

# 15th meeting of the Global Symposium for Regulators (GSR-15)



Libreville (Gabon), 8 to 11 June 2015

#### **Practical information**

The purpose of this note is to provide some general information that may be useful to GSR-15 delegates.

#### 1. Forum venue

The symposium will take place in the Conference Centre of the Sino-Gabonese Friendship Stadium in Libreville, Gabon.

#### 2. Focal points

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# 3. Entry visa formalities

Persons entering Gabon must present a valid passport, the e-mail confirming that they are registered for GSR-15, an international vaccination certificate showing, in particular, that the holder is vaccinated against yellow fever, and a visa in the case of nationals of certain countries (please consult: <a href="http://www.affaires-etrangeres.gouv.ga/services-aux-usagers/protocole/pays-exempts-de-visa">http://www.affaires-etrangeres.gouv.ga/services-aux-usagers/protocole/pays-exempts-de-visa</a>).

For nationals of countries requiring a visa, one will be issued on arrival in Gabon, provided that they send a copy of all pages of their current valid passport containing personal information together with the e-mail confirming their registration for GSR-15, to following contact person who will process the request and send the requested confirmation letter:

#### Ms Marthe Yolande Edwige MENDAMA

Mobile: +241 0773 6918 E-mail: visa.gsr15@arcep.ga

# 4. Hotel bookings

It is recommended that delegates make their own hotel bookings by telephone, fax or Internet, stating clearly that they are GSR-15 participants. A list of selected hotels can be found on Annex 1. Please note that a number of hotel rooms have been reserved at prices specially negotiated for GDR-15 delegates.

For any question regarding hotels, please contact:

# Ms Geneviève BIKIEMBE

Tel. +241 06234107

Email: reservation.gsr15@arcep.ga

#### 5. Arrival dates and hotel transfers

To ensure the smooth organization of transfers from the airport to the selected hotels and meeting venue, delegates are requested to provide details of their flights and hotel reservations in the registration form through the focal point of their organization/entity, not later than **22 May 2015**.

ARCEP will organize the transfer of delegates from the airport to their respective hotels and back to the airport once the meeting is over, provided that the necessary information has been included in the registration form.

# 6. Collection of luggage on arrival

For convenience, local teams at the airport will ensure that luggage is located and collected quickly. All delegates are advised to mark their registered hold luggage clearly with "GSR-15".

# 7. Health requirements

A vaccination booklet including proof of vaccination against yellow fever is required for entry into Gabon.

Travellers are advised to make inquiries about measures to prevent malaria.

Gabon has so far avoided the Ebola epidemic, and no case of the disease has been recorded in the country since the initial outbreak.

In accordance with the guidelines of the World Health Organization (WHO), the Government continues to act with prevention in mind and has implemented a plan of action which includes emergency cross-border measures, social mobilization, communications, and special epidemiological monitoring. Further information can be found at the GSR-15 site created by ARCEP.

#### 8. Other information

#### Language

French is the country's sole official language and is the language of schools and administration.

#### Local time

Local time is GMT+1.

#### Currency

Gabon is a member of the FCFA zone (1 euro = 656 XAF BEAC, USD1 = 500 XAF BEAC). Banks are open every working day from 0900 to 1500 hours, Monday to Friday. International credit cards are accepted.

#### Water and electricity

The mains voltage in Gabon is 220V. The tap water is of good quality and poses no risk, but bottled mineral water is recommended. Electrical sockets in Gabon look like this:



# • Climate

Libreville enjoys pleasant weather in June, with a temperature range of 25 to 30°C.

# • Public transport and taxis

There are two reliable means of transport for those without a vehicle – traditional and metre taxis, painted in red and white. They have no predetermined itinerary.

#### · Traditions and customs

Since independence in 1960, the people of Gabon have forged a culture of their own that is not the same as either the traditional cultures that make up their country or modern western culture. It is a culture that is constantly moving, marked by both diversity and by features in common, and brings together the most diverse beliefs and customs.

For more information please go to: www.gsr15.ga.

Annex 1

# **Currency (FCFA)**

NAME	CATEGORY OF ROOM	PRICE (F CFA)	SERVICES INCLUDED IN ROOM CHARGE	OTHER SERVICES OFFERED	LOCATION
HELICONIA HOTEL ★★ Tel.: (+241) 01.45.11.36 Pauljoel18@gmail.com	Standard	76700	High-speed Internet – free access	Breakfast 1200 F/local tax 1000F	Angondje 5 minutes from conference venue)
NOMAD SUITES  ★★★  Tel.: (+241) 01.45.06.01/05.40.77.29 info@nomadlibreville.com  http://www.nomad-residence-hoteliere.com/	Suite comprising bedroom, bathroom with shower and bath, living room and kitchenette	165000	Free Internet	Buffet breakfast for 14000F	Okala 10 minutes from conference venue
ONOMO HOTEL  ** Tel.: (+241) 01.45.91.00/05.60.90.35 Sales.libreville@onomohotel.com  http://www.onomohotel.com/?lan g=fr	Standard	85000	<ul> <li>Breakfast</li> <li>Unlimited         WiFi access</li> <li>Sports         room</li> </ul>		Sablière 10 minutes from conference venue
	Disabled De luxe standard	90000 108500			
HOTEL LE CRISTAL  ★★★★  Tel.: (+241) 01.72.27.78  réservation@lecristal-hotel.com	Standard	190000	<ul> <li>Breakfast</li> <li>Minibar</li> <li>Capsule coffee and tea machine</li> <li>350 MB Wifi</li> <li>Safe</li> <li>Fitness room</li> <li>Swimming pool</li> </ul>		City centre (Libreville) 30 minutes from conference venue
	De luxe standard	200000			

