

COUNTRY INFORMATION
INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS UNION (ITU)
SUBMARINE CABLE RESILIENCE SUMMIT

ABUJA, 2025

The Nigerian government is honored to host the prestigious 2025 ITU Submarine Cable Resilience Summit, inviting experts and stakeholders from around the world to converge in Abuja on the 26th and 27th of February 2025. Together, participants will explore innovative approaches, share insights, and shape the future of resilient submarine cable systems. ITU Submarine Cable Resilience Summit will focus on enhancing the stability and security of submarine cable networks, which are critical to global connectivity and the digital economy. This initiative addresses the growing risks posed by natural disasters, cyber threats, and other disruptions to these vital infrastructures, emphasizing the need for robust strategies and collaborative solutions.

VENUE OF THE SUMMIT

The summit is scheduled to take place at the **Transcorp Hilton Hotel**, located within the Central Business District in Abuja. The address of the hotel is:

1 Aguiyi Ironsi Street

Maitama, Abuja,

Nigeria

Tel: 234-708-060-3000

Fax: 234-9-904-4025

<http://www3.hilton.com/en/hotels/nigeria/transcorp-hilton-abuja>

The Hotel has 667 guest rooms and is centrally [located](#) in the capital's commercial district, minutes from government ministries, embassies and diplomatic offices. Easily accessible from the Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport, the hotel is near a number of local businesses and attractions.

All [hotel rooms](#) feature luxurious beds, marble baths and internet access. All suites and executive floor rooms offer access to the Executive Lounge, with WiFi, refreshments, international daily newspapers and city views.

Transcorp Hilton Abuja has seven distinctive bars and [restaurants](#) featuring Nigerian, Mediterranean, and Asian cuisines. Sample local specialties at Bukka, enjoy the sports bar scene at Capital Bar, or savor Chinese, Mongolian and Thai dishes at The Oriental.

COUNTRY INFORMATION

Nigeria is bounded in the West by the Republic of Benin and Niger Republic; in the East by the Republic of Cameroon; on the North by Niger and Chad Republic and the South by the Gulf of Guinea and covers an area of 924 000 sq. km. (356 700 sq. mi.). Nigeria, which comprises of 36 states and the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), Abuja, is Africa's most populous country, with Hausa, Igbo and Yoruba as the three largest ethnic groups.

Nigeria is made up of mostly Christians and Muslims with a very small minority who practice traditional and other religions. English is the official language and Hausa, Yoruba, Igbo (Ibo), Fulani as well as over 450 additional indigenous languages are spoken. It is a diverse nation with over 250 ethnic groups, each with its unique culture, languages, and traditions. It has a vibrant arts and entertainment scene, known for its literature, music (including Afrobeat), and film industry (Nollywood) which has gained international recognition. Nigeria is a major player in the continent's political, economic, and cultural landscape and continues to strive for stability, development and unity while celebrating its rich heritage.

REGISTRATION

Participants are expected to complete their event registration online at a link provided on the event website.

VISA AND ENTRY INFORMATION FOR NIGERIA

To enter Nigeria, a valid passport with at least six months of validity remaining from the intended exit date is required, with a blank page for the visa stamp. It is important that passports close to expiry are renewed before arrival.

The Government of Nigeria has a **Visa-On-Arrival** system in place for delegates at a fee. Participants requiring a visa on arrival are requested to log on to <https://voa.immigration.gov.ng/>, complete the application and then email receipt of payment to amabubakar@ncc.gov.ng for follow up with the Nigerian Immigration Service (NIS). Essential requirements to complete the visa on arrival application consist of the following:

1. Confirmed Itinerary;
2. Hotel Reservation;
3. Copy of Passport Data Page;
4. ITU e-confirmation of registration. Kindly be informed that this e-confirmation of registration, which contains a unique and individual registration number, can also be downloaded as “invitation letter” on the visa application portal

5. Soft copy of passport photograph (35x40mm); and
6. Letter from the host country confirming registration.

Please note that delegates are responsible for their VISA fees.

Also note that the Nigeria Visa-On-Arrival expires **14 days from the date of issuance**, therefore it is recommended that participants **apply no earlier than 2 weeks** to the event to give enough validity to cover for travel of participants to Nigeria.

Citizens of all ECOWAS countries do not require a visa to enter Nigeria, however, they must be in possession of a Travel certificate (see detailed information under <https://immigration.gov.ng/ecowas-travel-certificates/>). If unsure as to whether you need a visa or not, please visit your nearest Nigerian embassy for further guidance. You can also visit the website of the Nigerian Immigration Service at <https://immigration.gov.ng/>

TRANSPORTATION

The venue of the Summit is Transcorp Hilton, located in Abuja, Nigeria. Since there are multiple flights available to Nigeria, it is recommended that you check with your travel agent to determine the most suitable flight for your needs, ensuring that your booked flight terminates in Abuja. The host country will make arrangements for airport pick-up and drop-off and transportation for any scheduled trips within the meeting program. Transportation will also be provided to and from the meeting venue each day for delegates who choose to stay in any of the recommended hotels. A list of recommended hotels and their discounted rates is provided below.

The host will have liaison officers to help coordinate the arrival of delegates at Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport Abuja. Delegates are advised to forward their itinerary to the underlisted logistics liaison officers as soon as possible:

lidris@ncc.gov.ng

tabdullahigumel@ncc.gov.ng

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

Yellow fever vaccination certificate is not mandatory for entry into Nigeria. The health authorities have confirmed that this is no longer a prerequisite.

