



UNWTO COMMISSION FOR AFRICA

Fifty-first meeting and Regional Seminar
Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso
from 6 to 8 June 2011

GENERAL INFORMATION NOTE



1. In accordance with the decision CAF/DEC/8 (L) taken by the UNWTO Commission for Africa (CAF) during its fiftieth meeting held in Algiers, Algeria, on 17 May 2010, the fifty-first meeting and the regional seminar will be held in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso from **6 to 8 June 2011** at the invitation of the Government of Burkina Faso. The Commission meeting will be followed by a regional seminar on the subject: **“How sustainable Tourism can benefit from and contribute to an emerging green economy in Africa?”**. These meetings are open to the participation of Member States and to the affiliate members, to other invited delegations, as well as to representatives of the tourism industry of Burkina Faso and to the management staff of its tourism administrations.

I. VENUE OF THE MEETINGS

2. The meetings will be held at:

“Centre International de Conférences de Ouaga 2000 »

Address: Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso

Tel.: (+226) 50 37 41 02

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II. REPLIES TO INVITATIONS

3. Governments and other bodies receiving the invitations from the UNWTO Secretary-General are requested to send their replies to the following addresses at the latest on **Monday 23 May 2011**, indicating as much as possible, the composition of their delegations:

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Registration on-line: <http://africa.unwto.org/en/event/caf51-en>

III. STATUS OF PARTICIPANTS

4. The Government of Burkina Faso will take the necessary steps to facilitate the arrival and departure of participants invited by the Organization, as well as their stay in Burkina Faso. Throughout their stay, participants will enjoy the privileges and immunities provided for in the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations of 13 February 1946.

IV. ENTRY FORMALITIES

5. A valid passport is required for visitors to Burkina Faso. Entry visas may be obtained at Burkina Faso's diplomatic and consular representations abroad.

6. Participants travelling from countries in which Burkina Faso does not have a diplomatic mission, can obtain a visa issued at the airport.

7. Nationals from the following countries are exempted from visas requirements when travelling to Burkina Faso: Central African Republic, Eritrea, Morocco, Tunisia, Mauritania and Somalia.

8. Nationals from ECOWAS States and CEN SAD States are also exempted from entry visas requirements when travelling to Burkina Faso.

V. TRANSPORT

9. The Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Francophonie of Burkina Faso will arrange free transport for all participants upon arrival, and departure from the airport, as well as return transport between their hotels and the meeting place. All participants are therefore, requested to forward to the Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Francophonie of Burkina Faso, as well as to the UNWTO Secretariat, by fax or e-mail the attached participation form, giving details of their arrival and departure.

VI. AIRPORT TAXES

10. The airport tax is included in the price of the air ticket.

VII. AIRPORT

11. A reception and information desk will be open for delegates at the International Airport in Ouagadougou.

VIII. ACCOMMODATION

12. The delegates are requested to make their own arrangements by contacting their chosen hotel through the phone and fax numbers and the e-E-mail addresses, and to make their reservations according to the hotels listed below. They should specify that they will be attending the 51st meeting of the UNWTO Commission for Africa and the regional seminar on the theme: "How sustainable Tourism can benefit from and contribute to an emerging green economy in Africa".

