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Information note for participants

The ninth session of Statistical Commission for Africa, the tenth session of the Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Africa (UN-GGIM: Africa) and the fourth Expert Forum for Producers and Users of Disaster Related Statistics will be held in parallel at the United Nations Conference Centre in Addis Ababa from 28 October to 01 November 2024. The present document contains general information on meeting arrangements that may be helpful for those making travel arrangements and participating in the session.

In order to keep costs down and protect the environment, this information note will be available in electronic format only. Additional information on the sessions is provided on a dedicated web pages of the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) (https://www.uneca.org/eca-events/un-ggim-africa-2024),

(https://www.uneca.org/eca-events/fourth-global-expert-forum-producers-and-usersdisaster-related-statistics).

Forums overview

The ninth Statistical Commission for Africa meeting will run in parallel with the tenth session of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management and the fourth Expert Forum for Producers and Users of Disaster-related Statistics.

Preliminary events and side events will be held from Saturday, 26 October to Sunday, 27 October at the United Nations Conference Centre in Addis Ababa, located in the ECA compound. The 4th Expert Forum for Producers and Users of Disaster-related Statistics will be held from 28 to 30 October 2024, with associate side events from 31 October to 01 November 2024.

These main events, the Statistical Commission for Africa and UN-GGIM: Africa sessions will gather all Directors of African National Statistics Offices and representatives of Regional Economic Communities, Regional Statistical Training Centres, Heads of National Mapping Agencies, Pan African institutions, and various partners in statistical and geospatial information development.

For more information, please refer to the provisional programme of work (ECA/GGIM-A/10/2), which is available on the ECA website at: https://www.uneca.org/eca-events/un-ggim-africa-2024 and https://www.uneca.org/eca-events/un-ggim-africa-2024 and https://www.uneca.org/eca-events/un-ggim-africa-2024 and https://www.uneca.org/eca-events/fourth-global-expert-forum-producers-and-users-disaster-related-statistics.

Meeting venue

The three parallel events will be held at the United Nations Conference Centre in Addis Ababa. Contact information for the venue is as follows:

Address:

United Nations Conference Centre in Addis Ababa, Menelik II Avenue, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia Tel: +251 11 544 5000 Fax: + 251 11 551 4416

Visa and immigration requirements

All meeting participants travelling to Ethiopia must hold a passport that is valid for a minimum period of six months from the date of intended entry and contain at least two consecutive empty visa pages.

To assist participants in obtaining visas upon their arrival at Addis Ababa Bole International Airport, the secretariat of the Forums will need to receive the following documents at least 15 working days in advance:

(a) Copy of passport (must be valid for at least six months beyond the expected date of entry into Ethiopia);

- (b) Flight details (arrival and departure);
- (c) Name of the booked hotel.

Participants who intend to request a visa upon arrival at Addis Ababa Bole International Airport should carry with them their personal official letter of invitation and a copy of the note verbal listing the session participants, for presentation to the airline staff at the check-in desk at the airport of departure and to the Ethiopian immigration authorities upon arrival. The application fee for a single-entry 30-day conference visa is \$52.

For the issuance of journalist visas, the application procedure is the same as described above (see www.evisa.gov.et/information/journalistvisa).

ECA will send a note verbal to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Immigration Nationality and Vital Events Agency of Ethiopia to facilitate the issuance of visas upon arrival for all confirmed participants. The note verbal will be shared with confirmed participants to support their request for a visa. In order for your name to be included in the note verbal, we require a copy of your passport as soon as possible.

For sponsored participants, please note that visa fees are already covered in the daily subsistence allowance and will not be reimbursed.

Holders of diplomatic and service passports or a United Nations laissez-passer will receive a free visa upon arrival.

Bank receipts for money exchanged at the airport must be kept securely, as they may be requested by officials at the airport upon departure.

All questions relating to visas should be sent to: <u>eca-protocolservice@un.org</u>.

