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AFRICAN COMMISSION ON AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS

Twenty-fifth Session

Entebbe, Uganda: 13 – 17 November 2017

INFORMATION NOTE

1. Introduction

The objective of this General Information is to provide participants at the session with all the necessary information so as to guide them for their travel and during their stay in Entebbe, Uganda.

2. Venue and date

The 25th Session of the African Commission on Agricultural Statistics (AFCAS) will be held at the Clinton Conference Room of Imperial Botanical Beach Hotel – Entebbe from 13 to 17 November 2017.

The day of 13 November 2017 will be devoted to a **Side Event: Technical Training on Sustainable Development Goal Indicators** (SDG Indicators 2.a.1 “Agriculture orientation index for government expenditures” and 2.c.1 “Indicator of food price anomalies”) to help senior officials of National Statistics Offices (NSOs) and Ministries of Agriculture (MoA) to understand their role in improving the data collection, quality, comparability and use of their country’s indicators.

3. Registration

Registration of participants will take place at the Front Desk of the Imperial Botanical Beach Hotel Clinton Conference Hall:

AFCAS: Tuesday, 14 November 2017, between 08h00 and 09h00
The opening ceremony begins at 09h00.

4. Technical documents for the meetings

The technical documents related to this session will be available from 30 September 2017 onwards at the following Website:

<http://www.fao.org/economic/ess/ess-events/afcas/afcas25/en/>

5. Organization of the meetings

The Government of Uganda, through the Uganda Bureau of Statistics (UBOS) is committed to provide the required equipment for the holding of this session. You will find the list of hotels where bookings can be made for participants at the Annex 1. Transportation will be provided from these hotels to the venue for the Conference.

6. Delegations

All participants are kindly requested to complete the form in Annex 2 and return it to the organizers latest by **13 October 2017**. The form contains all the details required for appropriate arrangements to be made to welcome and lodge delegates (Flight numbers and schedule).

7. Entry Requirements

Entry visa - It is necessary to have a valid passport for at least 6 months as well as a valid return air ticket, and a valid entry visa before travelling to Uganda. Participants are therefore kindly requested to contact the Ugandan Diplomatic Mission as soon as possible to obtain a visa.

Countries where the Ugandan Diplomatic Mission does not exist can apply for the visa in any of the neighbouring countries where the Missions exist, with details on the countries they cover.

Exceptionally, for participants whose countries do not have Ugandan Consulate and who do not transit through a country with a Ugandan Consulate, an exemption will be made for them to be given their visa on arrival at Entebbe International Airport for a fee of US\$ 100. For this, an invitation letter from the National Coordinator of the Organization Committee of the 25th Session of AFCAS (whose address is at paragraph 15), will be sent to them by e-mail, indicating that their Entry Visa will be delivered to them in Entebbe. For that purpose, request must be sent by concerned participants to the National Coordinator early to obtain this invitation letter.

Vaccinations – Yellow fever vaccination is required before traveling to Uganda. Nevertheless, it is recommended that participants be vaccinated against:

- Hepatitis A
- Hepatitis B

Airport tax - There is no airport tax to be paid, neither on arrival nor at departure.

8. Welcoming delegates

Delegates who will have communicated their Flight itinerary (Flight number, Arrival time and date) **before 10 November 2017**, will be welcomed/received at Entebbe International Airport. Transport will be provided (for them) from the airport to their hotel(s).

Unfortunately, participants arriving at Entebbe Airport but did not communicate their arrival details to the organizers will not be received and will have to find their own way to their Hotels at a taxi rate of between US\$ 10 to US\$ 15.

9. Local currency and foreign exchange

Money can be changed at the airport, in banks, as well as in hotels where there are forex bureaux. The local currency is the Ugandan Shilling.

The exchange rate at September 2017, for information only:

- **1 US Dollar = 3,567.38 Uganda shillings**
- **1 Euro = 4,277.03 Uganda shillings**

10. Hotel reservations

The 25th AFCAS Secretariat will be situated at the premises of Imperial Botanical Beach Hotel – Entebbe. Hotel e-mail: imperialhotels@hoteleq.com, reservations@ibbhotel.com; Website: www.imperialhotels.co.ug

Hotel

Arrangements will be made for reservations for participants at selected Hotels. Participants may choose from the list of Hotels that are proposed in Annex 1 and communicate to the AFCAS secretariat and to the National Organization Committee Coordinator.

To facilitate transport between hotels and conference venue, a shuttle will be available for two (2) other hotels including:

- Central Inn Entebbe
- Flight Motel Entebbe

We kindly advise the delegates to quickly make their hotel choice and communicate to the National Organization Committee to confirm booking.

11. Badges

Special badges will be designed for this Conference and will be given to each participant. They will serve as identification for access to the venue of the meeting. Delegates are therefore required to wear them to facilitate the work for the Organisers.