Hotels	Tél/fax/E-mail	Single room	Double room	Suites	Distance from the meetings
HOTEL LAICO OUAGA 2000 5 stars Av. Pascal Zagré	TEL :(+226) 50 49 98 00 FAX : (+226) 50 49 98 02 www.laicohotels.com	Single room 73 000 FCFA Breakfast included 96 000 Pension complète	Room twins 83 500 FCFA Breakfast included 135 000 Pension complète	124 000 FCFA Breakfast included 140 000 FCFA Pension complète	02 mn
HOTEL SPLENDID 4 stars Av. Kwamé N'Kruma	TEL :(+226) 50 31 17 78 FAX : (+226) 50 31 72 91 E-mail : sph@fasonet.bf	Single room 35 000 FCFA 45 000 FCFA Breakfast included	Room twins 40 000 f CFA 50 000 f CFA Breakfast included	100 000 FCFA Breakfast included	10 mn
HOTEL SILMANDE 4 stars	TEL : (+226) 50 35 60 05	Single room 35 000 F CFA 45 000 FCFA Breakfast included	Room twins 40 000 FCFA 50 000 FCFA Breakfast included	100 000 FCFA Breakfast included	20 mn
HOTEL AZALAI INDEPENDANCE 4 stars	TEL : (+226) 50 30 60 60 FAX :(+226) 50 30 67 67 E-mail : independance@azalahotel.com www.azalahotels.com	Single room 35 000 FCFA 45 000 FCFA Breakfast included	Room twins 40 000 f CFA 50 000 f CFA Breakfast included	100 000 f CFA Breakfast included	15 mn
PALACE HOTEL 4 stars Av. France Afrique	Tel : (+226) 50 37 50 60 Fax : (+226) 50 3323 44 E-mail: relax.hotel@fasonet.net www.groupe_soyaf.com	Bungalow 70 000 Breakfast included	-	Suite 110 000f CFA Breakfast included	2 mn
HOTEL PACIFIC 3 stars Av.de l'UEMOA	TEL: (+226) 50 31 30 37 FAX: (+226) 50 31 30 39 E-mail : hotel.pacific@fasonet.bf www.pacific-hotel.bf	Single room 35 000 FCFA Breakfast included	Room twins 50 000 f CFA Breakfast included	80 000 f CFA Breakfast included	10 mn
HOTEL SORITEL 3 stars Av. Kwamé N'Kruma	TEL :(+226) 50 33 04 78 FAX : (+226) 50 30 69 74 E-mail : soritel@fasonet.bf www.soritelfaso.bf	Single room 35 000 FCFA Breakfast included	Room twins 50 000 FCFA Breakfast included	80 000 FCFA Breakfast included	15 mn
HOTEL PALM BEACH I 3 stars Av. Kwamé N'Kruma	TEL :(+226) 50 31 09 91 FAX :(+226) 50 31 68 39 E-mail : palmbeach@fasonet.bf www.palmbeachburkina.com	Single room 35 000 f CFA Breakfast included	Room twins 50 000 f CFA Breakfast included	80 000 f CFA Breakfast included	15 mn

JOLY HOTEL 3 stars Av. Elie SARE	Tel: (+226) 50 37 62 57 Fax: (+226) 50 37 62 59 E-mail: jolyhotel.ouaga2000@fasonet.com www.jolyhotel.bf	Single room 104 euro Breakfast included	Room twins 119 euro Breakfast included	179 euro Breakfast included	3 mn
EXCELLENCE HOTEL 3 stars Rue Mariane DRAME	Tel: (+226) 50 30 00 84 Fax: (+226) 50 33 16 66 E-mail: infos@excellence-hotel.net www.excellence-hotel.net	Single room 30 000 F CFA Breakfast included	Room twins 35 000 F CFA Breakfast included	60 000 F CFA Breakfast included	25 mn
HOTEL AMISO 3 stars Av. Mgr Thévenoud	Tel : (+226) 50 30 86 74/77 (+226) 50 31 51 80/81 Fax : (+226) 50 30 86 78 E-mail : hotel-amiso@hoteE-mail.com www.amisohotel.com	Single room 30 680 F CFA Breakfast included	Room twins 37 760 F CFA Breakfast included	44 840 F CFA Breakfast included	15 mn
HOTEL SOMKIETA 2 stars Av.de la Nation	Tel : (+226) 50 30 61 06/08 Fax : (+226) 50 30 28 32 E-mail : hotel@fasonet.bf www.ran-hotel-somkieta.com	Single room 37 000 F CFA Breakfast included	Room twins 44 000 F CFA Breakfast included	70 000 FCFA Breakfast included	15 mn
HOTEL RELAX 3 stars Av. de la Nation	Tel : (+226) 50 31 32 31/33 Fax : (+226) 50 30 89 08 E-mail : relax.hotel@fasonet.bf www.groupe-soyaf.com	Single room 41 065 f CFA Breakfast included	Room twins 46 140 FCFA Breakfast included	56 995 FCFA Breakfast included	15 mn
HOTEL YIBI 2 stars Av. Kwamé N'Kruma	Tel : (+226) 50 73 23 70/71 Fax : (+226) 50 30 59 00 E-mail : yibi.hotel@fasonet.bf www.yibihotel.com	Single room 36 000 f CFA Breakfast included	Room twins 38 000 FCFA Breakfast included	Suite junior classique 45 000 FCFA Prestige 55 000 FCFA Breakfast included	10 mn
HOTEL BELLE VUE 2 stars	TEL: (+226) 30 84 98 FAX : (+226) 30 00 37 E-mail: hotelbellevueouaga@yahoo.fr	Single room 20 000 F CFA Breakfast included	Room twins 23 000 F CFA Breakfast included	-	12 mn
HOTEL AVENIR 2 stars Bd Naaba Zombre	Tel : (+226) 50 34 06 21/22 Fax (+226) 50 34 29 41 E-mail : avenir@fasonet.bf	Single room 20 000 FCFA Breakfast included	Room twins 25 000 FCFA Breakfast included	Suite junior 38 000 FCFA Breakfast included	20 mn
HOTEL La PALMERAIE 2 stars Av. Agostino NETO	Tel : (+226) 50 30 48 90 Fax : (+226) 50 30 48 98 E-mail resa_palmeriaie@giganet.bf www.lapalmeriaie.biz	52 000 FCFA 83 000 FCFA Breakfast included	-	-	12 mn