Airport reception

Officers from the ECA Protocol and Liaison Services Unit, will be available at the airport to provide you with assistance as needed, such as in relation to immigration formalities and luggage retrieval. Addis Ababa Bole International Airport is located close to the city centre.

Airport transfer

You should contact the hotel at which you have chosen to stay to arrange your transfer from the airport to your hotel.

There are no daily transport arrangements to and from the meeting venue and you are responsible for organising your transportation arrangement:

Hotel accommodation

All participants must contact hotels directly to arrange, confirm and guarantee their bookings. Negotiated, special United Nations rates for hotel rooms are available for participants staying at the hotels listed in annex I of the present information note. The deadline for confirming reservations at those hotels is two weeks before the start of the Forums. Reservations that have not been confirmed by that deadline will be released. The hotels will then accept accommodation requests only on the basis of room availability.

All participants are kindly requested to note that ECA will not be in a position to arrange hotel accommodation if they fail to make their own arrangements beforehand directly with the hotel of their choice.

Registration and identification badges

Online registration

You must register online through the links provided here:

UN-GGIM.X https://indico.un.org/event/1013269/registrations/16977/

DISASTER.IV

https://indico.un.org/event/1013285/registrations/16989/

You are encouraged to do so well in advance, and no later than Monday, 14 October 2024, to ensure that credentials and visas can be processed and that badges can be issued as quickly as possible.

Badges

To access the Forum venue, you need a valid badge that must be presented to gain entry. Forums badges will be issued at the registration counter located at gate 2 of the ECA compound from 25 to 31 October 2024.

For security reasons, Forum badges must be displayed at all times and must be shown to gain access to the Forums venue and meeting rooms. If you lose your badge, you should immediately report the loss at the registration counter.

Facilities and services

Accommodation for persons with disabilities

In the spirit of inclusion contained in the Sustainable Development Goals, the organizers will take measures to make the Forums accessible for persons with disabilities. If you require special assistance, please email <u>denekewa@un.org</u> to see how we can best support you.

Internet and a paper-smart approach

ECA will adopt a paper-smart organizational approach during each session of the Forums. Participants are strongly 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 this objective, high-density wireless connectivity will be made available at the Forums. The Wi-Fi Internet network name and password will be made available in visible locations in the Conference Centre.

Documentation

Since the Forums are paper-smart event, only electronic versions of Forum documents will be made available to participants. All Forum documents will be available via the web page dedicated to Forum documents (https://www.uneca.org/eca-events/un-ggim-africa-2024 and https://www.uneca.org/eca-events/fourth-global-expert-forum-producers-and-usersdisaster-related-statistics). Those who are attending the event in person are advised to bring their own devices (e.g. laptop computer, tablet or smartphone) to download and view the documents.

Working languages

The working languages of the Forums are English and French.

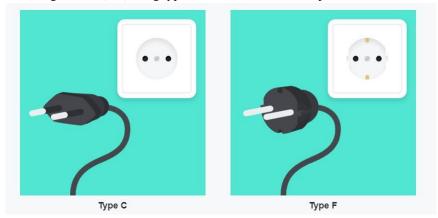
Practical information

Currency

The official currency of Ethiopia is the Ethiopian birr. One United States dollar is equal to approximately 107 birr. Credit and debit cards, such as American Express, Diners Club International, Mastercard and Visa, are accepted in Ethiopia. Automatic teller machines (ATMs) are also available.

Electricity supply and voltage

The electricity supply in Ethiopia is 220 volts with a frequency of 50 Hz and alternating current (AC). Plug types C and F are used, as depicted below.



Mobile phone services

Ethio Telecom and Safaricom are the main mobile phone companies in the country that offer prepaid SIM cards, and they have roaming agreements with partners in many countries. Any purchaser of a SIM card must be registered in order to activate the card. Registration can be done at the time of purchase. You will need to show your passport when purchasing a SIM card from authorized vendors. You can purchase SIM cards and credit at the airport or the conference venue.

