

Conference on
ECOLOGICAL AGRICULTURE: MITIGATING CLIMATE CHANGE,
PROVIDING FOOD SECURITY AND SELF-RELIANCE FOR
RURAL LIVELIHOODS IN AFRICA

AU Headquarters, Addis Ababa, 26-28 November 2008

INFORMATION SHEET FOR PARTICIPANTS

1. Conference Venue

African Union Headquarters
P.O. Box 3243
Roosevelt Street (Old Airport Area)
Wereda 21 Kebele 19
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
Tel: (251) 11 551 77 00 (pbx)
Fax: (251) 11 551 78 44

2. Hotel Accommodation

IN ADDIS:

King's Hotel – walking distance from the African Union
Tel: +251-(0)113-711300 / 712295 (direct to Manager, Tatek Tadesse)
Mobile/Cell +251-(0)911-690600
Fax: +251-(0)113-710744
Email: kingshotel@ethionet.et
Address: Mekanissa Road (Roosevelt Road)
PO Box 42458, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

OR

Hotel de France - also walking distance from the African Union
Tel: +251-(0)115-547389/90
Email: hotelfrance@ethionet.et
Address: Kirkos Sub-city, Kebele 10
PO Box 122704, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

OR

Union Hotel Apartments
Tel: +251-(0)113-726120 / 202304 (Samuel Mesfin, marketing manager)
Fax: +251-(0)113-726121
e-mail: sml_mesfin@yahoo.com
www.unionhotel.com
PO Box 24189, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

IN AXUM:

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3. Airport Pickups

You will be met at the Bole International Airport. Please look out for Mr Alemayehu, who is from Environment Protection Authority (EPA) and will be waiting for participants near the passport check and will help as much as possible with people needing to get their visas in Addis.

In case you miss the airport pick-up, you can take a taxi directly to your hotel. Arrangements to book taxis are available at after exiting with one's luggage or one can bargain with the local taxi drivers after leaving the airport building. The cost is USD 20 and the yellow ones should all give official receipts.

4. Visa on Arrival

Visas on arrival have been arranged for those who do not have Ethiopian missions in their country. A letter from the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) should have been sent to you confirming that a visa on arrival has been arranged – please bring the letter from EPA along with you. You will need about USD 40 to pay for the visa on arrival, please keep the receipt in order to enable reimbursement.

5. Reconfirmation of return flights

All participants with flights with Ethiopian Airlines will have their tickets collected and their return flight reconfirmed through ISD.

6. Contact Persons in Ethiopia

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Institute for Sustainable Development: +251-116-186774 (only Monday to Friday during office hours, i.e. 8.30-5.00 local time).

7. Weather

The weather now is dry. During the day it is mild to hot in the direct sun - bring an umbrella / hat / sun barrier cream if you burn easily, but it gets cold during the night, so you will need a sweater and/or light jacket.

Please bring comfortable shoes for walking in if you are joining the field trip.

8. Security

Generally Addis is safe with pick pockets and beggars of various types as the major problem. It is not advisable to walk around alone at night. You should also not leave your computer and other valuables in your hotel room so bring them with you or deposit them with the hotel management.