

Directives issued by the National Bank of Ethiopia for inward and outward movement of foreign currency notes and Ethiopian Birr require any traveller, who is a non-resident in Ethiopia, to declare any amount of cash exceeding \$3000 or its equivalent in any other convertible foreign currency,

and all foreign currency in their possession at the points of entry into Ethiopia by filling out the declaration form of the Ethiopian Customs and Revenue Authority.

Non-resident travellers are not allowed to carry more than \$3000 or its equivalent in any other convertible foreign currency in cash out of Ethiopia, unless he/she produces a bank advice certifying the purchase of foreign currency from within Ethiopia or a Customs Declaration paper issued at the time of entering the country provided the visa period has not expired.

Any traveller entering or leaving the country may carry up to only 200 Ethiopian Birr in cash.

Bank receipts for money changed at the airport must be kept securely as they may be requested for on departure.

There is a branch of the Commercial Bank of Ethiopia in the UNECA compound, located in the Rotunda. The Bank is open from Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. There is also an authorized exchange centre (Forex) at the Sheraton, Hilton and Intercontinental hotels, as well as ATM machines for Visa/Mastercard users, which will provide you cash in Birr.

6. Hotel Reservations

Hotel reservations will be made by ECA for all sponsored participants. Details of the arrangements will be communicated in due course. ECA can assist non-sponsored participants with hotel reservations upon request made in time. A list of recommended hotels is annexed to this note.

6. Reception on Arrival

Participants will be met on arrival at the Addis Ababa Bole International Airport and assisted with the formalities regarding immigration. Flight details including date and time of arrival in Addis Ababa should be sent as soon as possible. Any subsequent changes should be communicated in time.

7. Transport

ECA buses will transport participants from Bole International Airport, which is located 5 kilometres from the centre of Addis Ababa, to their respective hotels. Shuttle buses will also transport participants to and from hotels and the conference venue in the mornings and at the end of daily sessions. Regrettably, transport will **not** be provided during lunch breaks.

If you would like transportation in Addis Ababa outside of Conference time, or to take you to the airport at the end of the Conference, you can book a taxi from the National Tourism Organization (NTO) by calling + 251- 115 – 51 18 22 or + 251-115 - 51 84 00, or use the yellow or blue taxis parked outside your hotel.

8. Health and Health Care Requirements

Prior to entry, visitors to Ethiopia should be in possession of a valid health certificate for yellow fever. Vaccination against cholera is also required for any person who has visited or transited through a cholera-infected area within six days prior to arrival in the country. As Addis Ababa is

situated at an altitude of 2400 meters, it is advisable to take precautionary measures to avoid possible health problems that might occur due to high altitude.

The United Nations Health Care Centre (UNHCC), situated on the ground floor of the UN Conference Centre provides 24 hour medical services at a reasonable cost (payment in cash). In case of medical or dental emergency, please call the reception desk on telephone numbers (0115) 44 55 02/44 35 48/44 31 35, **or** 35502/ 33548/33135, when calling from an extension phone within ECA premises.

Participants on special medications should bring enough quantities to last for the period of stay as some of them may not be found in UNHCC or in town.

9. Mobile Phone Services

Participants are encouraged to come to Addis Ababa with their dual band mobile handsets (900/1800 MHZ). Ethiopian Telecommunication Company offers SIM Cards with pre-charged airtime. The total package which costs \$ 50 includes \$ 12 airtime. It takes approximately 2 days to have the Ethiopian Telecommunication Mobile Phone connected.

Participants coming from the United States of America should kindly note that they can only use tri-band mobile handsets i.e. (900/1800/1900 MHZ).

10. General Information about Addis Ababa and Ethiopia

Addis Ababa is a high altitude city, 2 400 meters above sea level (higher than Mexico City). Safety standards are relatively good, but similar precautions as in other metropolitan cities should be followed. The predominant language spoken in Addis Ababa is Amharic, but English is widely understood as well. Communication in French is quite limited, and minimum in Italian and Arabic. Right hand traffic rules apply.