Health requirements

Addis Ababa is located at an altitude of 2,400m (7,874ft) above sea level, which may induce altitude sickness in some people. If you have experienced altitude sickness in the past, reconsider whether you must travel to Addis Ababa. Alternatively, consult your physician to obtain appropriate medication for the condition. The risks related to altitude sickness are higher for individuals with multiple health problems (comorbidities) and can result in serious health consequences. Please discuss your health issues with your physician before embarking on the trip.

Participants are advised to ensure that their vaccinations are up to date at least four to six weeks before travelling to Ethiopia. Vaccination against yellow fever is required for travellers who have departed from or transited through a country with a risk of yellow fever transmission no more than six days before arriving in Ethiopia. Please check the validity of your vaccination card and update it accordingly.

A medical team with an ambulance will be on standby at the United Nations Conference Centre in Addis Ababa to provide first aid, emergency care and stabilization. Participants who develop serious medical emergencies can then be transferred to the referral hospitals listed in annex II.

The United Nations Health Care Centre, which is located on the premises of the ECA compound, is open 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, and is able to provide outpatient care and emergency services, including ambulance services, to conference participants throughout the duration of the meeting. The Centre can be reached through the following emergency number, either by calling direct or via WhatsApp: +251 92 990 8433. All services provided at the United Nations Health Care Centre are provided on a fee basis.

A list of hospitals and clinics in Addis Ababa where participants may seek medical assistance is provided in annex II.

Security advisory

Addis Ababa is a relatively safe city for travellers and conference activities. The Government of Ethiopia will provide adequate security support at the meeting venue and hotels. Participants and visitors are advised to remain security-conscious, stay alert and vigilant, maintain a low profile, avoid going anywhere alone when possible, avoid going out at night and report any incident to the security team.

While you are at the conference venue, please ensure that you:

- Wear your 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 and destroyed
- Do not bring unauthorized persons, including children, into the conference facilities
- Look after your valuables
- Check that you have all your documents and personal items before you leave the conference halls and meeting rooms
- Inform the Security and Safety Service or a security officer on duty if you lose anything valuable

When you are in your hotel, please follow the safety advice below:

• Upon entering and leaving your room, make sure that you have locked the door

- Before leaving, inspect your room to make sure that no money, jewellery, cameras or other valuables are visible
- Deposit valuables or any other important portable items at the reception desk and ask for a receipt, or leave them in the safe in your hotel room
- Should you observe anything suspicious or unusual, please inform the Security and Safety Service or a security officer.

Emergency contacts

ECA Security Control Centre	+251 11 551 6537/ +251 11 551 2945/ +251 11 544 5060
	+251 97 658 5689 / +251 96 523 3688
Department of Safety and Security	+251 11 524 2155/ +251 11 524 2059/ +251 11 444 4428,
Operations Centre	+251 98 689 4397
Addis Ababa Police Commission	999/ +251 11 111 0111
Ethiopian Federal Police	916 / +251 11 552 6302
Addis Ababa Fire and Emergency	939/ +251 11 869 6867/ +251 11 869 6868
Prevention and Rescue Agency	

About Ethiopia

Ethiopia is an expansive, landlocked country in the Horn of Africa. Its capital city, Addis Ababa, is situated at an altitude of 2,400m (7,874ft). Ethiopia is a multiethnic State in which 83 languages and 200 dialects are spoken. Agriculture is the backbone of the national economy, and the principal exports from this sector include coffee, oil seeds, pulses, flowers, vegetables, sugar and animal feed. About 90 per cent of the population earns a living from the land. There is also a vibrant livestock sector, exports from which include cattle, hides and skins.

Climate

Ethiopia has two main seasons. The dry season is from October to May, and the rainy season starts in late June and ends in September. Temperatures vary depending on the season and altitude. Since there is a possibility of cool weather at night and after heavy rains, participants may wish to bring a jacket or sweater with them.

