

CONTINENTAL WORKSHOP ON LAND DEGRADATION MONITORING ABIDJAN IVORY COAST

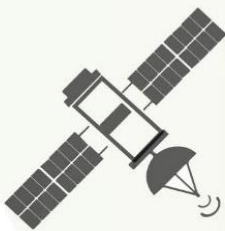
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INFORMATION NOTE

DEAR PARTICIPANTS WE ARE DELIGHTED TO WELCOME YOU TO ABIDJAN ON THE OCCASION OF THE GEMES&AFRICA CONTINENTAL WORKSHOP ON LAND DEGRADATION MONITORING, WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE FROM 03 TO 07 OCTOBER 2022.

IN ORDER TO FACILITATE YOUR STAY WITH US, WE ARE PLEASED TO PROVIDE YOU SOME USEFUL INFORMATION'S. THE WORKSHOP WILL BE HELD ON FACE TO FACE,

THE WORKSHOP SESSIONS WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE ON THE OSS CHANNELS.



GENERAL

Location of the workshop

Please note that the different sessions of the GMES&Africa continental workshop on land degradation monitoring, will take place at the Ivotel hotel, Abidjan from 03 to 07 October 2022.

A high-level opening ceremony will include a high-level panel, roundtable discussions and dialogue sessions, which will bring together the participants.

The normal working hours will be from 09:00 to 12:30 and from 14:00 to 17:00. The participants invited by OSS will be accommodated in this hotel:

Meeting schedule:

Please refer to the meeting schedule (agenda) of the workshop. Meetings are expected to take place from 09h00 – 17h00 from 03 October to 07 October 2022.

Link:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1qg-3Qvu1sIDx9dLOex4rcsNGbzUVwHPm/view?usp=sharing>

Travel arrangement

The participants invited by OSS to attend the workshop will be taken in charge by the GMES&Africa project, where the flight arrangement will be undertaken that participants arrive in Abidjan one day in advance prior to the Meeting date and depart the day after the workshop closure, depending on the availability of flights.

Visa requirements

Participants need to check whether they need to apply for visa to Ivory Coast. In case where a visa is needed, participants are encouraged to contact the Embassy or Consulate of Ivory Coast located in their respective countries before departing for Abidjan for visa procedures.



Adresse : Av.Terrasson de Fougères, Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire
Phone : +225 27 20 2 5666
Website : <http://ivotel.com/>

Transportation from airport to hotel:

The transportation from airport to hotel will be ensured by the hotel. In case where the hotel service is not available or the participant missed the shuttle, participants should arrange their own transportation from Ivory Coast Airport to the hotel.

Accommodation:

Participants invited by OSS will be taken in charge of the OSS on their own accommodation. Ivotel hotel is be designated for the accommodation of the workshop. Participants are requested to send their passport copies by email to the organizers to ensure the arrangements for their flight tickets and hotel accommodations.

For all expenses related to travel (test COVID, ...), reimbursement by the organizers will be made upon presentation of evidence (receipt, ticket, etc.).

Inscription

Participants will be able to finalize their registration on site and collect their badges at the conference centre. Participants will have to present their passport to the secretariat, which will issue the badges. Participants are requested to wear their issued badge at all times, as they will be required to present it to gain access to the conference centre

How to get there

International flights to Abidjan

The Félix Houphouët-Boigny International Airport in Abidjan is the largest airport in Côte d'Ivoire. It is located in the commune of Port-Bouët, about 16 kilometers southeast of downtown Abidjan, on the Atlantic Ocean.

It welcomes commercial and international flights. More than 20 companies serve its 2 terminals. Several daily flights connect Abidjan to the capitals of the sub-region and intercontinental commercial flights connect Côte d'Ivoire to Europe, the Middle East and other continents, with or without stopovers.

Transfers from Abidjan International Airport

From the airport, you can quickly reach the different areas of the city thanks to the expressways linked by interchanges (boulevard de l'Aéroport, boulevard Giscard d'Estaing, Bassam expressway, boulevard de Gaulle, boulevard de la Paix). Many hotels are located near the airport: business hotels and residences in Abidjan and tourist hotels in Grand-Bassam and Assinie.

Cabs are available 24 hours a day at Abidjan International Airport. They are recognizable by their orange color. Although they are metered, any fare can be negotiated with the driver before boarding the vehicle. Abidjan is a very large city, and the price and duration of the trip depend on the distance to be covered and the traffic. It costs between 2,000 and 5,000 CFA francs to travel from the airport to the central Plateau district or the residential area of Cocody

How to get to the conference center

The Ivotel Hotel, where the conference will be held, is located near the city center and the business district of Abidjan, and not far from the tourist sites of Grand-Bassam and Assinie. It is easily accessible by cab or shuttle from Abidjan International Airport. It takes about 30 minutes to travel the 22 kilometers between them.

