
**Twelfth Conference on Climate Change
and Development in Africa**

Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire (hybrid), 30 August–2 September 2024

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Information note for participants



Introduction

The twelfth Conference on Climate Change and Development in Africa will be held in a hybrid format in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, at the Radisson Blu Hotel, located adjacent to Félix Houphouët-Boigny International Airport, from 30 August to 2 September 2024.

The present document contains general information that may be helpful for making travel arrangements and participating in the Conference.

Additional information is available on the web page of the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) that is dedicated to the Conference (www.uneca.org/eca-events/CCDA-XII).

Conference overview

Attendance at the Conference will be by invitation only. Participants will need to have an invitation letter to attend. The theme of the Conference is “Financing climate adaptation and resilience in Africa”.

A paper-smart event model will be used at the Conference, with all documentation being provided on an Internet portal that is accessible on mobile devices, tablets and laptops. Limited printing will be done only upon request.

Further information is contained in the provisional programme, which is available on the event web page.

Conference venue and hotel accommodation

The Conference will be held at:

Radisson Blu Hotel

Boulevard de l'Aéroport Abidjan, Port Bouet, 03 BP 2176, Abidjan 03, Côte d'Ivoire

Telephone: +225 2122 2000

Email: mne.abidjan@radissonblu.com

Website: www.radissonhotels.com/en-us/hotels/radisson-blu-abidjan-airport

Participants are kindly requested to directly contact the hotels listed in the annex to the present document to arrange, confirm and guarantee their bookings. To receive preferential rates at the Radisson Blu Hotel and at the Onomo Hotel, they should say that they are attending the twelfth Conference on Climate Change and Development in Africa. Participants will be responsible for bearing all the costs associated with their accommodation.

The Conference organizers will not be able to provide hotel accommodation for those participants who fail to arrange their accommodation directly with the recommended hotels.

Visa and immigration requirements

Foreign nationals visiting Côte d'Ivoire must obtain a visa from an embassy of Côte d'Ivoire in their country or online. Participants may obtain information on the e-visa application procedure online (<http://snedai.com/e-visa/>), by email (contact@snedai.ci) or by telephone (+225 2251 0808, +225 0362 6219 or +225 5436 2915). A visa applied for online will take up to one week to process.

A list of embassies of Côte d'Ivoire may be found online (<https://snedai.com/liste-des-ambassades/>). Information on the country's embassies and consulates may also be found online (<https://diplomatie.gouv.ci/missions/> (in French)). Passports must be valid for at least six months from the time of entry into Côte d'Ivoire.

Participants are strongly advised to seek information on the visa requirements applicable to them from the diplomatic or consular missions of Côte d'Ivoire in their home countries.

Those holding standard passports issued by the following countries do not require a visa to enter Côte d'Ivoire: Austria, Benin, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, China, Congo, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Israel, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Niger, Nigeria, Philippines, Rwanda, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, South Africa, Togo, Tunisia, Türkiye, Uganda, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) and Viet Nam. Holders of a diplomatic passport or an official service passport are also not subject to the visa requirement.

Travellers who are required to obtain a visa to travel to Côte d'Ivoire must apply for and obtain the e-visa before travelling to the country, as it is no longer possible to apply for a visa on arrival.

Standard single-entry visas valid for 90 days will be issued following an e-visa application. After the applicant has registered and paid online, and if the e-visa is approved, it can be collected on arrival at Félix Houphouët-Boigny International Airport upon presentation of the confirmation email. A letter of invitation to the Conference from the United Nations or a document issued by a relevant home country authority that proves official participation may facilitate the visa application process. Applicants are advised to apply for the e-visa online at least one week before the date of travel to allow enough time for the application to be processed.

The authorities of Côte d'Ivoire will do their utmost to facilitate entry procedures for all participants.

Airport reception and transportation

The host Government will provide a meet-and-greet service at Félix Houphouët-Boigny International Airport, where there will be a dedicated protocol desk with the Conference banner clearly visible.

All participants will be responsible for their own transport on arrival at the airport and at the end of the Conference. Daily transport to and from the venue will be provided only for participants staying at the hotels listed in the annex.

Registration and accreditation

Online registration

All participants attending in person must complete the online registration form at www.uneca.org/eca-events/CCDA-XII well in advance and no later than 22 August 2024 to facilitate the issuance of badges. In order to receive a badge, participants must upload a passport photo to the online portal. Participants will also be able to upload essential information that will facilitate logistical preparations for the Conference.

Individuals participating online will be required to complete a Zoom registration form, after which they will receive the links required to attend the Conference sessions.

Badges

For security reasons, participants attending in person will be required to show a valid Conference badge in order to gain access to the Conference venue and meeting rooms. Conference badges, which must be worn at all times, will be issued at the registration desk, located at the venue starting from 28 August. The loss of a badge should be reported immediately at the registration desk.

Conference languages

The working languages of the Conference are English and French. Interpretation services in those two languages will be provided for all official sessions.

Currency

The official currency in Côte d'Ivoire is the CFA franc. The euro and the United States dollar can be easily exchanged for CFA francs in banks and in some hotels.