Time zone

The time zone is GMT+3 all year long.

Annex I Designated hotels

No.	Hotel	Type of Room	UN Rate
1.	AMBASSADOR HOTEL Tel: +251-116-188284 +251-116-188281	Single Standard Room	US\$ 50.00 Inclusive of breakfast & all taxes
	E-mail: reservation@ambassadorhotelethiopia.com		
2.	CAPITAL HOTEL AND SPA Tel: +251-116-672100 +251-116-192000 Fax: +251-116-672012 E-mail: reservation@capitalhotelandspa.com Website: www.capitalhotelandspa.com	Single Standard Room	US\$ 95.00 Inclusive of breakfast & all taxes
3.	CHURCHILL HOTEL Tel: +251-111-111212 Fax: +251-111-118800 Contact: Ms. Eyerusalem +251-911-221748 E-mail: churchillhotelet@gmail.com eendale@gmail.com	Single Room	US\$ 50.00 Inclusive of breakfast & all taxes
4.	ELILLY HOTEL Tel: +251-115-587777/73/70 Fax: +251-115-585200 Contact: Ms. Elisabeth Shume E-mail: info@elillyhotel.com reservation@elillyhotel.com Website: www.elillyhotel.com	Standard Room	US\$ 80.00 Inclusive of breakfast & all taxes

No.	Hotel	Type of Room	UN Rate
5.	ETHIOPIAN SKYLIGHT HOTEL	Single Room	US\$ 93.00
	Tel : +251-116-818181		
	+251-116-176389	Double	US\$ 109.00
	E-mail:		Plus 26.5% tax
	reservation@ethiopianskylighthotel.com		breakfast included
	ayehug@ethiopianskylighthotel.com		
	Website: www.ethiopianskylighthotel.com		
6.	FRIENDSHIP INTERNATIONAL HOTEL	Standard Room	US\$ 60.00
	Tel : +251-116-670202	King	
	E-mail: marketing@friendshiphotel.com.et	Deluxe Room	US\$ 70.00
			Inclusive of breakfast & all taxes
7.	GETFAM HOTEL	Standard Room	US\$ 80.00
	Tel : +251-116-673175	Superior Queen	Inclusive of breakfast
	E-mail:		& all taxes
	reservations@getfamhotel.com		
	Website: www.getfamhotel.com		
8.	HARMONY HOTEL	Sheba Queen	US\$ 60.00
	Tel : +251-116-183100		Inclusive of breakfast
	Fax : +251-116-182910		& all taxes
	Mob: +251-913-867778		
	E-mail:		
	reservation@harmonyhotelethiopia.com		
	Website:		
	www.harmonyhotelethiopia.com		
9.	HILTON HOTEL	Garden Wing	US\$ 120.00
	Tel : +251-115-518400/ +251-115-170000 +251-115-510064	Standard Room	
	Fax : +251-115-511718	King Room	US\$ 132.00
	Contact:		Inclusive of breakfast
	Mr. Daniel Gelaw		& all taxes
	E-mail:		
	reservations.addisababa@hilton.com		

