



Conference of the Parties

Fifteenth session

Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, 9–20 May 2022

Information for participants

Note by the secretariat

The fifteenth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 15) to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) will be held from 9 to 20 May 2022 in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire. This document contains general information for participants. Additional information will be provided in due course on the UNCCD COP15 webpage¹ and the COP 15 website of the host country.²

1. Secretariat

The secretariat of the UNCCD is headed by the Executive Secretary, Mr. Ibrahim Thiaw, and based in Bonn, Germany, at:

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2. Host country authorities

The Government of Côte d'Ivoire has established an Organizing Committee in charge of preparations for COP 15.

For the most up-to-date information, participants are encouraged to visit the host country COP 15 website.

¹ Please check the following link: <www.unccd.int/cop15>.

² Please check the following link: <<http://unccd-cop15.org>>.



For any additional information, participants may contact:

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3. Venue for the session

COP 15 will be held at Sofitel Abidjan Hotel Ivoire at the following address:

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Côte d’Ivoire
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A high-level opening ceremony comprising a heads of state and government summit, round tables and interactive dialogue sessions among ministers and other high-ranking officials will be organized from 9 to 10 May. The COP 15 session will formally begin on Wednesday 11 May 2022. In preparation for COP 15, regional consultations of affected country Parties of the Convention’s Regional Implementation Annexes will be convened prior to the session from 7 to 8 May 2022 at the same venue.

Working hours will normally be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Meeting rooms will be made available for informal meetings without interpretation services, subject to arrangements being made with the secretariat.

4. Registration

Registration of participants in COP 15 will consist of the following steps:

Submission of request for registration online

A registration page has been designed to accommodate the participants' registration requests for COP 15. They are invited to pre-register from 9 March 2022 at the following link: <<http://www.unccd.int/cop-15-online-registration>>.

In order to facilitate the verification of requests for registration at the conference, all participants are required to upload an official nomination letter confirming their capacity to attend the COP 15 session.

Participants are also required to upload a standard passport photo in order to accelerate on-site registration and badge collection.

Confirmation and validation e-mail

Once the request for online registration has been cleared, the UNCCD secretariat will validate and send a confirmation of pre-registration for COP 15 to participants by e-mail.

On-site registration

Once pre-registered, delegates will be able to finalize their registration on-site and to collect their badges at the conference centre. Participants are to present their passport, including their pre-registration QR code, to the secretariat for badge issuance. The registration desk will be open at the following times:

- Friday 6 May to Sunday 8 May, from 09:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.
- Monday 9 May to Friday 20 May, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and from 1:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Participants are requested to wear their issued identity badges at all times since they are required in order to gain access to the conference centre.

5. Credentials

The credentials of representatives of Parties and the names of alternative representatives and advisors must be issued either by the head of state or government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs. To ensure full participation in the work of the conference, it is recommended that representatives of Parties be provided with full powers to participate in the session and, if necessary, to serve as officers of the COP and its subsidiary bodies, as well as of any committees or working groups of the session.

Credentials must be submitted to the UNCCD secretariat. The Bureau of COP 15 will examine the credentials and report to the session.³ Observer states and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations must also be accredited.

It is strongly recommended that participants send a copy of their credentials to the secretariat in advance, in order to facilitate their registration during the conference:

E-mail: secretariat@unccd.int

6. Information for the media

The accreditation procedure requirements for journalists and representatives of media organizations are different from those of other participants.

The following documentation is required to obtain the invitation letter once you register via the online portal: a duly completed online accreditation form accessible through the conference registration portal; a recent passport-sized photograph; a valid press card; a copy (picture and signature pages) of a passport (for foreign journalists) or national identity card (for local applicants); and a letter of introduction on an official letterhead from the

³ See document ICCD/COP(15)/22, to be issued in-session.

bureau chief, media house or publisher that the journalist represents. For freelance journalists, a letter is required from the media organization assigning them to cover the conference.

Journalists are advised to refer to the press kit provided on the UNCCD media webpage and the COP 15 webpage for updates or changes to these requirements.

