

**Meeting of the Study Group 5 and 12 Regional Group for Africa
(SG5RG-AFR and SG12RG-AFR)
Kampala, Uganda**

Practical information for participants

1 Event venue

Kampala Serena Hotel

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Website: www.serenahotels.com

E-mail reservation: sales@serena.co.ug and copy in reservations@serena.co.ug



2 Hotels

Hotel reservations may be made directly by delegates. However, delegates may also request UCC to make their hotel reservations for them if they wish. For that purpose, they should simply send to UCC contacts their flight details as well as the name of their chosen hotel.

Email: ikyomuhendo@ucc.co.ug or hnakiguli@ucc.co.ug

Preferential rates have been obtained with certain hotels. Arrangements will be made by UCC to transport delegates from their respective hotels to the meeting venue. However, delegates staying in hotels other than those proposed will have to make their own arrangements.

The list of proposed hotels may be found below.

Hotel	Room type and rates (USD)			Contact
	Single	Double	Executive	
Kampala Serena Hotel	272	292		Asiimwe Stephen Tel. +256-712705038 E-mail: sasiimwe@serena.co.ug Copy reservations@serena.co.ug
Imperial Royale Hotel	100 (deluxe)	120 (deluxe)	150	Mariam Tel. +256-755384457 Email: reservation@irh.co.ug
Fairway Hotel	95	105 (Standard)		Moses Asiimwe Tel. +256-782689684 Email: moses@fairwayhotel.co.ug
Mosa Courts Apartments	84 (deluxe)	119 (deluxe)	178 (1 bed apartment)	Tel: +256-414-230321 Email: reservations@mosacourthotel.com
Sheraton Hotel			245 (executive) 245 (club room)	Rose Musoke Email: rose.musoke@sheraton.com Copy: reservation.kampala@sheraton.com
Golf Course Hotel	183 (Deluxe)	213 (Deluxe)		Joshua M . Kitothya Tel. +256-775270272 Email: reservation@golfcoursehotel.com
Grand Imperial	140 (deluxe)	160 (Deluxe)	180 (single) 250 (Double)	Barbara, Tel. +256712124745, +256414311048, reservations@g.hotel.co.ug
Speke Hotel	138	138		Ann Tel. +256776975079, ann.natu@yahoo.com
Holiday Express	65	90		Julius Tel. +256752908544, juliususerwaku@yahoo.com
Tourist Hotel	26 (Standard) 30 (Superior)	37 (Standard) 49 (Deluxe)		Jackie Tel. +256392588514, gloria.matovu@yahoo.com

3 Air travel

Entebbe International Airport, Uganda's main international airport is located on the shore of Lake Victoria, about 32 km (20 miles) south of Kampala, the capital city of Uganda. The airport is open 24 hours with full amenities of an international airport. The following airlines fly to Entebbe: KLM, Emirates, Kenya Airlines, British Airways, South African Airways, SN Brussels, Egypt Air, Turkish Airlines, Qatar airways and Ethiopian Airlines.

4 Arrival and transportation

Arrangements will be made to meet delegates upon arrival at the airport and take them to their respective hotels. Delegates wishing to benefit from this service are requested to send their flight details and arrival time to the following contact person (see form 2):

Mr. Dickson Kwesiga

E-mail: dkwesiga@ucc.co.ug

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5 Visa – Formalities for entering the Uganda

All travellers to Uganda must have a valid passport issued and recognized by their government. Visas are issued at Ugandan Missions abroad and also at entry/exit points. The duration for the visitor's visa varies, with a maximum of three months. Below are the various visa fees:

- Single Entry-USD 30;
- Multiple-entry 6-month visa - USD 80,
- Multiple-entry 1-year visa - USD 160.

It is possible to obtain your visitor's visa on arrival at Entebbe airport. Multi-entry visas are not available at the airport, but can be obtained from Ugandan embassies in foreign countries. You should present your application and USD 50 in cash to the immigration officer. The airline will normally have distributed the visa application form prior to landing in Entebbe. Delegates may exchange currency at the forex bureaux inside the arrivals terminal.

Nationals from the COMESA (Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa) member countries are exempted from visa requirement into Uganda. COMESA countries are Angola, Burundi, Comoros, Eritrea, Kenya, Malawi, Mauritius, Madagascar, Rwanda, Seychelles, Swaziland, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

Others countries exempt from visa requirements to Uganda are Antigua, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Fiji, Gambia, Grenada, Jamaica, Lesotho, Malta, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Solomon Islands, St Vincent & The Grenadines, Tonga, Vanuatu, Italy (Only Diplomatic Passports), Cyprus. Please note that American nationals, British, and just about all Commonwealth nationals and European nationals that make up the vast majority of visitors to Uganda do require a visa to travel to Uganda.

For visa assistance and information, please contact the following local coordinators:

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6 Health requirements

Travellers to Uganda must have an international inoculation certificate against Yellow Fever.

7 Insurance

Delegates are strongly advised to have full-cover travel insurance.

8 Security

Although Ugandans are very helpful it is always advisable to be cautious when dealing with strangers. During your stay you are advised to safeguard valuables or secure them in the hotel safe.

9 Electricity

The electricity supply in Uganda is 240 Volts ac 50 Hz. Sockets are usually 13 Amp, square pin in most buildings.

10 Time zone

The Time Zone is Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) + 3.

11 Climate

Uganda enjoys a tropical climate, with abundant sunshine all year round. Uganda's temperatures are moderate throughout the year. In Kampala, near Lake Victoria, average daily temperatures range from 18° to 28° C (65° to 83° F) in January and from 17° to 25° C (62° to 77° F) in July. The rainy seasons occur from March through May and from October through November.

12 Currency and banking

The currency of Uganda is the Uganda Shillings (/=).

The notes and coins that are currently in circulation are:

Bank notes: UGX 50,000/=, UGX 20,000/= UGX 10,000/= UGX 5,000/= UGX 1,000/=

Coins: 500 shillings, 200 shillings, 100 shillings, 50 shillings, 10 shillings

Exchange rates varies around:

1USD = 2600 Ugandan shillings

1£ Sterling = 3962 Ugandan shillings

1 Euro = 3458 Ugandan shillings

There are numerous forex bureaux in Kampala and the main towns across the country, as well as a number of international and regional banks. These include Bank of Africa, Barclays Bank, Standard Chartered, Stanbic, Tropical African Bank, and Cairo bank. Money transfer services are available from Western Union and Money Gram in most of our local and international banks.

Mobile money transfer (e-banking) by major telecommunications operators, such as MTN Uganda, Uganda Telecom Limited and Airtel, is also available. Major credit cards (Visa, Barclays, American Express, Master card, etc) are widely accepted.

13 Language

The official working language is English.

14 Internet connectivity

Internet connection will be available at the meeting venue. Payment may be required at certain hotels.

15 Contact

For any questions, please contact:

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