

GENERAL COUNTRY INFORMATION BULLETIN

1. SITE OF THE TRAINING

The meeting will be held at the Kofi Annan International Peace Keeping Centre (KAIPTC), Teshie, Accra.

2. VISA

- While all travelers arriving in Ghana should have a valid passport, entry visas are not required for nationals from Economic Community of the West African States (ECOWAS) states and some other countries.
- Participants are therefore advised to ascertain whether or not they are exempted from visa requirements at their respective Ghana Embassies.
- Participants from other countries who have Embassies of Ghana in their countries should apply for visas well in advance to be issued upon presentation of documentation.
- Visa on arrival fee is US\$150.00.

3. HEALTH

- Participants must ensure they take along travel insurance (including health) from their home country for the duration of their stay in Ghana. Presentation of a yellow fever vaccination certificate at the point of entry is required of all Participants.

6 TRANSPORT

- Kotoka International Airports is situated 10km (20 minutes' drive) from the city centre, Taxi Fares from the airport to the city centre are between GH¢40.00 and GH¢50.00
- Transportation between other hotels and the meetings venue could be provided at their request. Practical arrangements for such transportation will be finalized after participant's arrival and registration.

7 WEATHER AND LOCAL TIME INFORMATION

- Below is the general information on the Weather pattern in Accra for the month of October:
 - Average Rainfall Amount - 67.8mm
 - No. of Rainy Days - 8
 - Average Maximum Temperature - 29.1 Deg. Celsius
 - Average Minimum Temperature - 22.4 Deg. Celsius
 - Average (Monthly) Temperature - 25.8 Deg. Celsius
 - Average Rel. Humidity (RH) at 0600 hrs. - 94%

- Average Rel. Humidity (RH) at 1500 hrs. - 72%

The weather for Accra in October is cloudiness interspersed with sunshine and occasional rain and thunderstorms accompanied by strong winds.

- The local time is the Greenwich Mean Time (GMT), which is the same time zone as Universal Time Coordinate (UTC).

8 LOCAL CURRENCY AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE

- The basic unit of currency is the cedi; there are coins of 1 pesewa, 5 pesewas, 10 pesewas, 20 pesewas, 50 pesewas and one cedi. Notes are issued in the denomination of GH¢1.00, GH¢2.00, GH¢5.00, GH¢10.00, GH¢20.00 and GH¢50.00. (GH¢ -Ghana Cedi). The major Foreign Exchange Rates are as follows:

Currency	Buying	Selling
U.S Dollar	5.3174	5.3228
Pound Sterling	6.5516	6.5592
Swiss Franc	5.3496	5.3549
South African Rand	0.3510	0.3514
Euro	5.8450	5.8507
BCEAO/CFA	112.116	112.225
<i>Source: Bank of Ghana Daily Interbank FX Rates as at October, 2019</i>		

- There is a limit to the amount of foreign currency or traveler’s cheques which visitors may bring into Ghana.
- Commercial banks provide exchange facilities. Most banks open between 0830 UTC and close at 1530 UTC from Monday to Friday.

9. HOURS OF WORK

The working week in Ghana runs from Monday to Friday (08:00UTC to 17:00UTC).

10. ELECTRICITY SUPPLY

Local voltage is 220/240V, 50 Hz with British type 2 pin/ 3pin sockets.

11. DAILY PICK TO EVENT CENTRE

Transportation arrangements will be made for the participants staying at recommended hotels