

Visitor

Information Pack



Smiling Coast of Africa



DATE AND VENUE



ITU-T Study Group 12 Regional Group on QoS for the Africa Region will be held in The Gambia from **13th to 16th March 2023**.

The venue will be at the **Sir Dawda Kairaba Jawara International Conference Centre in BIJILO**.

REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS:

All information concerning registration of participants is available on the ITU webpage, at <https://itu.int/go/sg12rgafr>.

FORMALITIES FOR ENTRY INTO THE GAMBIA

PASSPORT VALIDITY

If you are visiting The Gambia, your passport should be valid for the proposed duration of your stay.

ENTRY VISA

Nationals of Economic Community of West African States (**ECOWAS**) Commonwealth Member Countries and holders of diplomatic

or service passport **do not need a visa** to enter The Gambia for a period not exceeding ninety (90) days when in possession of a valid Travel Document.

Non-ECOWAS and commonwealth nationals need Entry clearance before travelling to the Gambia.

PURA will facilitate the application process for all delegates and send them the entry clearance before they can travel to the Gambia. The following MUST be provided to PURA to apply on their behalf.

- I. A copy of passport.
- II. Flight itinerary.
- III. A payment of D7000 (\$110) upon arrival at the airport.

All the supporting documents must be emailed to protocol@pura.gm. **The deadline to email documents is 3rd March 2023.**

AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT AND SECURITY FEE

A compulsory Airport Security Fee must be paid upon entering and exiting the country. The fee is D1000 (\$20) for entering and D1000 (\$20) for exiting. This will be collected via marked kiosks in Banjul International Airport.

ARRIVAL AT THE BANJUL INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND PROTOCOL ARRANGEMENTS.

A team of Protocol officers will be present at the Banjul International Airport to welcome the delegates and transport them to their respective hotels. Delegates are requested to share flight itinerary which should include flight number, date and time of arrival and date and time of departure with the host. The contacts details are as follows:

Phone: 002205944744

Email: protocol@pura.gm

TRANSPORTATION TO THE EVENT VENUE

During the Forum, complimentary vehicles will be available to transport delegates daily from the list of hotels to the Sir Dawda Kairaba Jawara International Conference Centre situated in Bijilo.

HEALTH PROTOCOLS

If you're fully vaccinated

Fully vaccinated passengers do not require a negative PCR COVID-19 test to enter The Gambia. However, you must show proof of vaccination.

To be considered fully vaccinated you must:

- ✓ have had both doses of a two-dose COVID-19 vaccine and the second dose must have been received at least two weeks prior to arriving in The Gambia, or
- ✓ have had one-dose of the Johnson and Johnson COVID-19 vaccine at least

two weeks prior to arriving in The Gambia.

If you're not fully vaccinated

Non-vaccinated or partially vaccinated passengers will require a negative PCR COVID-19 certificate, taken no more than 72 hours before arrival, to The Gambia Ministry of Health officials.

If you've had COVID-19 in the past year

Entry requirements for The Gambia are the same for all travellers, regardless of whether you have tested positive for COVID-19 in the past year.

OTHER INFORMATION

INSURANCE

The Conference delegates are encouraged to arrange their travel insurance that covers both health and accident.

CURRENCY AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE SERVICES

The Gambia uses the Dalasi. It is also possible to change currencies in hotels in The Gambia. Although the currency rates often fluctuate with a smaller margin. The current exchange rate as of 22nd November 2022, is as follows: 1 Euro to 61.73 dalasi; 1 dollar to 59.62; 1 Pound is to 69.75 Dalasi.

ATMs are available for use.

ELECTRICITY



The power plugs and sockets are based on the UK standard BS 13633, 13A plug. The voltage is 220V.



However, most hotels also have sockets using the European standard IEC 60320, of the round two pin plug.

CLIMATE

The Gambia is located on the west coast of Africa along the Atlantic Ocean and has a subtropical climate with virtually uninterrupted sunshine and predictable dry and rainy seasons. March is the perfect month to visit Gambia's white sand beaches with lovely sunshine and warm sparkling seas. At this time of year, the days are long with beautiful clear skies with almost no rainfall. In the hottest part of the day, temperatures can get as high as 34°C.