11.	HYATT REGENCY HOTEL Tel: +251-115-171234 E-mail: addisababa.regency@hyatt.com INTER LUXURY HOTEL Tel: +251-115-505066/ +251-115-180444 Fax: +251-115-540090/ +251-115-540096	Standard Room King Deluxe Standard	US\$ 200.00 Inclusive of breakfast & all taxes US\$ 80.00
11.	E-mail: addisababa.regency@hyatt.com INTER LUXURY HOTEL Tel: +251-115-505066/ +251-115-180444	U	& all taxes
11.	addisababa.regency@hyatt.com INTER LUXURY HOTEL Tel: +251-115-505066/ +251-115-180444	U	& all taxes
11.	INTER LUXURY HOTEL Tel: +251-115-505066/ +251-115-180444	U	US\$ 80.00
	Tel : +251-115-505066/ +251-115-180444	U	US\$ 80.00
		Standard	
	$\mathbf{E}_{\text{over}} = 251, 115, 540000/ \pm 251, 115, 540006$		Inclusive of breakfast
	Fax : $+231-113-340090/+231-113-340090$		& all taxes
	Contact:		
	Jacqueline Solomon		
	E-mail:		
	reservation@interluxuryhotel.com		
	jacqueline.solomon@interluxuryhotel.com		
	Website:		
	www.intercontinentaladdis.com		
12.	JUPITER INTERNATIONAL HOTEL –	Standard Single	US\$ 75.00
	(KASANCHES LOCATION)	Room	
	Tel : +251-115-527333/ +251-115-526370	Deluxe Room	US\$ 90.00
	Fax : +251-115-526418	Twin Room	US\$ 110.00
	Contact : Ayelech +251-911-651810	I will Room	05\$ 110.00
	E-mail:		Inclusive of breakfast
	info@jupiterinternationalhotel.com		& all taxes
	Website:		
	www.jupiterinternationalhotel.com		
	JUPITER INTERNATIONAL HOTEL – (BOLE LOCATION)	Standard Single Room	US\$ 75.00
	Tel : +251-116-616969	Deluxe Room	US\$ 90.00
	Fax: +251-116-616999		
	Contact:	Twin Room	US\$ 110.00
	Ayelech +251-911-651810		Inclusive of breakfast
	E-mail:		& all taxes
	info@jupiterinternationalhotel.com		
	bolereservations@jupiterinternationalhotel.com		
	Website: www.jupiterinternationalhotel.com		

No.	Hotel	Type of Room	UN Rate
14.	KALEB HOTEL Tel: +251-11 6-62-22-00 Fax: +251-11 6-62-80-98 E-mail: reservation@kalebhotels.com Website: www.kalebhotel.com	Single Standard Room	US\$ 45.00 Inclusive of breakfast & all taxes
15.	MAGNOLIA HOTEL Tel: +251-116-393777 +251-118-225959 E-mail: reservation@magnoliaaddis.com	Standard Single	US\$70.00 Inclusive of breakfast & all taxes
16.	MARRIOTT EXECUTIVE APARTMENTS Tel: +251-115-184600 Contact: Mr. Biruk Hailu/ Ms. Tigist Juneydin E-mail: reservation.adder@marriott.com Website: www.marriott.com/adder	Single Room	US \$160.00 Plus 26.5% tax Breakfast included
17.	NIGIST TOWERS GUEST HOUSE Tel: +251-115-509770 Contact: Yirgat +251-911-195535 E-mail: info@nigisttowers.com Website: www.nigisttowers.com	Studio One Bedroom Two Bedroom	US\$ 72.45 US\$ 84.53 US\$ 114.70 Inclusive of all taxes, breakfast not included
18.	PANORAMA HOTEL Tel: +251-116-616070 E-mail: info@panoramaaddis.com berhanu@panoramaaddis.com	Standard Single Standard Double	\$29.40 \$38.50 Inclusive of breakfast & all taxes

No.	Hotel	Type of Room	UN Rate
19. 20.	RADISSON BLU HOTEL Tel: +251-115-157600 +251-115-170400 Fax: +251-115-157601 E-mail: reservations.addisababa@radissonblu.com Website: www.radissonblu.com RAMADA HOTEL Tel: +251-116-393939 E-mail: reservations@ramadaaddis.com	Single Standard Room Superior Room	US \$158.00 Inclusive of breakfast & all taxes US \$90.00 Plus 26.5% tax, breakfast included
21.	info@ramadaaddis.com Website: www.ramadaaddis.com SARO MARIA HOTEL Tel: +251-116-672167 +251-116-672168 Fax: +251-116-672121 E-mail: info@saromariahotel.com	Single Standard Room	US\$ 90.00 Inclusive of breakfast & all taxes
22.	reservation@saromariahotel.com Website: www.saromariahotel.com SHERATON HOTEL	Club Room Single	US\$ 255.00
	Tel: +251-115-171717 Fax: +251-115-172727 Contact: Mr. Getachew Melese/Mr. Begashaw Kassaye E-mail: reservations.addisethiopia@luxurycollection.com Website: www.luxurycollection.com/addis	Executive Room	US\$ 366.00 Plus 26.5% tax , breakfast included