For inquiries concerning accreditation or coverage of the event, please contact:

E-mail: Press@unccd.int

For all other media-related issues, please contact:

Ms Wagaki Wischnewski

Tel.: + 49 228 815 2820

E-mail: wwischnewski@unccd.int

7. How to reach the session venue

International flights to Abidjan

Abidjan International Airport or Felix Houphouet-Boigny International Airport is the largest airport in Côte d'Ivoire. It is located in the municipality of Port-Bouet, about 16 kilometres (10 miles) south-east of Abidjan's city centre, on the edge of the Atlantic Ocean.

There are commercial and international flights out of Abidjan International Airport. Over 20 airliners connect to the two terminals. Several daily flights connect Abidjan with other sub-region capitals and intercontinental flights allow passenger traffic between Côte d'Ivoire, Europe, the Middle East and other continents, directly or with a connection.

Transfer services from Abidjan International Airport

Rapid access to different parts of the Ivorian city from the airport is provided by fast boulevards connected by interchanges (Airport Boulevard, Giscard d'Estaing Boulevard, Bassam Express Lane, De Gaulle Boulevard, Boulevard de la Paix). Numerous hotels are available around the airport: business hotels and residences in Abidjan, and tourist hotels in Grand-Bassam and Assinie.

Taxis are available 24 hours a day at Abidjan International Airport. They are recognizable by their orange colour. They have a meter but any ride can be negotiated with the driver before entering the vehicle. Abidjan is a very large city, and the price and the ride time (15 to 40 minutes) depend on the distance to the destination area and on congestion in the streets. Expect to pay XOF 2,000 to XOF 5,000 for a trip from the airport to Le Plateau city centre or Cocody's residential area.

Shuttles and buses: The 'Monbus 6' bus line operated by SOTRA connects the airport with the Sud Plateau station from 5:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased on board the bus and cost XOF 200. Minibus shuttles⁴ set up by hotels run between the airport, the city centre and tourist areas.

Several car rental companies offer their services in Côte d'Ivoire. Some have an office in Abidjan International Airport where a car can be picked up 24 hours a day, and others provide the car upon arrival.

Several companies offer a VIP transport service⁵ at the airport upon request. A comfortable and air-conditioned car or minibus will drive you safely from the airport to your hotel or residence anywhere in the country.

A UNCCD COP 15 information counter will be set up in the 'Arrival' hall of Abidjan International Airport for conference participants. Participants will be presented with a

⁴ Shuttles can be booked at the following link: <https://www.aeroport-abidjan.com/en/int/booking/airport_shuttles.php?lg=en>

⁵ VIP transport services can be booked at the following link: <https://www.aeroport-abidjan.com/en/int/booking/airport_vip_services.php?lg=en>.

welcome pack which includes maps of the city as well as information brochures on the transport network and facilities.

On registration and departure dates, transfer services organized by the host country will be provided on a commercial basis from Abidjan International Airport. Up-to-date information will be made available on the host country's COP 15 website.

How to reach the COP 15 venue

The COP 15 venue, Sofitel Abidjan Hotel Ivoire, is located on the edge of the Ebrié lagoon near the city centre and the business district of Abidjan, and close to the tourist sites of Grand-Bassam and Assinie.

It is easily accessible by taxi/shuttle from Abidjan International airport within 30 mins. Approximate driving distance between Abidjan International Airport and Sofitel Abidjan Hotel Ivoire is 22 km.

Lagoon or bus transportation are public transport alternatives that may be used to reach the Sofitel Abidjan Hotel Ivoire.

Shuttle buses from recommended hotels to the conference venue will be provided by the host country government. Further information on their schedule will be made available on the host country COP 15 website: <<http://unccd-cop15.org>>.

Local transportation in Abidjan

Taxi

In Abidjan, you will find both 'metered taxis' and 'communal taxis'. The former are regular taxis that will take you to your chosen destination while the latter travel on fixed routes within the same municipality. Almost all areas have their own taxis, recognizable by their colour: blue in Yopougon, green in Adjamé and yellow in Cocody. For practical reasons, orange metered taxis are recommended, connecting all destinations. Expect to pay around XOF 2,000 for an average midtown ride.