HOTEL NAZEMSE 2stars Av.de l'UEMOA	TEL :(+226) 50 33 53 28 E-mail : hotel_nazemse@yahoo.fr	Single room 30 000 FCFA Breakfast included	Room twins 35 000 FCFA Breakfast included	48 000 FCFA	15 mn
HOTEL CENTRAL 2 stars	TEL : (+226) 50 30 89 24 E-mail : hotelcentral17@yahoo.fr	Single room 20 000 FCFA Breakfast included	Room twins 35 000 FCFA Breakfast included	-	17mn

NB:

- **Visa card is accepted in most of the hotels.**
- **The following taxes will be added to the room rates:**

TC (local tax) : FCFA 600 / day

TDT (Tourism Development Tax):

- 5 stars hotels: FCFA 1700 / night
- 4 stars hotels: FCFA 1500 / night
- 3 and 2 stars hotels: FCFA 1000 / night

IX. HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

13. Vaccination certificates are required against yellow fever.

X. REGISTRATION AND ACCREDITATION

14. At the place of the meetings, a registration counter will be open two days before the start of the proceedings. Badges will be issued at the time of registration. Participants are requested to kindly keep their badges with them, in order to have access to the meetings and to the other activities offered by the Burkina Faso Government.

XI. WORKING LANGUAGES

15. The working languages of the Commission meeting and seminar will be English and French. The documents will be prepared in those two languages, and simultaneous interpretation will be provided in English and French.

XII. SOCIAL PROGRAMME

16. A social programme will be organized for the delegates. A detailed programme will be distributed *in situ*.

XIII. CURRENCY REGULATIONS

17. The local currency of Burkina Faso is the Franc CFA of West Africa (XOF). The current rate of exchange on 30 March 2011 is **1€ = 655,96 FCFA** and **1\$US = 525.82 FCFA**.

XIV. CLIMATE

18. The average temperature in Ouagadougou in the month of June ranges from a low of 25°C to a high of 35°C.

XV. LOCAL TIME

19. The local time in Burkina Faso is the same as of the Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).

XVII BUSINESS & SHOPPING HOURS

20. Banks are open from 7.30 a.m. to 12 .30. a.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

21. Shops are open from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

XVII. FURTHER INFORMATION

22. For further information on these two events, please refer to UNWTO website:
<http://africa.unwto.org/en>