No.	Hotel	Type of Room	UN Rate
23.	THE GRAND PALACE SUITE HOTEL	Single Standard	US\$ 60.00
	Tel : +251-936-306533	Room	
	Contact:	Superior Room	US\$ 70.00
	Ms. Mahlet Ayalew		Inclusive of breakfast
	E-mail:		Inclusive of breakfast & all taxes
	sales@grandpalaceaddis.com		
	E-mail:		
	info@grandpalaceaddis.com		
	Website:		
	www.grandpalaceaddis.com		

Highlighted – Near to ECA compound (Walking Distance from ECA)

Annex II Selected hospitals in Addis Ababa

No.	Name of hospital	Names of staff members and designation	Telephone number	Specialization
		United Nations Health Care Centre emergency hotline	+251 929 908433	
1.	United Nations	Dr. Eyesusawit Shewangizaw (chief medical officer, OIC)	+251 911 221726	United Nations
	Health Care Centre	Kelemwork Kejela (head nurse)	+251 911 201803	clinic
		Dr. Biruk Girma (emergency physician)	+251 904 032929	
			+251 115 540013	
		Reception	+251 115 525996	
2.	Bethzatha General Hospital		+251 115 525997	General hospital
		Dr. Robel (medical director)	+251 911 270586	
		Reception	+251 114 704243	
3.	 Hallelujah General Hospital 	Liaison officer and coordinator	+251 940 105692	General hospital
			+251 116 187345	
4.	St. Gabriel General Hospital	Reception	+251 116 614400	General hospital
	nospitai		+251 116 187359	
		Reception	+251 936 610666	
		Coordinating nurse	+251 969 045576	
5.	Silk Road General	Coordinating head nurse	+251 984 703771 +251 911 633591	General hospital
	Hospital	Dr. Anvar Makhmudov (surgeon, medical director)	+251 902 108002	
		Dr. Vadim Gazzaev (coordinating doctor)	+251 952 127145	
6.	MCM Comprehensive Specialized Hospital	Reception	+251 116 294602	General hospital
7	Landmark General	Desention	+251 115 525463	Conoral hearital
7.	Hospital	Reception	+251 115 525719	General hospital

No.	Name of hospital	Names of staff members and designation	Telephone number	Specialization
8.	Nordic Medical Centre	Dr. Kjell Magne Kiplesund	+251 929 105653	General hospital
			+251 952 343434	
		Reception	+251 116 634740	
			+251 116 634741	Cardiac and
9.	Addis Cardiac Hospital	Dr. Adefris (medical director)	+251 922 082065	internal medicine
		Dr. Gebeyehu (internist)	+251 912 224971	incurcinc
		Dr. Tewodros Fikremariam (cardiologist)	+251 911 502025	
		Reception	+251 903 777755	
10.	Yanet Internal Medical Center	Dr. Tirusew (medical director)	+251 921 625239	Internal medicine
		Dr. Selamawit Zewde	+251 913 411690	Internal medicine,
11.	11. Lancet General Hospital	Dr. Kidist Amare	+251 912 706178	surgery, oncology and others
		Reception	+251 116 676269	
	Gesund Cardiac and	Dr. Bimrew (internist)	+251 910 419215	Cardiac and
12.	Medical Center	Dr. Bekele	+251 911 228950	general hospital
		Dr. Chala Fekadu	+251 913 573812	
		Reception	+251 116 510652	
13.	International Cardiovascular and	Dr. Wubshet (medical director)	+251 116 678646	General hospital
	Medical Center	Mr. Getachew (administration)	+251 914 777027	nospitui
			+251 116 299802	
14.	Kadisco General Hospital	Reception	+251 116 299803	General hospital
			+251 116 299804	
15.	Hemen Maternity Health Center	Reception	+251 111 264519	Gynaecology and paediatrics
16.	Danu Orthopaedic Centre	Reception	+251 111 119266	Orthopaedics
			+251 116 678004	
		Reception	+251 116 678020	
17.	American Medical Center		+251 949 648404	General medicine
		Dr. Edlawit	+251 911 310874	