Additional information on Ethiopia and ECA can be found on the following websites:

<http://www.telecom.et>, <http://www.ethio.com>, <http://tour.ethiopianonline.net>, <http://www.uneca.org>

11. Climate

October is the dry season in Ethiopia, but occasional rainfall is possible. The temperature in Addis Ababa during October can be between a minimum of **5** degrees Celsius and a maximum of **25** degrees Celsius.

12. Electricity Supply

Electricity supply in Ethiopia is 220-240 volts, 50 cycles AC accessible via 13-amp, two pin (Italian) socket.

LIST OF RECOMMENDED HOTELS

No.	Hotel	Type of Rooms	UN Rate
1	ADOT - TINA HOTEL Tel: (251-11) 4 67 39 39 Fax: (251-11) 4 67 41 11 Mobile: (251-11) 9 07 29 37 adottinah@ethionet.et website www.adot-tina.com	Standard rooms Double Occupancy	US\$ 70.00 US\$ 80.00
2	GHION HOTEL Tel: (251-11) 5-51 32 22 Tel: (251-11) 5-51 00 99 Fax: (251-11) 5-50 51 50	Standard rooms Double rooms	US\$ 75 .00 US\$ 89.00
3	HILTON HOTEL Tel: (251-11) 5-51 84 00 Tel: (251-11) 5-51 00 64 Fax:5-52 95 81 email: sales addis@hilton.com	Single Double Executive Rooms Single Double	US\$ 175.00 US\$ 205.00 US\$ 225.00 US\$ 255.00 Plus 25% TAX
4	HOTEL de LEOPOL Tel: (251-11) 5-50 77 77 Mobile (251-11) 9 67 78 73 Fax: (251-11) 5-53 14 66 Fax: (251-11) 5 15 50- 80	Standard rooms Double Occupancy	US\$ 60.00 US\$ 70.00
5	PLAZA HOTEL Tel: (251-11) 6-61 22 00 Fax: (251-11) 6-61 30 44	Single rooms Double rooms	US\$ 40.00 US\$ 50.00
6	SHERATON HOTEL Tel: (251-11) 5-17 17 17 Fax: (251-11)5-17 27 27	Club room (Single) Double Executive rooms Executive Double	US\$ 240.00 US\$ 240.00 US\$ 355.00 US\$ 385.00 Plus 25% TAX

7	JUPITER INTERNATIONAL HOTEL Tel: (251-11) 5-52 73 33 Fax: (251-11) 5-52 64 18 Fax: (251-11) 6-61 69 99(Bole)	Standard Single rooms Double Occupancy Super Deluxe	US\$80.00 US\$100.00 US\$125.00
8	HARMONY HOTEL Tel: (251-11) 6-18 31 00 Fax: (251-11) 6- 18 29 10	Standard Single Twin rooms	US\$ 80.00 US\$ 110.00
9	PANORAMA HOTEL Tel: (251-11) 6-61 60 70 Fax: (251-11) 6-61 60 72	Single rooms Double rooms Superior rooms Executive rooms	US\$ 65.00 US\$ 65.00 US\$ 65.00 US\$110.00
10	DREAMLINER HOTEL Tel: (251-11) 4-67 40 00 Fax: (251-11) 4-67 40 01 Mob. 0911 24 07 51	Standard Single, Standard King, Deluxe King, Deluxe Twin, Premium Deluxe (any available rooms) Double Occupancy	US\$ 70.00 US\$ 80.00
11	INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL Tel: (251-11) 5-50 50 66 Fax: (251-11) 5-54 00 90/96	King Deluxe room (Standard) Twin Deluxe rooms	US\$ 90.00 US\$ 120.00
12	CHURCHLE HOTEL Tel: (251-11) 1 11 12 12 /1- 56 86 48 (251-11)0911 48 54 09 Fax: (251-11) 1 11 88 00	Single rooms	US\$ 72.00
13	GLOBAL HOTEL Tel: (251-11) 4 66 47 66 (251-11) 4 66 47 23 Fax: (251-11) 4 67 34 22	Single rooms Studio Suit	US\$70.00 US\$ 82.00 US\$ 110.00
14	KZ HOTEL Tel: (251-11) 6-62 16 77/61 48 36 Fax: (251-11) 6 - 18 51 38	Single rooms Double room	US\$ 65.00 US\$ 75.00

Rates are inclusive of breakfast, service charge and VAT unless where indicated