

CODEX ALIMENTARIUS
FAO/WHO COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR AFRICA
Twenty-first session
Yaoundé, Cameroon, 27 – 30 January 2015
Information Note

1. LOCATION OF SESSION

By kind invitation of the Government of the Republic of Cameroon, the twenty-first session of the FAO/WHO Coordinating Committee for Africa will be held at the Hilton Hotel in Yaoundé, Cameroon, from 27 to 30 January 2015.

2. ENQUIRIES ON THE MEETING

(a) All enquiries concerning the Session, except those regarding local arrangements, may be addressed to:

The Codex Secretariat

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Information on local arrangements should be addressed to the Liaison Officers for the 21st Session of CCAFRICA:

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3. ENTRY FORMALITIES

Visas should be obtained from the Cameroon Embassy/Consulate nearest to the applicants' residence. When applying for their visas, delegates should ensure that their passports are valid for at least six months. On exceptional cases and upon request, visa could be granted on arrival. It costs 50 000 FCFA (110 \$US) for all passports except for diplomatic and official passports.

4. CUSTOMS

Delegates are kindly urged to check customs regulations for Cameroon before entering the country.

Duty free consumables include up to 50 cigars, 400 cigarettes or 5 packs of tobacco and 1 liquor and 5 bottles of perfume. Sporting gums required a licence. Cats and dogs must be accompanied by a rabbi vaccination certificate delivered by a veterinary authority at least 48 hours prior to departure. Passagers arriving with cats and dogs may be submitted to a tax of 5000 FCFA/animal, other animals are prohibited. Delegates are strongly recommended to refer to customs for updated information.

5. HOTEL ACCOMMODATION AND RESTAURANT

Delegates should make their hotel reservations directly or through the Liaison Officers listed above. (Please see Appendix 2 for a list of hotels and restaurant in the neighbourhood of the Hilton Hotel).

6. TRANSPORT

Delegates travelling on international flights will arrive at the Nsimalen International Airport, located 17 kms from Yaoundé or Douala International Airport located in Douala at 250 kms (3 or 4 hours approximately) from Yaoundé.

Delegates will be received at the airport terminals by a welcome staff. Taxis and shuttles (airport and hotels) are available for transportation needs.

For delegates landing in Douala and arriving with evening flight, they should be prepared to spend a night at SAWA Hotel. They should join Yaoundé by road (intercity buses costing 15.12 USD [(Agences Touristique Express et Buca Voyage)], by train (10-15 USD) or by plane (domestic flights costing 70-100 USD).

In the most unlikely situation whereby a delegate is not received at arrival, city taxis are available at a moderate cost of 12- 15 USD from Nsimalen Airport to the city centre. Same applies to Douala International Airport to SAWA Hotel. Please ask for help from a police officer. Alternatively, hotels operate shuttles.

7. CLIMATE

Yaoundé enjoys tropical climate. The average temperatures for Yaoundé are: Max 32°C, Min 20°C. Evenings could be fresh. During the period of the meeting, there is light rainfall.

8. HEALTH

Recommended vaccinations for all travellers. The vaccine against yellow fever is obligatory to enter into Cameroon.

9. CURRENCY AND BANKS: Local currency is the CFA franc (1USD = 500 XAF) and acceptable at regular stores and restaurants. The exchange rate changing on daily basis, delegates are advised to contact local bank for latest exchange rate. Currency can be exchanged at the commercial banks or money exchange counters at the international airport and the major hotels and in the city.

10. CREDIT CARDS: Master, Visa, American Express. Major Hotels and travel agencies accept international credit cards such as: Master, Visa, American Express, etc. However delegates should consult their own banks before departing in order to ensure that their credit cards will be accepted. Delegates are recommended to take some cash along. The following currencies are easily exchangeable at commercial banks: USD, Euro, Swiss francs (CHF), Great Britain pound.

11. SOCIAL EVENTS:

The local organising committee is planning to hold some social, tourist and cultural events whose details will be provided at a later stage.

12. MEETING REGISTRATION AT THE 21ST SESSION

Registration for the 21st session will start on Sunday 25 January as at 17.00 hours till 9.30 hours, on Tuesday, 27 January 2015, at the meeting venue.

APPENDIX 1

LIST OF HOTELS

N°	HOTELS	LOCATION	NUMBER OF STARS	DISTANCE TO THE HILTON HOTEL (KM)	COST PER NIGHT IN XAF	SERVICES	INTERNET WEBSITE AND EMAIL ADDRESS
1	HILTON HOTEL	CITY CENTER	5	0	186 (resident) 300 (non resident)	Internet access Swimming pool gym	yaohitwsal@hilton.com
2	DJEUGA HOTEL PALACE	CITY CENTER	4	1	170	Internet access Swimming pool gym	
3	HOTEL DES DÉPUTÉS	CITY CENTER	4	1	80 - 90	Internet access Swimming pool	
4	MERINA HOTEL	CITY CENTER	3	1	74 96 118	Internet access	
5	MONT-FEBE HOTEL	CITY SUBURBS	4	5	63 000 (resident) 90 000 (non resident)	Internet access Swimming pool gym	www.hotel-montfebe.com info@hotel-montfebe.com Tél : +237 22214002 Fax : +237 22216070
6	HOTEL FRANCO	CITY CENTER	3	2,5	75 000	Internet access Swimming pool gym casino breakfast	
7	HOTEL AZUR	RESIDENTIAL AREA	3	4	35 000 45 000	Internet access breakfast	Tél. 22 21 16 39 Email : hotafric2001@yahoo.fr
8	HOTEL LE DIPLOMATE	RESIDENTIAL AREA	No stars	4	17 000 25 000 30 000		
9	HOTEL COMMERCIAL HUALIAN	RESIDENTIAL AREA	No stars	2,5	18 000 28 000 38 000	Internet access Karaoke room	Tél. :22 20 76 16
10	MEUMI HOTEL PALACE	RESIDENTIAL AREA	2	3,5	35 000 45 000	Internet access	
11	MEUMI HOTEL	CITY CENTER	No stars	2,5	25 000 35 000	Internet access	
12	SOMATEL HOTEL	CITY CENTER	2	1,5	40 000 42 000 48 000	Internet access	
13	CLAMANTIS HOTEL	CITY CENTER		2	25 000 35 000	Internet access	
14	TOUNGOU HOTEL	CITY CENTER	unknown	2	20000-35000	Internet access	Tel. 22 20 10 25
15	HOTEL DES PRINCES	CITY CENTER		3	11 000 15 000		
16	RELAIS	CITY CENTER		3	13 000 15 000		
17	HOTEL LA FALAISE		4	1	65 000		
18	HOTEL MIRADOR			2			

Booking will be confirmed on the basis of first in first served.

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The selected hotels have internal restaurants and the coordination team has selected some restaurants near the Palais des Congrès.

N°	Names of the restaurants	Place
1	Restaurant le Mfoundi	Behind the Hilton Hotel
2	La marmite du boulevard	Near the Hilton Hotel
3	Fines épices	
4	Restaurant Bois Sainte Anastasie	Downtown
5	Restaurant du Cercle Municipal	Near the town hall
6	Bois d'ébène	Near the BEAC building