Health regulations:

The yellow fever vaccine is mandatory to enter Côte d'Ivoire (a certificate of vaccination must be presented). It is recommended to follow a prophylactic treatment against malaria before, during and after the stay

Vaccination against covid-19:

It is imperative that all participants in the conference are fully vaccinated. The safest way to ensure that the session takes place face-to-face is for all participants to be fully vaccinated, as the vaccine protects them, enables the Conference to take place and protects others. Participants must upload proof of vaccination to the conference registration portal

General information regarding the location of the conference

Information about Abidjan

The economic capital of Côte d'Ivoire, Abidjan is one of the most populous French-speaking cities in Africa. As of the 2014 census, it had 4.7 million inhabitants, representing 20% of the country's population.

Abidjan is located on the southeast coast of the country, on the Gulf of Guinea, on the Ebrié Lagoon. Since 2001, the city has been divided into ten communes. In the center are the communes of Plateau, which is the business district, Cocody, Deux Plateaux, which is the most upscale district where many diplomats reside, and Adjamé, a shantytown that stretches along the north shore of the lagoon. Treichville and Marcory are to the south, Attécoubé, Locodjro, Abobodoumé and Yopougon to the west, and Boulay Island is located in the middle of the lagoon. Abidjan's airport and main seaport are located further south in the commune of Port-Bouët

Abidjan is also the starting point of the only highway in the country, which connects the city to the administrative and political capital, Yamoussoukro

Currency

The national currency of the Ivory Coast is the West African CFA franc (XOF).

1 US dollar = approximately 587 XOF.

1 euro = about 587 XOF

Payment by international credit card is accepted at most recommended hotels and restaurants.

Climate

Abidjan, like the rest of Côte d'Ivoire, enjoys a tropical monsoon climate. In this coastal city, temperatures are usually between 21°C and 32°C, regardless of the time of year. Most of the rainfall occurs during the rainy season, which runs from May to July. In May, the climate is wet (107 millimeters of rainfall over 20 days) and temperatures are very high.

On average, the maximum temperature is 30°C while the minimum temperature is 28°C

The months of October and November can be rainy, but the rest of the year the average rainfall is low. Humidity is generally high, especially during the months of January through June, when temperatures are consistently around 30°C.

Local time

TMG + 0

Opening hours

Hours of operation are generally 7:30 a.m. to noon and 2:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. on weekdays, and 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday

Hospitals in Abidjan generally operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. For specialized medical centers, it is advisable to check opening hours beforehand.

Government offices are open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Post offices are open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to about noon.

The main post offices may remain open longer.

Banks are open to the public Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For opening hours of restaurants and shopping malls, see the host country website for the conference.

Travel

The nightlife of the economic capital of Côte d'Ivoire is full of energy and creativity. The "Manhattan of the tropics", as Abidjan is known, is quickly becoming one of the most popular destinations for globetrotters in search of unforgettable adventures.

Additional information on travel and tourism is available on the official website of the Ivorian Ministry of Tourism and Leisure at <https://www.tourisme.gouv.ci/On>. Practical information and useful recommendations (accommodation, restaurants, public transport, festivals, cultural events, etc.) are also available from the National Tourism Office

Internet services:

Free wireless internet access is available in all conference and meeting rooms and in the public areas of the hotel. No password is required.

Language and interpretation service:

Working language(s) that will be used during of meetings will be English and French. Simultaneous translation in these languages will be provided during plenary sessions.

Airline tickets

E-tickets will be sent to participants sponsored by the OSS and African Union Commission after confirmation to their participation

Perdiem/ DSA

A daily subsistence allowance (DSA) will be sponsored participants at the currents African Commission rate upon presentation of boarding pass. Each participant be responsible for payment of his or her own lodging and any expenses incurred during the stay at their hotel

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ABOUT GMES&AFRICA

GMES&Africa is a joint program financed by the European Union through the African Union Commission. GMES and AFRICA aims to improve the capacity of decision-makers, planners' scientist, businesses, the private sector and African citizens to design, implement and monitor national, regional and continental policies to promote the sustainable the sustainable management of natural resources through the use of Earth observation data and derived information.

Logistics information * hotel nearby*

