



Information Sheet for Participants at the UNIDO Ghana Investment Forum in Accra, Ghana, November 18 – 20, 2003

Visa

A valid passport is required for all travelers into Ghana. Ghanaian diplomatic missions abroad will assist in issuing individual or group visas where necessary.

In order to ensure smooth entry, participants should provide passport details (number, date of issue, date of expiry, place of issue) and flight details to UNIDO

Accommodation/ Venue

On request, we can make a hotel reservation for you at the La-Palm Royal Beach Hotel in Accra, where the forum will take place:

Location: No 1 Bypass - Accra
Post: P.O. BOX OS 3000
Osu - Accra - GHANA
Tel: +233 21 771700/771666
Tel: +233 21 701-0353
Fax: +233 21 771717
Email: enquiries@la-palm.com

The rates (including taxes/breakfast) are:

Single room \$125.00
Double room \$145.00

For more information on the hotel and its facilities please visit:

<http://www.gbghana.com/lapalm.html>

Participants may also make their own alternative arrangements for accommodation. Payment of room charge and any other expenses incurred should be settled directly with the hotel by the participants.

Conference Fee

Participation in the Investment Forum is free of charge.

Flights

Participants are advised to arrive in Accra one or two days prior to the Forum and book flights accordingly. Travel expenses will not be compensated by UNIDO.

Transportation

Transportation will be provided from/ to the airport and for factory and facility visits as requested. Persons arriving up to two days before the Forum and departing later than two days afterwards should make their own transportation/ transfer arrangements.



Telephone, Fax, Email

Modern and efficient mail, telex, telephone, fax, and Internet facilities are available in Accra and most regional capitals of Ghana.

Overseas telephone calls from Ghana can be made by dialling 00 followed by the country and city codes. The international country code for Ghana is 233.

Postal services are available in all the regions of the country. Ghana Post, DHL and FedEx offer specialized dispatch and delivery services.

Electricity

220 volts AC, 50Hz; usually three-pin plugs. Single phase three-pin plugs are used in larger buildings. Older buildings have two-pin plugs. Light bulbs are of the bayonet type.

Banking and Foreign Exchange

Banks and Foreign Exchange Bureaux operate at Accra Airport and in all major towns. Most credit cards and travelers' cheques are accepted, although the rate of exchange may be slightly lower than for a cash transaction. Your card may be used for payment at almost all airline offices, leading hotels and major supermarkets.

Foreign banks in Ghana include Barclays Bank, Standard Chartered, Merchant Bank, Metropolitan and Allied Bank and Ecobank.

The currency of Ghana is the Cedi. Banks and Foreign Exchange Bureaux display current exchange rates daily.

Climate

The climate is tropical but relatively mild for the latitude. The eastern coastal belt is warm and comparatively dry; the southwest corner, hot and humid; and the north, hot and dry. Temperatures range between 21°C and 32°C (70°F - 90°F), relative humidity between 50% and 80%. Rain fall ranges from 30 to 80 inches a year. In most areas, temperatures are highest in March and lowest in August after the rains. The variation between day and night temperatures is relatively small, but greater in the north.

There are two distinct rainy seasons in the south, May-June and August-September. In the north, the rainy seasons tend to merge.

Health

Yellow fever: A yellow fever vaccination certificate is required by all travelers.

Malaria: There is a risk for travelers (predominantly *P. falciparum*) throughout the year in the whole country.

Other vaccines: Depending on your itinerary, your personal health profile, and the length of your visit to Ghana, your medical adviser may offer you vaccination against: hepatitis A and hepatitis B, typhoid, meningococcal meningitis, influenza or a one-time polio booster if you haven't previously received one for travel. Cholera vaccine is not indicated for travelers. Routine immunizations against tetanus/diphtheria or childhood diseases, should be reviewed and updated as needed.



For more information please see:

<http://www.who.int/country/gha/en/>
<http://www.who.int/ith/countrylist05.html#80>

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Also, please note the UNIDO website for the Ghana investment forum:
<http://www.unido.org/ghanaforum>.