

# ABIDJAN Regional Symposium

## “Illegal Migration from West Africa to Europe: What Challenges for ECOWAS Countries?”

**Please, click on the link at the end of the document to register for the symposium**

### Practical information

#### Visa and customs

A passport valid for at least six months and an IVORIAN visa are required to enter the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire. A visitor visa can be obtained from the nearest representation of Côte d'Ivoire (Embassies, High Commissions, Consulates) or other embassies authorized by the Ivory Coast Government to issue visas on their behalf.

Nationals of the Democratic Republic of Congo - DRC do not need a visa to enter the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire: Citizens of ECOWAS Member States are also exempt (Benin, Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Ghana, Gambia, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone and Togo).

**NB: Please note that vaccination against yellow fever is mandatory and that the original vaccination certificate will be required to enter the country.**

#### Travel

International air traffic to Abidjan arrives at Felix Houphouet Boigny International Airport, located in the south of the capital. A reception desk will be set up to receive and guide participants upon their arrival. It will be situated after baggage collection. A shuttle service will also be organized to bring participants to the Seminar venue at NSA Hotel in the town of Grand-Bassam located 30 km from Abidjan.

Metered taxis are available but require negotiation for the passenger. The journey from the airport to the conference venue lasts about 30 minutes.

#### Accommodation

Participants are invited to stay at the hotels suggested by the organizing committee due to the security and traffic conditions. All these hotels are within a 6-minute drive of the meeting venue. Participants not taken into account by the organizers are invited to contact the hotels directly.

#### **Or the Transport and Accommodation Commission:**

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(le SG) **Venue**

The main events, including the inaugural conference and symposium panels will be held at Nsa Bassam Hotel  
Address

<http://www.nsahotel.com/>

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#### **Press Accreditation (national and international media)**

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### **Additional Information**

#### **The languages of the symposium**

French is the official language of the country. It is used for official communication by the government as well as in schools. Côte d'Ivoire hosts 61 other local languages. In the cities of Abidjan and Grand-Bassam, the majority of the inhabitants understand and converse in French.

French will be the official language of the Symposium, with English interpretation available for some sessions.

#### **Climate and clothing**

Ivory Coast is a tropical country and the dry season will have started during the conference. There will be average temperatures between 24 ° C and 31 ° C. Light clothing is therefore recommended.

#### **Currency**

The CFA Franc (FCFA) is the official currency. The average exchange rate is 655,957 FCFA for 1,00 EURO. Foreign currencies can be freely exchanged at the airport as at any foreign exchange office in the country or at certain commercial banks. Most ATMs accept Visa and / or Mastercard.

#### **Power**

The points of sale in Côte d'Ivoire are of French origin. The standard voltage is 220V. A plug adapter and a step-down transformer will be needed when your devices use a lower voltage and / or other type of plug.

#### **Insurance and health**

Participants are advised to take out insurance in their home country to cover cancellations prior to travel for personal reasons, as well as the necessary insurance to cover accidents, medical expenditure and loss of personal belongings during the trip duration of their visit. Before traveling to Côte d'Ivoire, it is strongly recommended to get vaccinated against hepatitis A and B, tetanus, polio, typhoid, meningitis. Being vaccinated against yellow fever is mandatory.

It is recommended to use bottled water and not to consume tap water.

#### **Force majeure**

The Ivorian National Commission for UNESCO and its partners are not responsible for actions for damages and / or losses if the whole symposium must be canceled due to an incident of force majeure in the country.

#### **Warning**

The Ivorian National Commission for UNESCO and its partners are not responsible for damages and / or losses of any kind that may be incurred by participants or any other person accompanying them, during the conference or going to symposium. Participants and delegates are responsible for their own safety and property.