



5th Energy Access Investment Forum

LOGISTICAL NOTE

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13-14 March 2019
Abidjan (Ivory Coast)

This logistical note is intended to provide useful, practical, administrative and logistical information for delegates attending the 5th ARE Energy Access Investment Forum (EAIF).

The Ivory Coast



Geographical Features of the Country

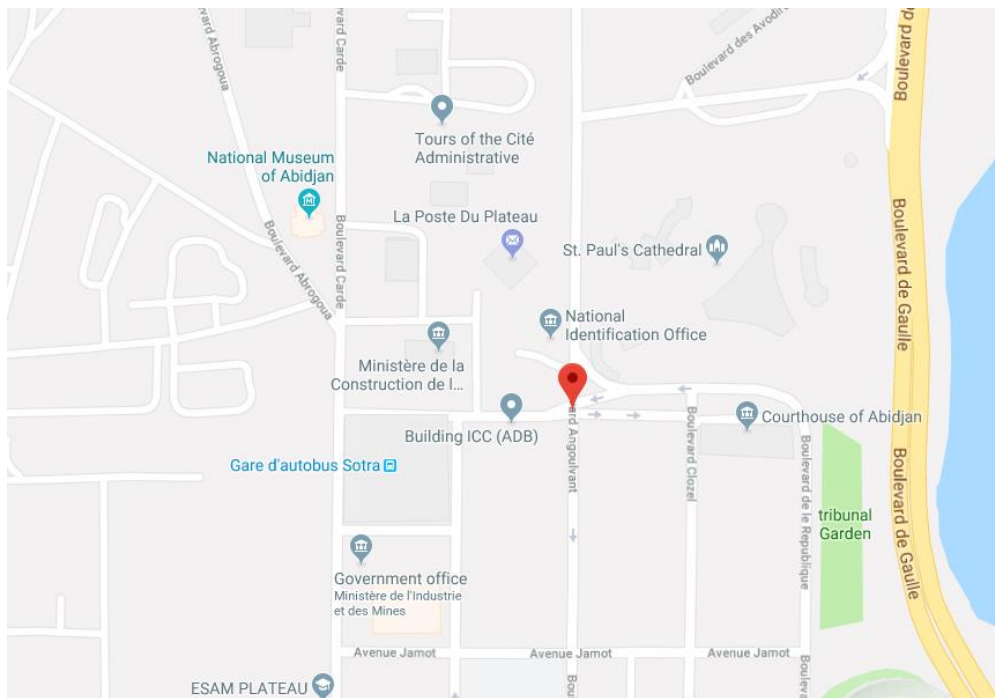
Located in the western part of the African continent and in the tropics, the Ivory Coast covers an area of 322,462 km². It is bounded to the south by the Atlantic Ocean, to the east by Ghana, to the north by Burkina Faso and Mali, and to the west by Guinea and Liberia. Yamoussoukro has been the political capital of the country since 1983 and Abidjan is the economic capital. In addition to Abidjan and Yamoussoukro, the other major cities are Bouaké, the second largest city in the country; San Pedro, which has the second largest port in the country; Daloa, Korhogo, Man and Abengourou. The official language is French. The languages spoken in the country are Baoulé, Malinké-Dioula, Sénoufo, Dan, Agni, Bété, Attié, Guéré, etc.

Conference Venue

African Development Bank Group

Immeuble du Centre de commerce International d'Abidjan CCIA
Avenue Jean-Paul II
01 BP 1387
Abidjan 01, Côte d'Ivoire

Important: Note that the entrance to CCIA is through Boulevard Roumé.



Registration

To book a place at the Forum, please complete the [online registration](#). If you would like to participate, we recommend booking fast as space is limited, and we will close registrations when the venue capacity is reached. All delegates are asked to bring their passport or equivalent national identity card (with a picture) in order to obtain their badge at the registration desk, which will be located at the abovementioned conference venue lobby. All delegates are requested to comply with security measures.

Documentation for the meeting

All the meeting documentation will be made available to participants in electronic and hard copy format during the meeting.

Getting There

From the airport to the location: 25-30 min drive.

Further information on car rentals, taxi companies and public transport can be found on page 6.

Useful information

Participants are expected to make and to pay for their own travel arrangements, including flight and hotel reservations, airport transfers. Meals will be provided by ARE during the two-day event; as well as light catering at the Awards ceremony. WiFi access will also be provided at the venue.

Accommodation

Special negotiated rates have been arranged with some of the hotels listed below (under « ARE EAIF »). In order to ensure room availability at negotiated rates, it is highly recommended to make reservations as early as possible.

