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## SEVENTEENTH SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE ON INLAND FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE OF AFRICA

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Banjul, the Gambia – 09 to 11 May 2017

### INFORMATION NOTE

## INTRODUCTION

At the kind invitation of the Government of the Republic of Gambia the Seventeenth Session of the Seventeenth Session of the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture of Africa (CIFAA) will be held in Banjul, The Gambia, from 09 to 11 May 2017. The 17th Session of CIFAA will be held at the Kairaba Beach Hotel in Banjul. The Opening Ceremony is scheduled for Monday 09 May 2017 at 09.30 a.m.

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 Banjul, The Gambia.

## REGISTRATION:

Registration will take place on Monday 09 May 2017 from 08.30 to 09.30 a.m. at the Conference Hall at Kairaba Beach Hotel.

## DOCUMENTS

The session documents will be made available to participants in English and French. They will be sent out before the session and posted on the [CIFAA 17 share folder](#) as and when available. Delegates are kindly requested to take their own documents to the meeting since very few copies will be available during the sessions.

## VISA AND IMMIGRATION REQUIREMENTS

In order to enter the Republic of The Gambia, all visitors must have a valid passport and evidence of Yellow fever vaccination. Entry visas must be obtained by all participants in their country of origin, except the countries that do not require entry visas to The Gambia. Where there is no Gambian diplomatic

representative, participants shall have the possibility to obtain entry visa at the Banjul International Airport upon arrival. In such cases participants should inform the organizers of the meeting in advance i.e. two weeks before arrival in Banjul, and as well as Fax and email their passport reference as soon as possible to the National Coordination Office. Participants from ECOWAS Countries do not require entry visa.

The Department of Immigration in collaboration with the organizational committee of the session, will provide an information and protocol desk at the Banjul International Airport to facilitate entry and departure formalities for participants.

## **CUSTOMS AND EXCISE**

The Gambia has strict laws on the import and export of illegal and narcotic drugs. Visitors may enter The Gambia with 200 cigarettes or 50 Cigars/cigarettes or mixed prorated of 250g of other mixed tobacco, 1 litre of spirits plus 1 litre of wine. Travelers in possession of prescription drugs should show proof of their prescription, such as labeled containers. It is against the law for visitors to photograph or film government buildings, including airport, military installation or embassies due to security concerns. Press equipment are allowed into the country temporarily, provided an exhaustive list of such equipment are submitted to the coordinating office on time.

## **LOCAL TRANSPORTATION**

The Delegates will be collected from the airport to their respective hotels and where necessary to the session venue at the Kairaba Beach Hotel.

## **HOTEL ACCOMMODATION**

Participants shall pay for their accommodation in the hotels of their choice. Preliminary arrangements have been made to support participants with accommodation bookings at their expense in various hotels provided they send their request to the Coordination Office. The organizing committee has identified hotels with working distance to the workshop venue. See hereunder the attached list of selected hotels, room types, rates and contact details. Payment is in the following currencies Dalasi, US Dollar or Euro and preferably in cash.

## **CURRENCY**

The Gambia's currency, the Dalasi, is freely convertible but not widely available outside the country. The Gambia has a cash economy and visitors should carry sufficient currency to cover all expenses for their visit. Visitors can exchange currency in Banks, the Airport, and Exchange Bureaus and in some major hotels in different locations. Exchange rates depend on the Central Bank rates of the particular day.

## **CONFERENCE VENUE**

The CIFA meeting will be held at:

**Kairaba Beach Hotel**

Tel.: +220 446 1410/446 2940/1/2

Fax: +220 446 2947

Email: [conference@kairabahotel.com](mailto:conference@kairabahotel.com)

Website: [www.kairabahotel.com](http://www.kairabahotel.com)

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## PROPOSED HOTELS

<b>Hotels</b>	<b>Tariff</b>	<b>Contact</b>
<b>Senegambia Beach Hotel</b> Single Standard Room Single Superior Room (New)	\$75.00 / night \$100.00	<a href="mailto:info@senegambiahotel.com">info@senegambiahotel.com</a> +220-2000348 +220-4463811 +220-2000324
<b>Kairaba Beach Hotel</b> Single Standard Room Single Deluxe Room	\$100.00 \$120.00	<a href="mailto:reservations@kairabahotel.com">reservations@kairabahotel.com</a> +220-7443381 +220-4462941/2
<b>Seaview Garden Hotel</b> Standard Deluxe Suites	\$35.00 / night \$50.00 / night	<a href="mailto:reservations@seaviewgardenshotel.com">reservations@seaviewgardenshotel.com</a> +220-4466660/1
<b>Djembe Beach Resort</b> Single Standard Room	D1600.00	<a href="mailto:info@djemberesort.com">info@djemberesort.com</a> +220-2026200 +220-7991648
<b>Bamboo Hotel</b> Single Standard Room	D1600.00	<a href="mailto:reservations@bamboohotel.gm">reservations@bamboohotel.gm</a> +220-4463081
<b>Sunset Beach Hotel</b> Single Standard Room	D2600.00	<a href="mailto:reservations@sunsetbeachhotel.gm">reservations@sunsetbeachhotel.gm</a> +220-4466397 +220-7145500