**Fourth meeting of ITU-T Study Group 13 Regional Group for Africa (SG13RG-AFR), Accra, Ghana, 16 - 17 March 2016**

**Practical information for participants**

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**1 Event venue**

# La-Palm Royal Beach Hotel

Tel: +233 (0) 302 215100/215111

Fax: +233 (0) 302 215121/215122

Location: La Beach Road (20 minutes from Kotoka Airport)

Email: lapalm@gbhghana.com / lapalmres@gbhghana.net

Online booking: <http://gbhghana.net/index-lapalm.aspx>

**2 Accommodation**

A list of suggested hotels in Accra can be found in **Appendix I** of this document. Participants are requested to book their hotel rooms directly with the hotel of their choice. To benefit from the preferential rates negotiated for this event, please use the hotel and transfer reservation form (**Form 2**).

**3 Transportation**

Transportation from the airport to the hotels and venue will be provided. Participants are requested to send **Form 2** by fax: **+ 233 (0) 302 667 114** to **Mr. Desmond Boateng, tel.: +233 (0) 302 685601/Mobile: +233 54 788 8085, email:** **des67b@yahoo.com**to ensure airport pickup and transfer.

**4 Airport**

Kokota International Airport is the international airport in Ghana and is served by the major international airlines.

**5 Entry requirements and Visa information for Ghana**

A valid passport and an entry visa are required to enter Ghana. Visas must be obtained prior to arrival and are required by all except nationals of ECOWAS, Kenya and Singapore. Visas can be obtained and extended in Ghana, especially for those who wish to stay beyond the event period.

For countries without Ghana High Commissions and Embassies, the host country may apply for visa on your behalf and it would be issued upon arrival. The single entry visa fee is at a cost of $100, which will be paid at the point of entry.

Participants who wish the host country to apply for entry visas on their behalf should provide a copy of their passport biodata to **Mr. Desmond Boateng, email:** **des67b@yahoo.com****; fax: +233 (0) 302 667114**.

Note − You may be refused entry on a passport that is due to expire within six months of your departure date.

**6 General Information**

**6.1** **Insurance and Medical care**

Participants are advised to obtain supplementary medical/travel insurance. However, excellent private medical facilities in Ghana provide for all of your medical needs. First aid services will be available at the event venue.

**6.2 Vaccination requirements**

For information about vaccination requirements and health information for travellers please consult the World Health Organization’s (WHO) website at <http://www.who.int/countries/gha/en/>.

**6.3 Climate**

Ghana’s low latitude and proximity to the equator give it a typically tropical climate. Temperatures approach or exceed 30 degrees (80 Fahrenheit) most days of the year, with virtually no seasonal variation. The month of March falls in the wet season. Accra tends to receive less rain than other areas, but you should plan to bring a waterproof windbreaker, umbrella, waterproof shoes and clothes that dry quickly.

**6.4 Time Zone**

The time zone is GMT.

**6.5 Currency**

The official currency is the Ghana Cedi (GH¢) (Cedi pronounced See Dee).

Credit cards are not widely used in Ghana, although they are of use in Accra. Plan on bringing much of your budget in the form of travellers’ cheques and some cash, particularly if you plan to spend time outside the capital city, Accra. Foreign currency can be exchanged at any foreign exchange bureau. Banks are open weekdays from 0830 hours - 1500 hours.

**6.6 Telecommunications**

Six reliable telecommunications networks are available in Ghana (two fixed and four mobile). Ghana’s country code is +233.

**6.7 Safety**

Ghanaians pride themselves as being one of the friendliest people in the world, and the level of crime against visitors/tourists in Ghana is remarkably low. However, normal precautions are still advisable.

**6.8 Electricity**

Electricity is 220V AC at 50 cycles. Stabilizers are required for sensitive devices, and adapters are required for appliances using 110V.

**FORM 2 - HOTEL AND TRANSFER RESERVATION FORM**

(to TSB Collective letter 4/SG13RG-AFR)

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|  | **Fourth SG13 Regional Workshop for Africa on *"Future Networks for a better Africa: IMT-2020, Trust, Cloud Computing and Big Data"* andFourth Study Group 13 Regional Group for Africa meeting** **(Accra, Ghana, 14-17 March 2016)****HOTEL AND TRANSFER RESERVATION FORM** |  |

***This form should be sent directly to the hotel of your choice with a copy to* Mr. Desmond Boateng*, to ensure transfer to and from the airport by fax at:* +233 (0) 302 667 114**

*The list of hotels including contact information and room rates is attached*

*Family name*  ------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

*First name*  ------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

*Address*  ------------------------------------------------------------------------ *Tel: -------------------------------*

*----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------- Fax: -------------------------------*

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***Name of Hotel*** *------------------------*

*------------ single/double room(s)* ***at the SG13RG-AFR and Workshop preferential rate***

*Credit card to guarantee this reservation*: AX/VISA/DINERS/EC (*or* *other) -----------------------------------*

*No.* -------------------------------------------------------- *valid until* ------------------------------------------------

*Date* ------------------------------------------------------ *Signature*  ---------------------------------------------------

**TRANSFER INFORMATION**

**Transportation will be provided from the airport to the hotels and to the venue of the meeting.**

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| Date of Arrival |   |  | Time of Arrival |  | FLIGHT NO. |  |
| Date ofDeparture |  |  | Time of Departure |  | FLIGHT NO. |  |

**Appendix I**

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**Hotel list**

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| **No.** | **Name of Hotel** |  | **Single****($)** | **Double****($)** | **Bed & Breakfast** | **Tax Inclusive** | **Contact** |
| 1. | La Palm Royal Beach Hotel | 5-star | 235  | 275 | Yes | Yes | Tel: +233(0)302 215100/215111Fax: +233 302 215121/ 215122Email: lapalm@gbhghana.comOnline booking: <http://gbhghana.net/index-lapalm.aspx>  |
| 2. | ASA Royal Hotel | 2-star | 100 | 130 | Yes | Yes | Tel: +233 (0) 302 764420Mobile: +233 24 4475611Email: asaroyal@gmail.com  |
| 3. | His Majesty’s Hotel | 2-star | 100 | 120 | Yes | Yes | Tel: +233 (0) 302 773225Mobile: +233 24 4315380Email: hmapartments@yahoo.com Website: [www.hismajestyhotel.com.gh](http://www.hismajestyhotel.com.gh)  |
| 4. | Deon Hotels | 2-star | 80 | 110 | Yes | Yes | Tel: +233 (0) 31 2298008Mobile: +233 20 0354184Email: info@deonhotel.com Website: <http://deonhotel.com/> |
| 5. | Susana Lodge | 2-star | 100 | 130 | Yes | Yes | Tel: +233 (0) 302-774296Mobile: +233 24 4274577Email: stereoq@yahoo.com  |
| 6. | Eastoment Hotel | 2-star | 100 | 107 | Yes | Yes  | Tel: +233 (0) 302 773541Mobile: +233 54 2395587Email: eastomentatgl@gmail.com  |

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