USEFUL HOST CONTACTS

Email: protocol@pura.gm

Phone: 002205944744

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Police: 117 Fire Service: 118

LIST OF HOTELS

PURA is partnering with some of the finest hotels in The Gambia for this forum to ensure all guest are not only comfortable but also experience Gambian hospitality. We hope this visit will also leave fond memories of The Gambia. The country has some of the finest beaches in West Africa and delegates would have the opportunity to experience this national treasure.

Coco Ocean Resort and Spa



Nestled beneath the Kuoni trees and blooming hydrangea flowers, is where you shall first discover the iconic domes of this boutique-style property.

The moorish architecture is set amongst well-manicured gardens that flow down towards a beautiful golden sandy beach and the lapping waves of the Atlantic Ocean. An oasis of chic design where soft pastel tones combine seamlessly with the crisp, minimal white – a signature of Coco Ocean Resort & Spa.

Rooms: Junior Suit €205

Rate includes breakfast

Contact Details:

Phone: +220 446 6500

Email: info@cococean.com |

Website: www.cococean.com

[source: Coco Ocean website].

Senegambia Beach Hotel



Senegambia Beach Hotel is one of the largest and most popular hotels in the country with over 35 Years of existence. It is in the Kololi district of the Gambia, famous for its bars, restaurants, night clubs and busy craft markets. African culture is celebrated both in the decor of the lobby area and in the regular evening entertainments with folklore nights and themed buffets.

Rooms: Standard includes breakfast **\$67.00**

Double includes breakfast **\$75.00**

Contact Details:

Phone: +220 2000342 | +220 2000180

Email: info@senegambiahotel.com |

Website: www.senegambiahotel.com

[source: Senegambia Beach Hotel website].

Kairaba Beach Hotel



Situated on the magnificent golden beach of Kololi, The Kairaba Hotel offers a unique ambiance of relaxation and tranquillity in which to rest and unwind in complete comfort. The setting of The Kairaba oozes serenity and tranquillity. A mere 6-hour flight from Western Europe, the charm of the Kairaba Hotel is within easy reach of international travellers.

In the middle of 40 acres of lush tropical gardens and miles of pristine sandy beaches, it is the perfect location to put the hectic pace of everyday life behind you and enjoy a place of peace and beauty.

Rooms: Standard Room **\$85.00**
Double Room **\$100.00**
Rates includes breakfast

Contact Details:

Phone: +220 775 77 27

Email: info@kairabahotel.com

Website: <https://kairabahotel.com/>

[source: Kairaba hotel website].

African Princess Beach Hotel



African Princess Beach hotel is located directly on Kotu Beach, in The Gambia, West Africa. Africa's smallest mainland country is known for its lush forests, superb beaches and its namesake river that coolly runs through it, but it is not on everyone's radar when it comes to a beach holiday. The hotel offers 141 comfortably furnished rooms and suites. The rooms are overlooking the Atlantic Ocean tropical gardens and pool area.

Rooms: Standard Room **\$120**
Swim-ups Room **\$145**
Rates includes breakfast

Contact Details:

Phone: (+220) 7333354 | (+220) 446 24 26

Email: info@africanprincesshotel.com

Website: <http://africanprincesshotel.com>

[source: African princess hotel website].

Tamala Beach Resort



Newly launched at the end of 2018, Tamala Resort is an adult only hotel (16+) opened with the ethos of delivering a unique and individual African holiday experience.

Located directly on the beach of the Atlantic Ocean this adult only hotel offers guests the choice of unspoilt and unparalleled sea views or balcony rooms with direct pool access.

Rooms: Standard Room **\$87.00**
Swim ups Room **\$125.00**
Garden View Room **\$105.00**
Premier Full View **\$96.00**
Premier Standard view **\$90.00**

All rates include breakfast

Contact Details:

Phone: +220 2096512 / +220 7327777

Email: info@tamalaresort.com

Website: <https://www.tamalaresort.com>

[source: Tamala hotel website].

Sunset Beach



Set in the heart of The Gambia's tourism district and positioned along the sandy beach of Kotu, Sunset Beach Hotel is one of the most popular hotels in the country. The hotel has 97 rooms in a range of bungalows and their private gardens, as well as two-storey buildings overlooking the pools and the Atlantic Ocean.

Rooms: Standard Room **\$84.00**
Double Room **\$125.00**
Rates are all Inclusive

Contact Details:

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Email: info@sunsetbeachhotel.gm

Website: <http://www.sunsetbeachhotel.gm/>

[source: Sunset Beach Hotel website].