20TH SESSION OF THE CODEX COMMITTEE ON FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES (CCFFV)

2ND – 6TH OCTOBER 2017, IMPERIAL ROYALE HOTEL, KAMPALA, UGANDA

Date and Location

- The 20th Session of the Codex Committee on Fresh Fruits and Vegetables (CCFFV) will be held from Monday, 2nd through Friday, 6th October 2017 in Kampala, Uganda. The session will begin at 09:00 hours on Monday, 2nd October 2017.
- Onsite Registration facilities will be open on Sunday, 1st October 2017 from 08:00 to 18:00 and on Monday, 2nd October 2017 from 8:00 to 16:00 hours.
- All meetings, registrations and other side events will take place at the venue hotel.
- Name badges will be distributed at the registration desk outside the plenary room.
- Delegates are requested to wear name badges visibly in order to gain admittance to the Hotel and plenary room.
- Delegates are requested to bring their own documents to the meeting.
- The Session will be conducted in English, French and Spanish.

ONLINE PRE-REGISTRATION

Delegates are invited to pre-register through the Online Registration System (ORS) which is available on the codex website. We encourage delegates to register early using the following link:

http://www.fao.org/fao-who-codexalimentarius/login/en/

Your Codex Contact Point (CCP) has been provided a username and password for the system. Please contact your CCP for assistance on registering online.

The venue for the session is the Imperial Royale Hotel, Plot No. 7, Kintu Road, P.O. Box. 4236, Kampala, Tel: +256 417 111001

http://www.imperialhotels.co.ug/ImperialRoyaleHotel.html

IMPERIAL ROYALE HOTEL

Special CCFFV Rates

CCFFV rates are only available until 1st September 2017!

- A number of rooms have been reserved for September 30th – October 12th 2017
- All rates include daily breakfast & complimentary internet in the guest rooms
- Double occupancy is billed at an additional USD 40 to cover the second breakfast
- Airport pick up and drop charged at USD 80 two way

Deluxe room (Single) from USD 120/Night
Executive room (Single) from USD 140/Night
Executive suites (Single) from USD 180/Night

***Rates inclusive of taxes**

*Book **early** to reserve your room!*

The hotel rates are negotiated. While reserving a room please quote "CODEX 2017"

Hotel reservation: Email to reservations@irh.co.ug with copy to imperialhotels@hoteleg.com

Contact: Sales and Marketing Head - +256 772 417016

Visa information

- Uganda visas may be obtained at Uganda missions abroad or on arrival at the ports of entry in the country.
- If you are travelling on your official passport, please contact the nearest Ugandan embassy to determine the visa requirements
- Please ensure that you submit your visa paperwork well in advance in order to allow sufficient time for processing the visa application
- Online visa application is recommended using the link: https://visas.immigration.go.ug/
- Visa upon arrival is available at Entebbe International Airport
- Ordinary visa entry cost for single entry is USD 50.
- If you are a citizen and you hold a passport from countries which are exempted from Visa requirement, you do not need an entry visa (see list of exempted countries)
- All travelers to the Republic of Uganda **MUST** have a valid Yellow Fever Immunization card.

List of Visa exempted countries

COMESA

Angola
Eritrea
Malawi
Madagascar
Seychelles
Swaziland
Zambia
Comoros
Kenya
Mauritius
Zimbabwe
Botswana

East African Community

Tanzania
Rwanda
Burundi
Kenya

Others

Antigua
Barbados
Fiji
Grenada
Lesotho
Sierra Leone
Solomon Islands, The Grenadines
Vanuatu
Ghana
Cyprus
Bahamas
Belize
Gambia
Jamaica
Malta
Singapore
St. Vincent-Tonga
Ireland
Libya

Airport Information

Entebbe International Airport (IATA: **EBB**, ICAO: **HUEN**) is the principal international airport of Uganda. It is near the town of Entebbe, on the shores of Lake Victoria, and about 41 km (25 mi) by road south-west of the central business district of Kampala, the capital and largest city of Uganda.

Taxis

Finding a taxi at the Airport in Entebbe is quite easy. It is advisable to take taxis that are registered and have office points at the arrival terminal at the airport.

Airport Transfer

Transportation between the airport and Kampala city is provided by taxis and a number of airport shuttles. It is recommended to take only those taxis offered by registered companies at the airport arrivals area.

Language

Uganda is a multilingual nation, but the official language is English.