Discounts are available at the following hotels negotiated by ARE:

IVOTEL

Avenue Terrasson de Fougères, Abidjan

Tel: (+225) 2025 6666

E-Mail: b.ndri@ivotel.com

Distance from the venue: 1.1 km

Website: <http://www.ivotel.com/>

Contact person: Mrs Bernadette N'dri

Offer: Discount rate of 65,000 CFA/person (around 99 EUR) per day with free transfer to and from Abidjan Airport and free access to SPA (reservation code: "ARE EAIF")

Tropical B&B

Vallon II Plateaux Cocody, Cocody, Abidjan,

E-Mail: nathalie.weisman@gmail.com

Distance from the venue: 4.8 km

Website: [https://www.booking.com/hotel/ci/tropical-b-amp-b.fr.html?aid=356980;label=gog235jc-](https://www.booking.com/hotel/ci/tropical-b-amp-b.fr.html?aid=356980;label=gog235jc-1DCAsoLUIQdHJvcGijYWwtYilhbXAtYkgzWANoFYgBAZgBDbgBF8gBDNgBA-gBAYgCAagCAw;sid=006de9d5c0eefd510cab1b030d2e8134;dist=0&keep_landing=1&sb_price_type=total&type=total&)

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Contact Person: Mrs Nathalie Weisman

Offer: 10% discount (reservation code: "ARE EAIF")

Other hotels in the area:

Hotel IBIS PLATEAU

7, boulevard Roumé, 04, Abidjan 1185

Tel: (+225) 2030 1600

E-Mail: H1146-SM@accor.com

Distance from from the venue: 600 m

Website : <http://www.ibis.com/gb/hotel-0732-ibis-abidjan-plateau/index.shtml>

Hotel NOVOTEL

10 Avenue du General de Gaulle Plateau 01 BP 3718

Tel: (+225) 2031 8020

E-Mail : H0481@accor.com

Price: approx. 160 EUR

Distance from the venue: 2.1 km

Website: <https://www.accorhotels.com/gb/hotel-0481-novotel-abidjan/index.shtml>

Hotel Pullman

Rue Abdoulaye Fadiga 01, Abidjan

Tel: (+225) 20 30 20 20

E-Mail: H1146@accor.com

Distance from the venue: 2 km

Website: <https://www.accorhotels.com/gb/hotel-1146-pullman-abidjan-opening-1-october-2018/index.shtml>

Hotel Radisson (Abidjan Airport)

Abidjan-Port Bouet, Route de l'Aéroport d'Abidjan, BP 2176 Abidjan 03

E-mail: info.abidjan@radissonblu.com

Distance from the venue: 13.9 km

Website: <https://www.radissonblu.com/en/hotel-abidjan/contact>

SOFITEL/Hotel IVOIRE

Boulevard Hassan II 08 Bp 01 Abidjan 08

Tel: (+225) 22 48 26 26

E-Mail : H8844@sofitel.com

Distance from the venue: 2.1 km

Website: <https://www.accorhotels.com/gb/hotel-8844-sofitel-abidjan-hotel-ivoire/index.shtml>

Hotel TIAMA

Boulevard de la République, Abidjan Plateau, 04 BP 643 Abidjan 04

Tel: (+225) 2031 3333

E-Mail: reservation.tiama@gmail.com

Distance from the venue: 800 m
Website: <http://www.hotel.tiama.ci/en/>

General Visa Information

Entry into the Ivory Coast is subject to a visa, except for nationals of ECOWAS member countries, and countries that have signed special agreements with the Ivory Coast. Furthermore, a valid passport is required for entry into the Ivory Coast. The validity of passports must be for at least six months from the date of entry into the Ivory Coast.

Participants are requested to make arrangements for an entry visa to the Ivory Coast. If a letter of invitation is required to facilitate the obtaining of such a visa, please indicate this when registering online.

If you are asked to mention a business contact, participants are allowed to obtain a visa with a hotel reservation.

Countries whose nationals are exempt from Visa formalities in the Ivory Coast

ECOWAS Member States:

Benin, Burkina Faso, Cape-Verde, The Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Togo.

Other countries not subject to visa requirements:

Central African Republic, Republic of Congo, Morocco, Mauritania, Seychelles, Singapore, Chad, Tunisia, Philippines

List of countries that have signed agreements abolishing entry visas for official passports with the Republic of the Ivory Coast:

South Africa, Austria, Brazil, Gabon, Israel, Iran, Uganda.

More information: <https://snedai.com/e-visa/>

Vaccinations

The Ivory Coast requires travelers entering the country to present a certificate of vaccination against yellow fever. An individual international health booklet should testify the participant's protection against yellow fever. Participants who do not have certificates of vaccination against yellow fever will be vaccinated on site at the health station of the FHB airport.

Arrival and Transportation

Many airlines have direct flights to and from the Ivory Coast. Several companies have scheduled flights to Europe from Abidjan: Air France; Royal Air Maroc; South African Airways; Corsair; Emirates; Brussels Airlines, etc.

Benefit from discounts for the following airlines negotiated by ARE:



Attractive discounts, up to -15%, on a wide range of public fares on all AIR FRANCE, KLM and their code-shared flights worldwide.