PARK INN BY RADISSON * * * * *  (HOTEL OKOUME PALACE) Boulevard de Nice 5 B.P. 2254 Libreville – Gabon Tel.: (+241) 01.73.20.23 <a href="http://www.parkinn.com/hotel-libreville">http://www.parkinn.com/hotel-libreville</a>	Standard room Suite	300 000	<ul> <li>Mini bar</li> <li>Breakfast</li> <li>Personal safe</li> <li>Wifi / cable Internet</li> <li>Safe box</li> <li>Room service</li> <li>Satellite TV</li> <li>Swimming pool</li> <li>Change service</li> </ul>
HOTEL BOULEVARD ★★★ B.P. 18420 Libreville-Gabon	Standard	80 000	ACAE After Lalala
Tel.: (+241)	Suite VIP	250 000	30 minutes
01.70.57.84/01.04.07.10.65	Juile VIF	230 000	from
hotelboulevardgb@hotmail.com			conference
noterboarevar agaigmotimani.com			venue
www.hotel-boulevard.org			Vertue

LE MERIDIEN RE-NDAMA ★★★ Tel.: (+241) 01.79.32.00 Réservations spéciales GSR-15  http://www.lemeridienrendama.co m/fr	Classic room  Superior room Executive single Executive de luxe	165000 175000 195000 225000		Tax 1000 F	Glass 30 minutes from conference venue
LOTUS HOTEL B.P. 3301 Libreville-Gabon Tel/Fax: (+241) 01.77.81.85 /05.72.92.03	Room Room Room Room Room	40.000 42.000 50.000 52.000 53.000 55.000	Satellite TV	<ul> <li>Wifi (for five rooms)</li> <li>Change (Euro/Dollars)</li> <li>24h/24 customer service</li> <li>Café in service hall</li> </ul>	Montagne Sainte Opposite Polycliniqu e BIYOGHE 30 minutes from conference venue
HOTEL LA BODEGA ★★ B.P. 7106 LBV Tel.: (+241) 07.38.50.55 07.84.00.76 07.87.52.80	Standard room 1 Standard room 2 Suite 1 Suite 2	35.000 45000 60000 110000	<ul> <li>Satellite</li> <li>TV</li> <li>Breakfast</li> <li>Room</li> <li>service</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Wi-Fi</li> <li>Restaurant</li> <li>24h/24</li> <li>customer</li> <li>service</li> <li>Special menu</li> <li>option</li> <li>Café in</li> <li>restaurant</li> <li>Nightclub</li> <li>24h dry</li> <li>cleaning</li> </ul>	Avorbam 10 minutes from forum venue

HOTEL SOMATEL B.P. 3937 Tel.: (+241) 01.76.58.47 Fax: (+241) 01.72.20.08	Ventilation  Air conditioned	22000 and 24000 270000 and 32000		No booking fees required  Laundry, ironing service, various other services	Opposite Maison du combattant 30 minutes from conference venue
HOTEL LEET DORIAN B.P. 4445 Libreville-Gabon Tel.: (+241)07.38.51.84 05.73.24.24 Fax: (+241) 01.76.12.53  leetdorianhotel@yahoo.fr www.hotelleet-dorian.com	Standard  Junior suite	70000 85000	Breakfast: 4500/6500		Montagne sainte Opposite Polyclinique Chambrier 30 minutes from conference venue
HOTEL HIBISCUS B.P. 20042 Libreville-Gabon Tel./Fax: (+241)07.87.10.70 06.83.55.18 http://hotelhibiscusgabon.com/	Standard  Mini suite  Suite	40000 46000 56000	Wi-Fi		Boulevard triomphal et Louis 20 minutes from conference venue

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HOTEL L'ORCHIDEE ** *  B.P. 16108 Libreville-Gabon Tel.: (+241) 01.44.10.65 Fax: (+241) 01.44.10.66 Hotel.orchidee@hotmail.com sehg.hotellerie@yahoo.fr  http://www.hotel-orchidee- gabon.com/	Room "economy"  Room "comfort" Room business class Room with twin beds Luxury room	45000 55000 65000 75000 85000	Buffet breakfast	10 minutes from conference venue
L'ETOILE D'OR B.P. 10654 Tel.: (+241) 01.77.87.43 Fax: (+241)01.77.87.42	Standard single room Superior room	78000 88000		
http://www.hotel-letoiledor-gabon.com/en/etoile-d-or.html	Room for disabled person	88000		
	Twin Room	138000		
	Junior suite	178000		
	Ministerial suite	228000		