However, we advise participants to bring along any vaccination documents they may have handy for ease of travel, should they be requested by other authorities en route.

RECOMMENDED HOTELS – SUBMARINE CABLE RESILIENCE SUMMIT 2025

Hotel Names	Time/Distance to Transcorp Hilton (Venue)	Star ratings	Room rates in Naira (₦)	Address	Contact
Transcorp Hilton Abuja	0km	5 star	₦ 400,000 - ₦ 600,000	1 Aguiyi Ironsi Way, Maitama, Abuja	www.hilton.com/ chukwudi.amaadi@hilton.com http://bit.ly/3Woh3i9 +2348036259962 (Available on Whatsapp)
The Envoy Hotel	9 mins 5km	4 star	₦ 150,000 to ₦ 180,000	305 Diplomatic Drive, Abuja, Federal Capital Territory	www.theenvoyabuja.com Reservations@theenvoyabuja.ng 08188009202 & 08188009213 (Available on Whatsapp)
Abuja Cotinental Hotel	7mins	4 star	₦ 190,500 -		precious.ihedioha@abujacotinental.com

Hotel Names	Time/Distance to Transcorp Hilton (Venue)	Star ratings	Room rates in Naira (₦)	Address	Contact
	2.3km		₦ 238,500	1 Ladi Kwali Street, Wuse Zone 4	+234 903 660 5213 (Available on Whatsapp) http://www.abujacontinental.com/
Fraser Suites	5mins 1.5 km	4 Star	₦ 350,834	Plot 294 Leventis Close, CBD, Abuja	Janet.osakwe@frasershospitality.com +2348087987 162 (Available on Whatsapp) www.frasershospitality.com
Brickpoint Boutique Apartments	13mins 7km	4 star	₦ 235,000 to ₦ 350,000	24 Jose Marti Street, Asokoro, Abuja	https://www.brickpoint.com/ bd@brickpoint.com bd.brickpoint@gmail.com +23480 223 503 27 (Also Available on Whatsapp)

Hotel Names	Time/Distance to Transcorp Hilton (Venue)	Star ratings	Room rates in Naira (₦)	Address	Contact
Nordic Hotel	11mins 5.3 km	3 star	₦ 150,000	1322 Shehu Yaradua Way, Mabushi, Abuja	info@nordichotelsnigeria.com +2348099944480 https://nordichotelsnigeria.com/
Hawthorn by Wyndham	15mins 6.7 km	3 star	₦ 155,700 - ₦ 170,000	1 Uke Street, Garki II, Abuja	www.wyndhamhotels.com
BON Hotel	10mins 4 km	4 star	₦ 422,700 - ₦ 450,000	3 Negro Crescent, Maitama, Abuja	https://bonhotels.com/hotel/abuja/
The Wells Carlton	10mins 4 km	4 star	₦ 250,000 - ₦ 350,000	8 Gado Nasko Road, Asokoro, Abuja	https://wellscarlton.com/

Please note that hotel rates are subject to the prevailing exchange rate. The current black (parallel) market rate is ₦1,650 to a dollar (\$).

CITY INFORMATION

Nigeria has an estimated population of 225 million people and Abuja the capital city has an estimated population of 3.8 million people. It became Nigeria's capital on December 12, 1991.

LOCAL TIME/ TIMEZONE

Abuja is in the same time zone as most West African countries which have a UTC time offset of +1:00 or + 1 hour Greenwich Mean Time. Africa/Lagos is the time zone designation.

CLIMATE

There are two distinct seasons in Abuja due to the city's tropical wet and dry climate: the harmattan season and the rainy season. The harmattan season lasts from October to April, while the rainy season lasts from April to October.

LANGUAGE DETAILS

The official language of Nigeria is English. English is the language of commerce and governance in Nigeria's capital city of Abuja. The Gbagyi (Gwari) are the original inhabitants of Abuja, and their language was once the dominant one in the area.

Even though English is the country's official language and is widely spoken in Abuja, several local languages are still in use.

DRIVING IN ABUJA:

Traffic congestion can make navigating Abuja and the Abuja Municipal Area Council (AMAC) challenging. There are alternative routes available to avoid traffic, and it is recommended to use a GPS navigation system (Google Maps – recommended).

TIPPING IN ABUJA:

Tipping is not a widespread practice in Abuja. Nevertheless, it is customary to tip hotel employees, taxi drivers, and restaurant servers for exceptional service.

WATER:

It is advisable to use bottled water for drinking purposes.

ELECTRICAL POINTS IN ABUJA:

It is advised that visitors bring a universal plug adapter to use their electronic devices there.

The electrical supply is 220V AC, 50Hz. plugs used in most hotels are three-pin (British Standard), although two-pin plugs (European Standard) are also used. It is advisable to come along with Global adaptors.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Nigeria has five (5) mobile phone operators. The country code is +234.

SIM cards may be sold by representatives of mobile phone operators at the conference venue. Copy of ID or passport for foreign visitors is required for the purchase of SIM cards.

BANKING AND BUSINESS HOURS

Banking hours are from **Mon to Fri: 08:00 – 16.00hrs** Bureau de change operators are available at the airport and throughout the country. ATMs are also widely available throughout the country.

CURRENCY

The local currency used in the country is Naira (₦) of which 1,650 Naira equates to 1 dollar using the parallel market rates.