

LOGISTICS NOTE

42ND ORDINARY SESSION OF THE AFRICAN COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON THE RIGHTS AND WELFARE OF THE CHILD (ACERWC)

1. DATE AND VENUE OF THE LAUNCH:

- ◆ The 42nd Ordinary Session of the ACERWC will be held on 08-17 November 2023 at the Headquarters of the African Union, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. During the Session, various events are organized including the Launch of the ACERWC study on Children without Parental Care will be held on 08 November 2023 and the Launch of the Joint General Comment on FGM on 10 November at the same venue.
- ◆ The Session starts at 08:30 every day.
- ◆ Registration will take place at 08:00 on 08 November at the New Gate of the African Union Commission where all Participants will be provided with badges to access the African Union Commission premises for the duration of the Session.

2. ACCOMMODATION, DSA, MEALS:

- ◆ For Participants sponsored by the ACERWC, accommodation has been reserved and paid for at Elilly International Hotel to check in on 07 November and checkout on 11 November. Participants are booked on bed and breakfast at the hotel and any extra costs are to be covered individually.
- ◆ Lunch and tea breaks will be provided during the meeting days for all participants.
- ◆ In accordance with AU Rules and Regulations, sponsored participants will be provided with Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA) for dinner and incidentals upon the submission of original boarding passes.
- ◆ Sponsored participants are kindly requested to keep a copy of original boarding pass, and visa receipt, which you will be required to submit on the first day of the meeting.

3. ENTRY VISA TO ADDIS:

- ◆ Visas are required for most foreign nationals. For those participants requiring visa to enter into Ethiopia, you are expected to apply for Visa via the link <https://www.evisa.gov.et/>
- ◆ Participants are encouraged to apply for single entry tourist visa.
- ◆ Participants are strongly encouraged to apply for Visas and get the Visa confirmation prior to their travel.
- ◆ Visa fees will be reimbursed for sponsored travelers upon the submission of visa fee receipts.
- ◆ Your passport must be valid for at least 6 months from the date you intend to enter Ethiopia.

4. **AIRPORT TRANSFERS AND GROUND TRANSPORTATION:**

- ◆ The country's main international gateway is Bole International Airport. All participants arriving from outside Ethiopia will fly into Bole International Airport, which is about 4 kilometers from the city business centre and takes about 7 minutes to drive into town.
- ◆ The Elilly International Hotel will pick up all sponsored participants from the airport. Upon arrival at Addis Ababa Airport, a hotel guest relations officer will arrange transportation to the hotel. For more information on airport transfers, Contact +251-115-587777 or +251-115-587778 (Elilly International hotel contact number) or contact the hotel at their airport desk.
- ◆ Transport from the hotel to the meeting venue is organized during the meeting days for sponsored participants. The Bus will collect participants and leave the hotel at 8:00am in the morning, hence, you are advised to be at the gate of the Hotel at 7:45am.

5. **CURRENCY:**

- ◆ The FDRE's currency is the birr. One US dollar is roughly equal to 56 birr. In international hotels and some restaurants, all major credit and debit cards, including Visa and MasterCard, are accepted, though cash is the preferred method of payment. Outside of Ethiopia, it is not possible to obtain Ethiopian Birr, but US Dollars and other currencies can be exchanged at Bole International Airport. Within Bole International Airport, there is also an ATM.

6. **SAFETY AND SECURITY :**

- ◆ The latest information on safety and security can be found on the Foreign Affairs Ministries' websites.

7. **HEALTH:**

- ◆ Vaccination against yellow fever is mandatory. Check the validity of your vaccination card before traveling.

8. **COMMUNICATION AND THE INTERNET:**

- ◆ The country code for Ethiopia is +251. WiFi is available in most hotels.
- ◆ Ethiopia has cellular network operators that provide roaming services.

9. **ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT:**

- ◆ In Ethiopia power plugs and sockets are type C, E, F and L (as shown below).
- ◆ The standard voltage is 220 V and the standard frequency is 50 Hz.



Type C: This socket also works with plug E and F



Type E: This socket also works with plug C. Plug F will work if it has an additional pinhole



Type F: This socket also works with plug C and E

10. WEATHER AND LOCAL TIME:

- ◆ November is sunny and moderate breeze in Ethiopia, with an average temperature varying between 9°C and 21°C.
- ◆ For more details, please find a link below for the weather forecast: <https://www.accuweather.com>
- ◆ Ethiopia is GMT/UTC + 3h Standard

11. List of Hotels near AUC Headquarters

- ◆ The below are some of the hotel suggestions near the Headquarters of the African Union for Self-sponsored participants.
 - ✓ Yebo Hotel
 - ✓ Union Hotel Apartments
 - ✓ Blue Nest Hotel
 - ✓ Sodere Hotel
 - ✓ Afro Legacy Hotel
 - ✓ Kings Hotel

Their addresses can be found online.

WE WISH YOU ALL THE BEST IN YOUR TRAVEL PREPARATIONS AND AN ENJOYABLE STAY IN ADDIS ABABA – ETHIOPIA