

African Monetary and Economic Sovereignty Conference

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African Union Conference Center, Addis Ababa



WELCOME TO ADDIS ABABA

Addis Ababa (meaning “New Flower” in Amharic) is the capital of Ethiopia. The city is situated at 2,440m above sea-level on a plateau surrounded by hills and mountains. Addis Ababa is Ethiopia's largest city and its administrative and communications center

TIME ZONE GMT +3

EXCHANGE RATE

US\$1 = Birr 104.6038. Ethiopian currency is denominated in "Birr". The country has recently floated its currency and hence exchange rate varies with time.

ARRIVAL

All international flights arrive at Bole International Airport. Bole International Airport (IATA: ADD) is the busiest airport in East Africa and the hub of Ethiopian Airlines and serviced by several international airlines with daily flights to Europe, the United States, and Asia as well as inter-African destinations including Accra, Bamako, Brazzaville, Cairo, Dakar, Dar-es-Salaam, Djibouti, Khartoum, Harare, Johannesburg, Nairobi and many more cities in Africa. The airport is situated eight kilometers from Addis Ababa city Centre. For short stays, using a taxi is advised.

Airport pick-up and drop-off for participants will be provided by Radisson Blu Hotel. Please look for the Hotel's car as you exit the airport. You can also contact the counter within the airport to assist you.

ACCOMMODATION

All participants are booked at Radisson Blu Hotel, Kazanchis, Addis Ababa, +251 115 157 600/+251 115 170 400, reservations.addisababa@radissonblu.com

The meeting will be held at the African Union Conference Center. Transportation to and from the hotel will be provided by the organizers.

CoDA/AU HLP on IFF Secretariat's team will be available to support you in all your needs. Please contact Abel Tesfaye, +251 913 100 088 abelt@africa-union.org or Getachew Teklemariam, +251 911 245 641 alemug@africa-union.org for your needs.

VISA REQUIREMENTS

Delegates and other Participants holding Diplomatic and Service Passports are permitted to enter without a visa if there is a visa waiver agreement between Ethiopia and their respective Countries.

Other participants must complete all immigration procedures to enter Ethiopia. Participants are advised to apply for a visa from Ethiopia Embassies in their proximity to request the visa before departure. Visa can also be applied online using <https://www.evisa.gov.et>

HEALTH

Addis Ababa is located at an altitude of 2,400m above sea level, which may induce altitude sickness in some people. The risks related to altitude sickness are higher for individuals with multiple health problems (comorbidities) and can result in serious health consequences.

Please discuss your health issues with your physician before embarking on the trip. Anyone travelling to Ethiopia from countries in which yellow fever is endemic should be in possession of a valid health certificate as proof of vaccination against yellow fever. Vaccination against cholera is also required for anyone who has visited or transited through a cholera-infected area within six days prior to arrival in Ethiopia. Individuals with chronic medical conditions must bring with them enough medication to last the entire duration of their trip to Ethiopia, as some medications may not be available in the country and thus may not be easily replaced.

MOBILE PHONES

Telephone Dialing National: - +251 + (9-digit telephone number)

International Dialing Code - +251

ICT SERVICES

The Africa Union Conference Center section is setup to provide Internet connectivity to WiFi enabled laptops and personal computers. Participants are welcome to take advantage of these services. Technical support for presentations must be arranged in advance. Please be advised that Blackberry services are not available in Ethiopia.

SECURITY

Addis Ababa is a relatively safe city for conference and meeting activities. The Government of Ethiopia will provide adequate security support at the conference venue and hotels. Participants are advised to remain security-conscious, maintain a low profile, avoid late-night movement, and report any incident to the security team.

While you are at the conference venue, please ensure that you:

- Wear your conference badge visibly and show it to any authorized person who asks to see it.
- Do not leave bags and parcels unattended, as they may be confiscated or destroyed.
- Do not bring unauthorized persons or children into the conference facilities.
- Look after your valuable property.
- Check that you have all your documents and personal items before you leave conference halls and meeting rooms.
- Inform the Security and Safety Service or a security officer on duty if you lose anything valuable.

When you are in your hotel, please follow the following safety advice:

- Lock your door when entering or leaving your hotel room.
- Before leaving, inspect your room to make sure that no money, jewelry, cameras, or other valuables are visible.
- Before you leave your hotel room, deposit valuables and any other important portable items at the reception desk and ask for a receipt or leave them in the safe in your hotel room.
- Should you observe anything suspicious or unusual, please inform the security and safety services or a security officer.

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CURRENCY

The Currency of Ethiopia is Birr. It is divided into 200, 100, 50, 10, 5, 1 banknote and 1, .50 .25, .10, .05, .01 cents. One United States Dollar is approximately equivalent to 104.60 Birr (Differs daily). Major Banks have a cash dispenser (ATM), accepting Visa and Master Card. Foreign currencies can be exchanged at banks only. Banks are open from 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM from Monday to Saturday.

ELECTRICITY

The electric supply is 220-240 volts, 50 cycles AC, accessible via 13amp, two-pin (European) sockets.

FOOD AND DRINK

Coffee was discovered in Ethiopia, in the region of Kaffa, and is widely served after meals and breaks. Ethiopia has a special coffee service ceremony.

The staple of every Ethiopian meal is injera, a spongy pancake-like bread. Injera is made of teff, an ancient grain believed to have originated in Ethiopia between 4,000 BC and 1,000 BC. It is the smallest grain in the world and is rich in calcium, phosphorous, iron, copper, aluminum, barium and thiamine. It is a good source of protein, amino acids, carbohydrates and fiber. It is a great gluten-free option.

LANGUAGE

Ethiopia is a multi-ethnic State with some 83 languages and 200 dialects. Amharic is the working language, while Oromiffa, Tigrigna and Somali are widely spoken

CLIMATE

Addis Ababa has a Subtropical highland climate. The city possesses a complex mix of highland climate zones, with temperature differences of up to 10 °C, depending on elevation and prevailing wind patterns. The high elevation moderates' temperatures year-round, and the city's position near the equator means that temperatures are very constant from month to month.

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Average high °C	23	24	25	24	24	23	21	21	21	22	23	23	23
Average low °C	9	10	12	12	12	11	11	11	11	10	8	8	11
Rainfall mm	17	36	68	89	76	12	25	278	174	41	8	10	1,180
Avg. rainy days	3	5	7	10	10	20	27	26	18	4	1	1	132