



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON EDUCATION AND RESTITUTION

THEME: The Past, The Present, and the Future: Afrofuturism and Africa's Development

INFORMATION BULLETIN

Accra, Ghana
30 Aug – 1 Sept 2022

TRAVEL

Invitation letters for participants wishing to physically participate in this Conference will be issued under the signature of the Chair of the Planning Committee of the International Conference on Education and Restitution to facilitate visa processing. Each participant is responsible for covering the cost of travel to and from Ghana and the cost of accommodation as well as other hotel expenses (laundry, phone calls, secretarial services, etc.) incurred during their stay in Ghana.

Group lunches and tea/coffee services will be covered on the stated conference days only.

VISA

Your passport must be valid for the duration of your stay in Ghana. In most cases, the passport's expiry date should be at least six (6) months prior to the travel date.

Visa requirements should be confirmed with the travel office in your country of departure. Participants traveling on National passports are advised to obtain a Ghana visa before departure.

Guidelines for acquiring a Ghana visa can be found at: <https://visacentral.com/ghana-visa> but please make further inquiries at the Ghana Embassy or Higher Commission in your country of origin. The following are guides:

Traveling from the UK: <https://www.ghanahighcommissionuk.com/Passports/VisaApplication.aspx>

Traveling from the USA: <https://ghanaembassydc.org/visa/>

HEALTH

From Monday 28th March 2022, fully vaccinated travelers into Ghana will not take PCR tests from the country of embarkation to allow them entry into the country through the Kotoka International Airport (KIA), and will not be tested on arrival.

Citizens and foreign residents in Ghana, who are not fully vaccinated, would, however, need to provide a negative PCR test result of not more than 48-hours, will undergo an antigen test upon arrival at KIA, and will be offered vaccination there. All travelers who arrive in Ghana to undergo this antigen test will do so at their own cost.

Yellow fever, hepatitis A and B, typhoid malaria, and other vaccine-preventable diseases are present in Ghana. Vaccinations should be administered ten days before travel. A yellow fever vaccination is also required for Ghana, and proof of vaccination would be required at the airport.

Indeed, you need a Health Declaration to enter the country. A Health Declaration Form must be filled not more than three days before traveling.

Visit: <https://www.ivisa.com/ghana-health-declaration-form>
<https://myfrontierhealthcare.com/>
<https://www.ghs-hdf.org/>

The following guidelines shall apply:

- + Payment must be made online.
- + Passengers are required to make the online payment at least 48hrs prior to departure time.
- + Proof of payment (receipt) shown to Airline before boarding.
- + Children under 5 years of age are exempted from testing.
- + Children between the ages of 5-12 years will be tested free of charge upon arrival at KIA.

The following fees **may** apply:

- + Ghanaians and Ecowas Citizens - \$50
- + All Other Passengers - \$150

ARRIVAL

Arrangements will be made for all participants to be met on arrival at the Kotoka International Airport by the Planning Committee Kindly send the flight details of your round trip to and from Ghana to the Local Organising Committee well in advance but not later than Wednesday 17th August 2022 for the necessary transport arrangements to be made on time and for your hotel room reservations. Airport pick-up services cannot be guaranteed if flight details are not supplied.

The KIA offers free Wifi internet services and in the event that you need to use a vehicle from the Airport to the African Regent Hotel, it is advised that you use an UBER or YANGO or BOLT that will charge you the local rates (in Ghana cedis). You may also use the registered cabs registered with the Airport Authorities. The charges will range between USD20-25 to the Hotel.

Please ask for and keep your receipts as well.

