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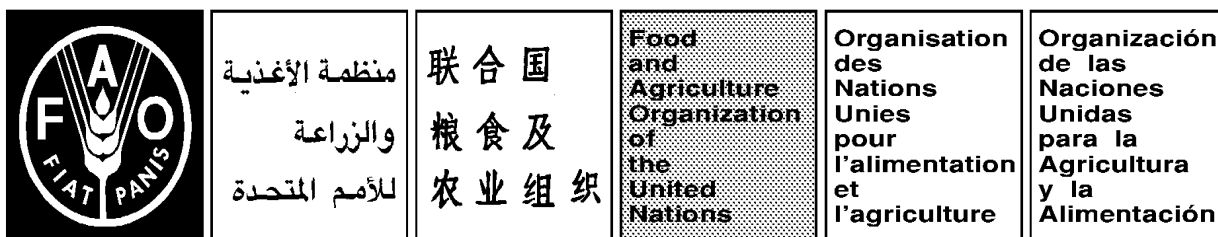
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AFRICAN COMMISSION ON AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS

Twenty-Second Session

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 30th November – 3rd December 2011

INFORMATION NOTE



**22nd Session of the African Commission on Agricultural Statistics (AFCAS)
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 30th November – 3rd December 2011**

GENERAL INFORMATION

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 Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

2. Venue and date

The 22nd Session of the African Commission on Agricultural Statistics (AFCAS) will be held at the «UNECA» conference room, Addis Ababa from the 30th November to 3rd December 2011. The Session will be preceded by two technical workshops of which details will be finalized shortly, scheduled for the same venue, from the 28th to 29th November 2011.

3. Registration

Registration of participants will take place at the Front Desk of the UNECA conference hall:

Workshop: Monday 28th November 2011, between 8h00 and 9h00.
The opening ceremony begins at 9h00.

AFCAS: Wednesday 30th December 2011, between 8h00 and 9h00
The opening ceremony begins at 9h00.

4. Technical documents for the meetings

The technical documents related to this session will be available from 15th November 2011 onwards at the following Website: <http://www.fao.org/africa/regional-commissions/africa-commission-on-agricultural-statistics/en/>

5. Organization of the meetings

The Government of Ethiopia, through the Central Statistics Agency (CSA) of Ethiopia and the Ministry of Agriculture, is committed to provide the required equipment for the holding of these meetings and ensure the transport for participants through a shuttle system between the Airport and the Hotel. You will find the list of Hotels where bookings can be made for

participants at the Annex. Transportation will also 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 **November 10th 2011**. 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 passport and a valid entry visa before travelling to Ethiopia. Participants are therefore kindly requested to contact the Ethiopian Diplomatic Mission as soon as possible to obtain a visa.

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

List of Ethiopian embassies covering many countries.

List of Countries where Ethiopian Embassy/ Agent is available around the World

No	Capital Cities (Name of Embassies)	Country	Remark
1	Abidjan	Côte d'Ivoire	
2	Abuja	Nigeria	
3	Accra	Ghana	
4	Ankara	Turkey	
5	Beijing	China	
6	Berlin	Germany	
7	Brazil	Brazil	
8	Brussels	Belgium	
9	Cairo	Egypt	
10	Dakar	Senegal	
11	Djibouti	Djibouti	
12	Dublin	Ireland	
13	Harare	Zimbabwe	
14	Havana	Cuba	
15	Kampala	Uganda	
16	Khartoum	Sudan	
17	Kuwait	Kuwait	
18	London	United Kingdom	
19	Moscow	Russian	
20	Nairobi	Kenya	
21	Delhi	India	
22	Paris	France	
23	Pretoria	S. Africa	
24	Rome	Italy	

25	Riyadh	S. Arabia	
26	Sana'a	Yemen	
27	Mogadishu	Somalia	
28	Tel-Aviv	Israel	
29	Tokyo	Japan	
30	Washington	USA	
Permanent Messenger			
1	Geneva	Switzerland	
2	New York	USA	
Preventative Agent			
1	Beirut	Lebanon	
2	Dubai	UAE	
3	Frankfurt	Germany	
4	Jeddah	S. Arabia	
5	Juba	S. Sudan	
6	Stockholm	Sweden	
7	Ottawa	Canada	
8	Los Angeles	USA	

Exceptionally, for participants who could not transit through a neighbouring country situated far away or which is off their itinerary, an exemption has been made for them to be given their visa on arrival in Ethiopia. An invitation letter from the National Coordination of the 22nd 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 Addis. For that purpose, request must be sent to the National Coordinator early to obtain this invitation letter.