Using traveller's cheques can be difficult in Côte d'Ivoire, as they are not often accepted. If participants decide to use them, only traveller's cheques denominated in euros or dollars should be used. Credit cards are more widely accepted and cash machines are plentiful in major cities. However, credit cards are not accepted at all stores. The exchange rate is \$1 = CFA 600.

Electricity supply and voltage

The standard voltage in Côte d'Ivoire is 220 V and 50 Hz. There are two associated plug types, namely, types C and E. Plug type C has two round pins, and plug type E has two round pins and a hole for the socket's male earthing pin, as shown in the figure.

Plug types used in Côte d'Ivoire



Type C



Type E

Mobile telecommunications services

There are three major mobile phone operators in Côte d'Ivoire, namely, Orange (French), MTN (South African) and Moov Africa (Moroccan).

A SIM card can be purchased for about \$3. Many foreign mobile phone companies offer roaming services to their customers in Côte d'Ivoire.

Health requirements

Yellow fever

Vaccination against yellow fever is required to enter Côte d'Ivoire. Participants must have a certificate indicating that they have been vaccinated. Malaria prophylaxis is recommended before, during and after travel.

Coronavirus disease

As participants are aware, the world was seriously hit by the coronavirus disease (COVID-19). As such, the Conference organizers take the threat of COVID-19 seriously, in terms of both health and livelihoods. In order to protect the participants from the risk of contracting the disease, the Conference organizers will rely on the adherence of all participants to COVID-19 protocols, and all participants must be vaccinated. Participants are required to carry their COVID-19 vaccination certificate or proof of a negative COVID-19 test done within the previous 10 days.

Persons who know that they are infected with COVID-19 are prohibited from entering Côte d'Ivoire. Individuals showing symptoms that are consistent with COVID-19 should appropriately wear a face mask, do a self-test or have a test done at a health facility and, if they test positive, follow and implement general COVID-19 preventive measures. Persons who have tested positive

for COVID-19 are required to isolate themselves either at home or at a health facility according to the severity of the illness until declared recovered by a health professional.

Participants are advised to have adequate travel and health insurance before leaving their respective countries. Neither the Government of Côte d'Ivoire nor any of its partners organizing the Conference will be held liable for any incidents that may arise owing to a lack of adequate travel and health insurance.

Procedures for media accreditation

All members of the media must obtain accreditation from the host Government and the Conference secretariat.

Note for media professionals travelling to the Conference from outside Côte d'Ivoire

All invited sponsored and self-sponsored media professionals travelling to Côte d'Ivoire will be required to register online using the link provided in the invitation letter. The official invitation letter will facilitate entry into Côte d'Ivoire. Invited media professionals must submit a letter of assignment and one valid official identification document (such as a press card, work identification document, driving licence or passport) to denekews.uneca@un.org as proof of media affiliation. Those items should also be presented on arrival at the registration desk at the Conference venue.

A media centre will be set up at the venue to facilitate the coverage of the Conference. More information will be communicated directly to registered members of the media.

Regarding media equipment, media professionals travelling to the Conference from outside Côte d'Ivoire will be required to complete an equipment registration form to facilitate customs clearance of equipment being brought into the country. The form will be sent to invited members of the media with the official invitation letter.

Note for media professionals based in Côte d'Ivoire

Media professionals who are based in Côte d'Ivoire may apply for on-site registration. They will need to present a letter of assignment and their passport at the designated media desk beginning on 28 August 2024.

Facilities and services

Internet

ClimDev-Africa has adopted a paper-smart approach for the Conference. Participants will be encouraged to use electronic media as much as possible and every effort will be made to reduce the number of documents printed. To help to achieve those objectives, high-density wireless connectivity will be offered at the Conference, enabling multiple devices to be connected simultaneously.

Security advisory

The Government of Côte d'Ivoire will provide 24-hour security for all high-level officials attending the Conference. The venue will be monitored and guarded by police officers.

Moreover, participants are strongly encouraged to read the security information provided by their hotels to ensure their personal safety.

At the Conference venue, participants should ensure that they:

- Wear their Conference badge visibly and show it to any authorized person who asks to see it
- Do not leave bags and parcels unattended, as they may be confiscated or destroyed
- Do not bring children or other unauthorized persons into the Conference facilities
- Look after their valuables
- Check that they have all their documents and personal items before leaving the Conference halls and meeting rooms
- Inform any ECA Safety and Security Service officer on duty if they lose anything valuable

At the hotel, participants should follow this safety advice:

- Make a habit of locking the door when entering or leaving the hotel room
- Before going out, deposit money, jewellery, cameras and other valuables in the hotel room safe, or leave them at the reception desk and obtain a receipt
- Contact the ECA Safety and Security Service if anything suspicious or out of the ordinary is observed

Emergency contact information

ECA Safety and Security Service

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Radio Room Alpha Sierra Base high frequency radio: 711901
Email: abidjan.ci.radio@undp.org
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Name: Christophe Ky
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Medical clinics