Time Zone

Kampala, Uganda is EAT or GMT +3

Sunrise is around 06:00 and sunset is around 19:00 hours

Currency

The national currency is the Uganda shilling. You can change most currencies at banks or Foreign Exchange Bureaus.

Climate

- Daily temperatures fluctuate between lows of 18 °C (64 °F) to 24 °C (75 °F) and highs of 26 °C (79 °F) to 32 °C (90 °F)
- Skies are generally clear, especially during day time, however there may be occasional high clouds.
- Sunsets are very colourful.

Taxes and Tips

- Uganda has a value added tax rate of 18%. Once you have purchased an item, always ask for a receipt.
- When tipping in a restaurant, it is recommended to leave a tip between 5-10%. Tipping is not mandatory but acceptable for a good service.
- It is not custom in Uganda to give a tip to the taxi driver.

Credit cards and ATMs

- ATMs are found in most parts in Kampala city as well as the airport.
- ATMs are linked to international Plus networks such as Visa, MasterCard, Maestro, UnionPay
- You can use a bank or credit card as long as you have a four digit PIN.

Internet service

- Free Wi-Fi internet service will be available in the Conference room and lobby.
- In general, you won't have any problems with day-to-day tasks such as emailing and surfing the web.

Electrical current

- Electricity in Uganda is at between 220 and 240 Volts and 50 Hertz (cycles per second).
- Electrical sockets (outlets) in Uganda are the "Type G" British BS-1363 type.
- If your appliance's plug doesn't match the shape of these sockets, you will need a travel plug adapter in order to plug in.

Shopping

- Within minutes of the conference venue, there are variety of shopping centers and Uganda original gift shops. Just book for the taxi from your hotel that will drive you there in case you cannot take a healthy walk.
- You will be amazed by the huge variety of shopping facilities Kampala has to offer.
- You can shop at traditional fruit and vegetable markets, craft shops, downtown shops and arcades or modern supermarkets.
- For clothes you have the choice between numerous fancy boutiques, department stores, street markets and everything in between.
- Unique Ugandan craftsmanship as well as souvenirs can be found at the African village crafts centre on Buganda road in the heart of Kampala.
- Most department stores are open Monday through Sunday from 10:00 – 21:00 hours.

Kampala is a very diverse cosmopolitan city full of ancient history, but also very modern. Originally built on 7 hills, it has experienced tremendous growth over the years not only in spatial coverage and population but also in stature. Kampala is an amazing melting pot of different Ugandan and international cultures and traditions.

Alternative Hotel options

Hotel Africana

- Bed and Breakfast: USD 105 taxes included. Extra person charged USD 30.
- Airport pick up and drop: USD 50 two way
- 4 star Hotel located approximately 1.2 km from the meeting venue.
- www.hotelafricana.com
- To make a reservation, send email to reservations@hotelafricana.com / fom@hotelafricana.com
- Tel: +256 414 777500

Mackinnon Suites Hotel

- Bed and Breakfast: USD 120 taxes inclusive for a full suite (room, dinning room and kitchenette). Extra person charged USD 20.
- Airport pick up and drop: USD 50 two way
- 3 star Hotel located approximately 200 m from the meeting venue.
- www.mackinnonsuites.com
- To make a reservation, send email to gm@mackinnonsuites.com
- Tel: +256 414 259953

Hotel Ruch

- Bed and Breakfast: USD 80 taxes inclusive (Deluxe A/C). Extra person charged USD 20.
- Airport pick up and drop USD 60 two way
- 3 star Hotel located approximately 200 m from the meeting venue.
- www.hotelruch.com
- To make a reservation, send email to: reservations@hotelruch.com
- Tel: +256 312 210110

Serena Hotel, Kampala

- Bed and Breakfast: USD 323 taxes inclusive. Double occupancy.
- Airport pick up and drop USD 90 two way
- 5 star Hotel located approximately 100 m from the meeting venue
- To make a reservation, send email to: reservations@serena.co.ug

Sheraton Hotel

- Bed and Breakfast: USD 226 taxes inclusive.
- Airport pick up and drop USD 90 two way
- 5 star Hotel located approximately 300 m from the meeting venue
- To make a reservation, send email to: reservation@sheratonkampala.com
- Tel: +256 312 322315

Golf Course Hotel

- Bed and Breakfast: USD 163 taxes inclusive. Extra person charged USD 30.
- Airport pick up and drop USD 60 two way
- 4 star Hotel located approximately 1 km from the meeting venue
- www.golfcoursehotel.com
- To make a reservation, send email to: gm@golfcoursehotel.com, Tel: +256 414 563500