ACCOMMODATION

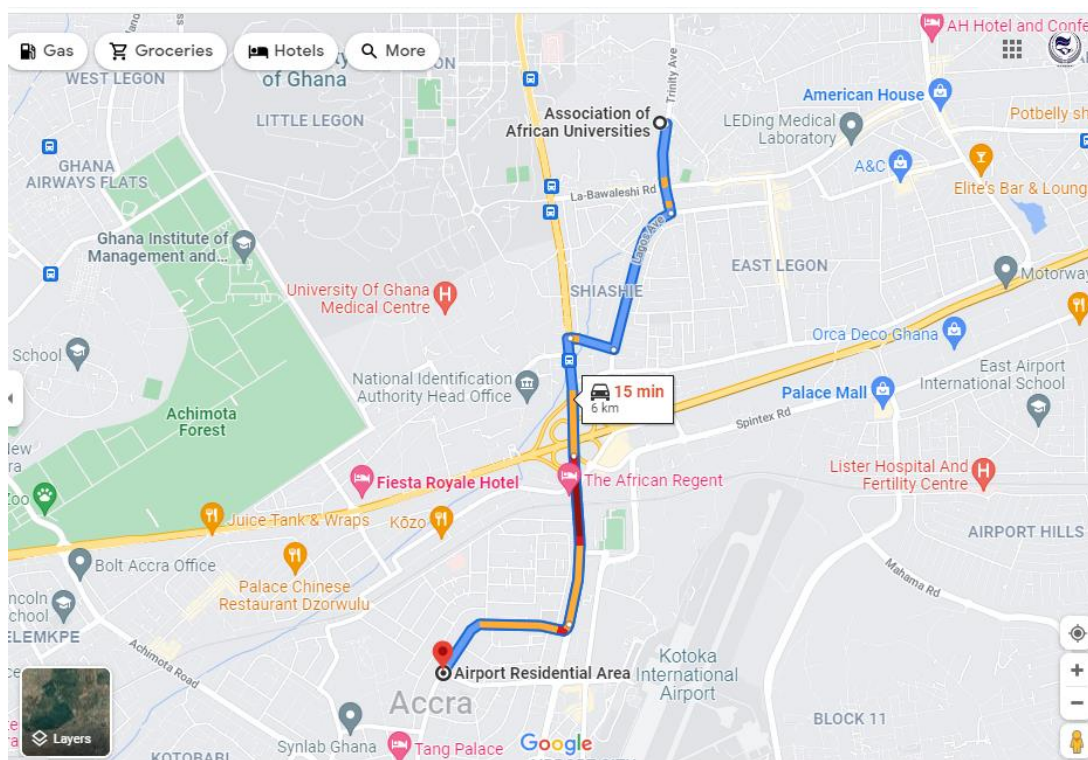
SECRETARIAT

The AAU will set up a Secretariat within the meeting venues. The contacts of the Local Organising Committee members are as follows:

ASSOCIATION OF AFRICAN UNIVERSITIES		
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VENUES OF THE MEETING

The conference will be held at the Secretariat of the Association of African Universities (AAU), which is located on Trinity Avenue, East Legon, Accra and next to Ghana Tertiary Education Commission (GTEC) from 30 August to 1 September 2022. The AAU Secretariat is 6 kilometers away from the Kotoka International Airport and some 15 minutes' drive during off-peak periods of the day. The Secretariat is also about 5 minutes' drive away from the University of Ghana main campus at Legon.



Participants are expected to arrive by the evening of Monday, 29th August 2022.

Surrounding amenities of the meeting venue include: the Accra Shopping Mall, the University of Ghana main campus and the University of Ghana Medical Centre.

ACCOMMODATION

The East Legon vicinity where the Conference will be holding is dotted with a chain of hotels and guest houses that meets the expectations of various stakeholders. Please visit: <https://www.reservations.com/Hotels/east-legon-ghana> to select the facility of your choice and notify the Local Organising Committee for the necessary background checks for you.

DIET

If you have any special dietary needs e.g., vegetarian, non-smoking, doctor's orders etc., please advise the hotel on check-in so that they can accommodate your needs for the duration of your stay.

It is inadvisable to drink tap water. Eating street food may also present a health risk.

LOCAL CURRENCY & FOREIGN EXCHANGE

The basic unit of currency is the Ghana Cedi (GHs), which is more or less equivalent to (US\$1= GHs7.6). The commercial banks and Forex Bureaux provide exchange facilities. Most banks are open between 08.30 and 16:00 GMT from Monday to Friday, and between 09.00 and 11.00 GMT on Saturdays. Most ATM machines dotted across the city dispense cash 24/7 and they take visa cards.

For those who may need Ghana currency immediately on arrival, the Forex Bureaux at the Kotoka International Airport are open 24 hours. You can also exchange money at the Hotel, but the rates are less favourable compared to the Forex Bureaux.

WEATHER

Daily high temperatures in August are around 90°F, rarely falling below 87°F or exceeding 93°F. Daily low temperatures are around 79°F, rarely falling below 76°F or exceeding 81°F.

PERSONAL SECURITY

Be alert and vigilant at all times. Do not carry or display large sums of money when shopping and do not accept food and drink from strangers. It is also advisable to contact the AAU Secretariat when moving around the city. Like other big cities in the world, crime rate in and around Accra is countered by security presence at different parts of the city.

COMMUNICATION

SIM cards and airtime for your cell phones are locally available. The cost of sim card is about US\$1 but registering a sim card would require registration with a national identification card.

ELECTRICAL VOLTAGE

In Accra, the electrical voltage is between 220 and 240. Please bring your converters if your personal electrical devices and equipment are 110 volts.

FIRST AID & EMERGENCY NUMBERS

The nearest medical center to the AAU is the University of Ghana Medical Centre and the University of Ghana Hospital.

For non-emergencies, you can contact the Local Organising Committee members.