Name	Telephone	Address	English-speaking staff
Polyclinique Internationale Sainte-Anne Marie	+225 2248 3131, +225 2248 3144 and +225 2248 3104 Mobile: +225 4793 2030 Emergencies: +225 2248 3112	Avenue Joseph Blohorn Abidjan Cocody 01 BP 1463 Abidjan 01	Yes
Polyclinique de l'Indénié	+225 2030 9100 Mobile: +225 7770 7818	4, Boulevard de l'Indénié Abidjan Plateau 01 BP 1463 Abidjan 01	Yes
Polyclinique Groupe Médical du Plateau	+225 2020 3838, +225 2021 1651 and +225 2022 2103 Mobile: +225 4722 2222	Abidjan Plateau Avenue Lamblin, Rue Alphonse Daudet Immeuble Amci 01 BP 551 Abidjan 01	Yes
Polyclinique Farah	+225 2126 0093 and +225 2123 0800 Mobile: +225 4711 1111 and +225 0525 2525	Carrefour Donwahi, Marcory Résidentiel	Yes
Polyclinique Avicennes	+225 2121 1300 Mobile: +225 0507 7000	81, Boulevard Achalme Marcory Résidentiel 01 BP 4061 Abidjan 01	Yes
Centre Hospitalier et Universitaire de Cocody	+225 2248 1002 Mobile: +225 0808 8320	Boulevard de l'Université 01 BP V13 Abidjan 01	No
Centre Hospitalier et Universitaire d'Angré	+225 2249 6400 Mobile: +225 8972 3163	BP 54378 Abidjan	No
Centre Hospitalier et Universitaire de Treichville	+225 2125 2852 and +225 2125 6570 Mobile: +225 0808 8290	Boulevard de Marseille Zone 3 C, Treichville 01 BP V03 Abidjan 01	No

Source: www.gov.uk/government/publications/cote-divoire-list-of-medical-facilitiespractitioners/cote-divoire-list-of-medical-facilities.

General information about Côte d'Ivoire

Côte d'Ivoire, also known as Ivory Coast and officially known as the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire, is a country on the southern coast of West Africa. The official language is French, with local indigenous languages also widely used, including Agni, Baoulé, Cebaara Senufo, Dan and Dioula. In total, there are about 78 languages spoken in Côte d'Ivoire. The country has a religiously

diverse population, including numerous followers of Islam, Christianity and traditional faiths, such as animism.

Location

The capital city is Yamoussoukro, which is located in the centre of the country, while the largest city and economic centre is the port city of Abidjan. Côte d'Ivoire borders Liberia to the west, Guinea to the north-west, Mali to the north, Burkina Faso to the north-east, Ghana to the east and the Gulf of Guinea in the Atlantic Ocean to the south. It is the third-most populous country in West Africa.

Climate

Equatorial and southern savanna types of climate prevail. North of approximately 8° north latitude, the southern savanna type of climate occurs, characterized by the parching wind known as the harmattan, which blows from the north-east beginning in December and ending in February. The dry season lasts from about November to March. The rainy season lasts from April to October. The southern part of the country is wetter than the rest of the country and, because of the low elevation, somewhat warmer.

Time zone

The time zone for Côte d'Ivoire is Greenwich Mean Time (UTC+0).

Annex

Hotels

Below is a list of hotels located near the venue.

<i>Hotel</i>	<i>Contact information</i>	<i>Distance to venue</i>	<i>Rate in United States dollars (including breakfast)</i>
Radisson Blu Hotel, Abidjan International Airport	Address: Boulevard de l'Aéroport Abidjan, Port Bouet, 03 BP 2176, Abidjan 03 Tel: +225 2122 2000 Email: mne.abidjan@radissonblu.com Website: www.radissonhotels.com/en-us/hotels/radisson-blu-abidjan-airport	–	191
Onomo Hotel	Contact name: Yann Boris Amour Semaho Gnakohi Address: Boulevard de l'Aéroport Abidjan, Abidjan Tel: +225 27 2121 2191 Mobile: +225 07 9803 3239 Email: sales.abidjan@onomohotel.com Website: www.onomohotels.com	100 m	101
Le Palais d'Akwa	Address: Boulevard Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, Abidjan Tel: +225 07 7766 6680 Website: www.lepalaisdakwa.com/	5 km	125
Hôtel de Charme le Refuge de Biétry	Address: 72FF+JWW, 11 Boulevard de Marseille, Biétry Rue G, Abidjan Tel: +225 07 0780 9105	6 km	103
La Baie des Orchidées	Address: 72CG+7Q3, Boulevard de Marseille, Abidjan Tel: +225 07 6892 0442	5 km	92
Hôtel Le Marly	Address: 72CJ+W5F, Boulevard de Marseille, Marcory Biétry, Abidjan Tel: +225 07 0797 7829 Website: www.hotelmarly.com	5 km	108

As an alternative to contacting the hotels directly, bookings for certain hotels may be made instead through hotel booking websites, such as Hotels.com, Agoda or Tripadvisor.