Vaccinations – No vaccination is required before traveling to Ethiopia.

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

8. Welcoming delegates

Delegates who have earlier communicated as expected their Flight itinerary (Flight number, Arrival time) will be welcomed at Bole International Airport in Addis on arrival. Transport will be provided from the Airport to their Hotel.

Unfortunately, participants who did not communicate their arrival details to the organizers can not be welcomed at the Airport and would have to find their own way to their Hotel

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 Ethiopian Birr.

The exchange rate @ September 2011, for information only:

- 1 Dollar US = 16.96 Birr
- 1 Euro = 23.41 Birr

10. Hotel reservations

The workshops and the AFCAS Secretariats will be situated at the premises of UNECA. The address of UNECA is:

**United Nations
Economic Commission for Africa (UN-ECA)
P.O. Box 3005
Addis Ababa - Ethiopia
Tel. +251-11-544-5201**

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

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 meetings. Delegates are therefore required to wear them to facilitate the work for the Organisers.

12. Introduction of the host country

Area: 1.13 million sq km (437,794 sq miles)

Population: 82,101,998 (projection based on the 2007 census).

Capital City: Addis Ababa

People: Oromo 34.49%, Amhara 26.89%, Southern peoples and nationalities (Gurage Sidama/Walaita/Others) 8.85%, Somali 6.20%, Tigray 6.07%, Others (combined smaller ethnic groups) 17.5% (based on the 2007 census).

Language(s): Amharic, Tigrinya, Afan Oromo, Southern languages (eg Guragigna, Sidaminga), Somali, Arabic, other local dialects and English (the major foreign language taught in schools).

Religion(s): Orthodox Christianity 40.5%, Protestant 19.6%, Islam 35.4%, traditional 3.1%; Catholic 0.8%; others 0.7% (based on the 2007 census)

Head of State: (President) Girma WoldeGiorgis (with little formal power)

Prime Minister: Meles Zenawi (with full executive powers)

Foreign Minister: Hailemariam Dessalegn

Membership of international groupings/organizations: United Nations, African Union (AU), Inter-Governmental Authority on Development (IGAD), Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA).

GEOGRAPHY

Ethiopia is twice the size of France. It shares borders with Djibouti, Eritrea, Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan and Sudan. It is landlocked. It is divided into nine regions plus the capital, Addis Ababa, and the city administration of Dire Dawa.

HISTORY

Ethiopia is the oldest independent country in Africa. It resisted colonization by Italy and achieved international recognition in 1896 as a traditional monarchy, led by Emperor Menelik II. For much of the 20th century Ethiopia was ruled by Haile Selassie, crowned as Emperor in 1930 and his long rule ended with the Ethiopian Revolution of 1974.

Colonel Mengistu Haile Mariam emerged as the leader of the Provisional Military Administrative Council (known as the Derg) in 1977 which became a brutal Marxist dictatorship. Ethiopia was wracked by civil war for most of the Derg period, including a secessionist war in the northern province of Eritrea, an irredentist war with Somalia, and regional rebellions - notably in Tigray and Oromia. The population experienced massive human rights abuse and intense economic hardship, including acute famine in 1984-5. The Derg was overthrown in May 1991 by the Ethiopian Peoples' Revolutionary Democratic Front (EPRDF).

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 Single Room	Breakfast Included	TV channel	Internet in Bedroom	Mini Bar	Safe box	Swimming pool	Shuttle	Others
Intercontinental Addis Hotel	*****	\$ 101	yes	DSTV channel	Yes/free	yes	yes	yes	Yes 5\$ per trip	Gymnasium, Sauna, Jacuzzi
Jupiter International Hotel	*****	\$ 90	yes	DSTV channel	Yes/free	yes	yes	no	Yes free	Gymnasium, Sauna, steam
Hotel De-Leopol International	****	\$ 55	Yes	DSTV	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	

Name of Hotel	Telephone	Fax	e-mail	Website
Intercontinental Addis Hotel	+251115180444	+251 115540090	Info@intercontinentaladdis.com.et	www.intercontinentaladdis.com.et
Jupiter International Hotel	+251 115527333	+251 115526418	info@jupiterinternationalhotel.com	www.jupiterinternationalhotel.com
Hotel De-Leopol international	+251 115507777	+251 115531466	info@hoteldeleopolint.com	www.hoteldeleopolint.com

NB: Deadline for reservation:

- Intercontinental Addis Hotel: 30 October 2011
- Jupiter International Hotel: 30 October 2011
- Hotel De-Leopol international: 30 October 2011

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>	