Event: ARE 5th Energy Access Investment Forum (EAIF)

ID Code: 34595AF

Travel Valid Period: 06.03.2019 to 21.03.2019

Event location: ABIDJAN

Please visit the event website or access directly through

<http://globalmeetings.airfranceklm.com/Search/promoDefault.aspx?vendor=AFR&promocode=34595AF>

Car Rental Services

There are several car rental companies in Abidjan. Below is a selection:

EUROPCAR (Airport) Tel: (+225) 21 27 79 80

AVIS Tel: (+225) 20 32 80 07

SELV Tel: (+225) 20328007/20327090

EUROPCAR (Marcory) Tel: (+225) 21 25 12 27

HERTZ AEROPORT Tel: (+225) 21 27 78 98

HERTZ HOTEL IVOIRE Tel: (+225) 22 44 53 83

HERTZ TIAMA Tel: (+225) 20 21 08 22

Taxi companies

The following taxi companies are recommended by [Cote d'Ivoire Tourisme](#):

AFRICAB
(+225) 21 00 66 87
(+225) 21 00 66 70
afri-cab.com

TAXIJET
(+225) 22 00 78 00
info@taxijetci.com
www.taxijetci

FDTR
(+ 225) 22-41-15-72
fdtr.ci

Public transport

The main bus company is SOTRA and covers all communes in Abidjan. Price: 200 CFA.

SOTRA also offers a business class option where passengers are guaranteed a seat. Price: 500 CFA.

Currency

The currency in Abidjan is the CFA franc, the common currency for member countries of the West African Economic and Monetary Union (UEMOA). It can be exchanged for other foreign

currencies at the airport, commercial banks, foreign exchange bureaux and hotels. The CFA franc is pegged to the Euro at a fixed exchange rate of €1 = CFAF 656.

US Dollar (USD) ↔ Franc CFA (XOF)
1 USD = 575.25 XOF

Euro ↔ Franc CFA (XOF)
1 EUR = 656 XOF

Time Zone

Abidjan Time
UTC/GMT +0:00

Restaurants

There are various restaurants in Abidjan proposing menus from all over the world. These include French, Chinese, Senegalese and Indian restaurants.

ABOUSSOUAN, African cuisine.
Av. Delafosse-Angle Bd Giscard d'Estaing,
Treichville

BANIAN, African & European cuisine.
Boulevard de Marseille, Biétry
Tel: (+225) 21 35 28 59

CHEZ AMBROISE, African & European
cuisine.
44, Rue F28, Marcory
Tel: (+225) 05 78 36 00

CHEZ GEORGES, French cuisine.
Rue du Commerce, Plateau
Tel: (+225) 20 32 19 84

ESPACE 331, African cuisine.
Rue 12, Cocody
Tel: (+225) 22 44 03 41

HIPPOPOTAMUS, French cuisine.
25 Avenue Chardy, Plateau
Tel : (+225) 20 22 23 44

KAITEN, Japanese cuisine.
Rue du Docteur-Blanchard, Zone 4
Tel: (+225) 21 25 44 61

LA CROISSETTE, French cuisine.
Rue des Jardins, II Plateaux
Tel: (+225) 20 21 27 86

LA GORGE D'OR, African cuisine.
Bld de Marseille, Zone 4
Tel: (+225) 21 35 72 07

LE GRAND LARGE, Seafood.
149 Bld de Marseille, Zone 4
Tel: (+225) 21 24 21 13

LE MECHOUI, Lebanese cuisine.
Athletic Club, Boulevard de Marseille,
Zone 4,
Tel: (+225) 21 24 68 93

LA NOUVELLE CASCADE, French cuisine.
Avenue Chardy, Plateau
Tel: (+225) 20 21 71 07

LE RESERVOIR, African cuisine.
Airport Road, Carrefour Ancien Koumassi.
Tel: (+225) 21 24 97 85

LA SALSA, Mexican cuisine.
Boulevard Valéry Giscard d'Estaing

LE SOUKALA, African cuisine.
1, Bld. Giscard d'Estaing, Treichville
Tel: (+225) 21 24 17 90

MONPARNASSE, French & Italian cuisine.
Rue Pierre et Marie Curie, Zone 4
Tel: (+225) 21 34 35 01

NUIT DE SAIGON, Chinese cuisine.
Rue des Jardins, II Plateaux
Tel: (+225) 22 41 40 44

Weather

The average maximum daytime temperature in Abidjan in March is a hot 31°C (88°F) with very high heat and humidity. The average night-time temperature is usually a warm 24°C (75°F). There are usually 7 hours of bright sunshine each day, which represents 57% of the 12 hours of daylight. Expect 121mm (4.8 inches) of rainfall across the whole of March with 9 days with some rain falling.

Electrical Current

The power plugs and sockets are of type C and E. The standard voltage is 230 V and the standard frequency is 50 Hz, between 220-240 V.

Wishing you safe travels and looking forward to welcoming you in Abidjan!

Information and support

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