12. Introduction of the host country (General Information)

Please refer to Annex 3 for the Map of Uganda

Location:	East Africa
Capital:	Kampala
Major Airport:	Entebbe International Airport
Population:	34.6 million (2014)
Time:	GMT/UTC plus three (3) hours
Currency:	Uganda shilling (USh).
President:	His.Excellency Yoweri Kaguta Museveni
Prime Minister:	Dr. Ruhakana Rugunda
Official Language:	English
Calling code:	+256
Membership of international organizations:	Uganda is a member of : <ul style="list-style-type: none">- East African Community (EAC)- Economic Community of Central African States- Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa- United Nations

The Pearl of Africa

Uganda is a charming country known as the Pearl of Africa located in the heart of this vast continent. It forms an East African Community with Kenya and Tanzania, Rwanda, Burundi and South Sudan though it is pretty much in the heart of the continent bordering the Democratic Republic of Congo to the west, Rwanda to the South and South Sudan in the north. It is relatively small by African standards so travelling distances are not great and it is possible to get from one side of the country to another in a day. Having said that it is about the size of Great Britain and supports a diversity of habitats, from snowcapped mountains to lakes, winding rivers, forested reserves and jungles.

Land

There are majestic mountain ranges - the **Rwenzoris** (Mountains of the Moon) in the west and **Mount Elgon** in the east. There are many forested parks and reserves, the most famous being Bwindi Impenetrable Forest. Uganda is a landlocked country but it is exceptionally fertile as 25% of the surface area is water. There are lakes galore, the most well-known being **Lake Victoria**, the largest lake in Africa. It forms the southern border with Tanzania and there are a number of islands worth visiting, the most renowned being the **Ssesse Islands**. The source of the **Nile** is in **Jinja** as the world's longest river emerges out of Lake Victoria and winds its way northwards.

People, Culture and Language

Uganda has a variety of cultural groups speaking over 30 different languages. The people can be classified into these broad categories: Bantu, Nilotics, Madi-Okoru or the Sudanic speaking, and the Pygmoid (who live mainly isolated in the rainforests of western Uganda). One-third of the population is Roman Catholic, one-third is Protestant, 16 percent is Muslim and 18 percent believe in local religions.

Cuisine

Ugandan cuisine consists of traditional and modern cooking styles, practices, foods and dishes, with English, Arab, Asian and especially Indian influences. Most tribes have their own speciality dish or delicacy. Many dishes include vegetables and fruit, such as potatoes, yams, bananas and other tropical fruits. Chicken, fish, beef, goat and mutton are commonly eaten, although among the rural poor meats are consumed less than in other areas. Tea and coffee are popular beverages and important cash crops, served English-style or spiced. Coca-cola, Pepsi and Fanta, as well as traditional and Western beers are widely available. Fermented banana wine is popular, as is Waragi (distilled spirits).

Wildlife

Uganda has 364 species of mammals and 1062 species of birds. The Bwindi Impenetrable Forest is home to half the world's remaining mountain gorillas. You can also see these primates in the Mgahinga National Park or across the border in Rwanda's famous Volcanoes National Park. And you can meet chimpanzees in the Kibale Forest National Park. The Wildlife Conservation Society does a lot of conservation work in Uganda, to counter the effects of and try prevent the threats to wildlife such as poaching for bushmeat, illegal timber harvesting, charcoal burning and encroachment for farmland.

Climate

The **Equator** runs through the country though the average altitude of 1000m provides some relief from heat and humidity. The average temperature is 26°C and summer peaks from December to February. There is rainfall in the south from April to May and again from October to November therefore we advise against travel during these months as getting around can be difficult. The north is wet from April to October but it is largely off the tourist track.

13. Useful Contacts

All correspondence should be sent to the following address:

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Annex 1

Information on the Hotels

Name of the Hotel	Rating (Star)		Price Room	Breakfast Included	TV channel	Internet in Bedroom	Mini Bar	Safe box	Swimming pool	Shuttle
Imperial Botanical Beach	4	Deluxe Rooms	Single: USD 90 Double: USD 110	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes at fees US\$ 10
		Standard Rooms	Single: USD 60	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes at fees US\$ 10
			Double: USD 80 Twin: USD 80							
Central Inn Entebbe	2	Standard Rooms	Single: USD 50	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	Yes, at the reception	No	Yes at fees
			Double: USD 60							
			Twin: USD 60							
Entebbe Flight Motel	2	Standard Rooms	Single: USD 40	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A	No	No	Yes
			Double: USD 50							
			Twin: USD 50							
			Club (for 3 people or more) USD 25 per person							

Name of the hotel	Postal Address	Telephone	E-mail	Web Site
Imperial Botanical Beach	Plot M79 Lugard Avenue - Entebbe, Entebbe, Uganda	+256 41 7305000	imperialhotels@hoteleq.com , reservations@ibbhotel.com	www.imperialhotels.co.ug
Central Inn Entebbe	Plot 45/47 Church Road Entebbe P.O. Box 212, Entebbe	+256 716 241 067	info@centralinn.co.ug	www.centralinn.co.ug
Entebbe Flight Motel	Plot 18-20 Queens Road (Airport Road) P.O. Box 259, Entebbe Uganda	+256 414 320812	entebbeflighthotel@yahoo.com entebbeflighthotel@gmail.com	www.entebbeflighthotel.net

Participants Form

No	Details of participants	
1.	Name:	First name:
2.	Expected arrival :	Flight number:
3.	Expected departure:	Flight number:
4.	Choice of hotel:	
5.	Do you need assistance for entry visa upon arrival?	Yes No
		Yes. If yes, kindly provide passport details below
	<i>Passport number:</i>	
	<i>Issuing authority:</i>	
	<i>Date and place it was issued:</i>	
	<i>Date it will expire:</i>	

Uganda MAP



OVERVIEW Entebbe city