No.	Name of hospital	Names of staff members and designation	Telephone number	Specialization
18.	Samaritan Surgical Center	Reception Dr. Samuel (orthopaedic surgeon) Dr. Meron (medical director)	+251 944 444801 +251 911 347732 +251 912 677277	Orthopaedics and general surgery
19.	Axon Stroke and Spine Center	Dr. Wondwossen Gebreamanuel (interventional neurologist) Dr. Tariku (anaesthesia and critical care)	+251 911 250778 +251 966 816064	Strokes
20.	Teklehaimanot General Hospital	Reception	+251 111 561278	General medicine
21.	Ethiopian Red Cross Society	Dr. Eyerusalem (focal point) Dr. Dawit	+251 913 639152 +251 934 985298	Prehospital and ambulance services
22.	Washington Medical Centre, Bole Rwanda branch	Reception Dr. Melaku (focal point) Mr. Wudu (administration) Dr. Fasil (medical director)	+251 939 515151 +251 939 525252 +251 912 127670 +251 936 010882 +251 936 010883	General medicine

Annex III Selected tourist attractions in Addis Ababa

Attraction	Description
National Museum of Ethiopia	A centre of history and culture in the capital, the National Museum of Ethiopia charts the ancient legacy not just of Ethiopia but of all humankind. The museum features many archaeological artefacts discovered locally, such as fossil remains and skeletons. It also displays many works of art by Ethiopian artists, alongside ancient relics of some of the first-known hominids and ethnological artefacts from across the centuries.
Holy Trinity Cathedral	Construction of this massive and ornate cathedral began in 1936 and was completed in 1944, during the reign of Emperor Haile Selassie I. It is one of the best-designed churches in Ethiopia and is notable for its architecture, decoration, spaciousness and splendid stained- glass windows. In addition, it is the burial place of Haile Selassie and many other dignitaries. There is also a small museum on the grounds, housing over 140 religious manuscripts, icons, ceremonial items, paintings, umbrellas, crosses and books dating from as far back as the fifteenth century.
Entoto Natural Park	Part of the Beautifying Sheger project, Entoto Natural Park is a highland park that sits nearly 3,000 m above sea level. The large park is spread out across an often sunny but cold and windy mountain and has many high-quality cafés, restaurants, hotels and even a new art museum within its grounds. The brainchild of Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed, Entoto Natural Park is now among the most attractive places in Addis Ababa. Many world-class Ethiopian athletes train here.
Unity Park	Unity Park is home to the National Palace, which is a whole world unto itself. There are many things to see and experience in Unity Park, including nature, wildlife, history and architecture. It is a place where visitors can come face-to-face with more than a century of Ethiopian history.
Science Park	A new addition to the capital, the Science Park is among the most modern and unique buildings in Addis Ababa. The ultramodern facility, located next to the National Palace and Unity Park, is a tourist attraction on its own. The newly opened museum contains 30 interactive exhibits on a diverse range of scientific subjects. The roof of the museum is also accessible and serves as a platform for viewing the modern skyline of Addis Ababa.
Merkato	Merkato is the biggest open-air market in Africa. There is a saying in Addis Ababa: "There is nothing that you cannot find in Merkato!" This is true, as there are thousands of businessmen and street traders here selling any commodity you can imagine. Though the stalls and shopfronts may seem unprepossessing, transactions worth billions of birr take place here every day.