Restaurants and cafeterias

Roots restaurant

- Offering some of the tasty local cuisines such as Malakwang (Hibiscus leaves and sesame paste), Filinda (fresh beans boiled and mashed, cow ghee, tomatoes and onions) and Mushroom in Groundnut Luwombo
- Continental dishes served on order
- Working hours: 7 am to midnight
- Located on Plot 20A/20B, Akii-Bua Road, Nakasero, Kampala

Café Javas

Offering a variety of cold and hot beverages with numerous snacks
Located on Kampala road opposite the main post office and Oasis mall

KFC

Offering a variety of fast foods most especially fries and chicken
Located at various malls in Kampala including Oasis mall, Acacia mall, Forest mall and Bugolobi village mall

Uganda, a country "Gifted by Nature" recently ranked by the CNN as the 5th best destination in the world is characterised by some of the most diverse and unique assemblage of pristine eco-systems, scenic physical features, water bodies, variety of flora and fauna species and a fast and vibrant stable economy.

Delegates, find time after the meeting to discover Uganda as Winston Churchill's fascination and observation of the country as the "Pearl of Africa" stand true to the test of time.

Places to visit

River Nile

Uganda “the pearl of Africa” is home to the world’s longest river (river Nile). The source of the Nile is located in Jinja town approximately 80 km East of Kampala city.

Murchison falls National Park

Located in north western Uganda approximately 260 km from Kampala city. The park spreads inland from the shores of lake Albert up to the Karuma Falls. “***Murchison fall is arguably the world’s most powerful water fall in terms of force***”.

Uganda museum

The biggest museum in East Africa located in Kampala city approximately 4 km from the city center.

Places to visit

Water rafting on the Nile

Experience one of the wildest marine activity right here in the Pearl of Africa right at the source of the Nile (the longest river in the world) and you'll truly experience and conquer these wild waters whilst bouncing on and off the untamed river.

Queen Elizabeth National Park

- Park with diverse ecosystems, home to tree climbing leopards, buffalos and lions.
- Located in western Uganda approximately 380 km from Kampala city.

Kidepo National Park

- Kidepo ranks among Africa's finest wildernesses. From Apoka, in the heart of the national park, a savanna landscape extends in all directions, far beyond the gazetted area of 1,442 km^2, towards the horizons outlined by distant mountain ranges.
- Kidepo is located approx. 450 km from Kampala City.

Places to visit

Bwindi impenetrable national park

- Home to the endangered mountain gorillas.
- The park is inhabited by about 340 gorillas which makes up almost "***half of the world's mountain gorillas***".
- The park is located approximately 460 km in Kanungu District, south western Uganda.

Lake Mburo National Park

- Home to 350 bird species as well as zebra, impala, eland, buffalo, waterbuck, leopard, hippo, hyena, topi and reedbuck.
- Located in western Uganda approximately 240 km from Kampala city.

Kasubi tombs

- A UNESCO world heritage site where four kings of the Buganda kingdom are buried.
- It is located just 7 km from Kampala city center.

Places to visit

Uganda Martyrs' Shrine, Namugongo

- 24 Catholic Uganda Martyrs were killed between 1885, 1887 and 1918, 13 of the martyrs were burnt to death at Namugongo.
- The 22 martyrs were beatified by Pope Benedict XV on 6th June 1920 and canonized by Pope Paul VI on 18th October 1964 while the two were beatified by Pope John Paul II on 20th October 2002.
- Uganda Martyrs Shrine is located in Namugongo, approximately 13 km from Kampala city centre.

Uganda National Mosque

- The Uganda National Mosque located in the Old Kampala area completed in 2006 with a capacity of 15,000 worshipers
- Its located approximately 3 km from Kampala city centre

Namirembe Cathedral

- St Paul's Cathedral Namirembe is the oldest Cathedral in Uganda opened in 1919 and serves as the provincial cathedral for the church of Uganda, Anglican communion.
- It is located approximately 4 km west of Kampala central business district.

Rubaga Cathedral

- St Mary's Cathedral Rubaga, is the parent cathedral of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Kampala, the oldest Roman Catholic diocese in Uganda consecrated in 1925.
- It is the home church of Archbishop of Kampala.
- It is located approximately 3 km west of the Kampala city centre.

Questions

For any additional questions on the 20th Codex Committee on Fresh Fruits and Vegetables, please contact the CCFFV Secretariat on the following email addresses:

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We look forward to seeing you in Kampala, Uganda.