'Woro-woros' (meaning '60 francs' in Malinke language) are collective taxis (where the ride is shared with other passengers) following fixed routes with precise stops. On Abidjan's main roads, one in five cars is a 'woro-woro'. They are easily recognizable by their yellow colour. An average fare is about XOF 250.

Motorcycle taxis also operate in Abidjan and, although cheap, they are best avoided due to safety concerns.

Bus

The Abidjan Transport Company (SOTRA) is the public transit provider for Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire and its suburbs which manages transit through its bus and water bus fleet. Buses operate along fixed routes in Abidjan, but are often overcrowded and plagued by petty theft, especially at bus stations⁶ (XOF 500 for a one-way ride).

Wibuses offer air conditioning, Wi-Fi and security cameras, with a 32-seat maximum capacity. Six lines run through Cocody from 5.50 a.m. to 8.30 p.m. Fares vary between XOF 300 and XOF 500 depending on the distance.

'Gbaka' are minibuses rearranged to offer more seats. Very popular in Abidjan, the gbaka use an 'apprentice' (also known as 'balanceur' or 'stepper'), hanging out the door of the vehicle to collect fares and pull passengers in and out as quickly as possible. Fares vary from XOF 200 to XOF 350 depending on the destination.

⁶ The main bus routes in Abidjan can be found at the following link: <<https://cote-d-ivoire-streets.openalfa.com/abidjan/bus-routes>>.

Lagoon transportation

This service is provided by the government of Côte d'Ivoire. A real response to the problem of congestion in the city of Abidjan, it serves all the lagoon-fronted municipalities in the district of Abidjan on a daily basis, contributing significantly to transport and the fluidity and mobility of the populations. Ferries link Treichville, Abobo-Doumé and Le Plateau. You may need to book a ticket with SOTRA Tourism⁷, especially during the weekend (one-way tickets are XOF 150). Further information on the service lines, ferry stations, timetable and costs can be found on the lagoon transportation company (STL) website⁸.

8. Accommodation

Participants are responsible for making their own accommodation arrangements and are encouraged to finalize their booking and payment as early as possible.

An indicative list of recommended hotels by the host country for delegates may be found in the Annex to this document. The list of hotels endorsed by the United Nations Department for Safety and Security may be found on the UNCCD COP 15 webpage.

9. Services available for participants at the session venue

Information on medical services and emergency numbers, postal, telephone, fax, photocopying and internet services, catering, cafeterias, bars, banking services, travel agencies and any other additional services available for participants will be published in the official journal of the session and on the host country COP 15 website.

10. Immigration formalities and customs regulations

Visa regulations

Foreign nationals visiting Côte d'Ivoire, must obtain a visa online (e-Visa⁹) or from the diplomatic missions,¹⁰ unless they belong to the visa-exempt countries. Passports must be valid for six months.

Delegates are strongly advised to seek information on visa requirements applicable to them from Côte d'Ivoire diplomatic or consular missions in their home countries.

Foreign nationals from the following countries do not require a visa to enter Côte d'Ivoire: Benin, Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Central African Republic (90 days), Chad (90 days), Congo (90 days), Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania (90 days), Morocco (90 days), Niger, Nigeria, Philippines (90 days), Rwanda (90 days), Senegal, Seychelles (90 days), Sierra Leone, Singapore (90 days), Togo and Tunisia (90 days).

Nationals from the following countries, diplomatic passport holders or official service passports are not subject to the visa requirement: Austria, Brazil, China, Gabon, Iran, Israel, South Africa, Turkey, Uganda, Venezuela and Vietnam.

Standard single-entry visas valid for 90 days will be issued following an e-visa application. After registering and paying online, and if the e-visa is approved, it can be collected on arrival at Abidjan International Airport upon presentation of the confirmation e-mail. A United Nations letter of invitation to COP 15 and/or a document issued by a relevant

⁷ For more information visit: <<https://www.facebook.com/SotraTourisme/>>.

⁸ Please check the following links: <<http://stl.ci/aux-particuliers/>>, and <<https://zenbus.net/abidjanstl45965257?route=route2636257&direction=0>>.

⁹ Please check the following link for the e-visa application procedure: <<http://snedai.com/e-visa/>>, e-mail contact@snedai.ci or call +225 22 51 08 08 / +225 03 62 62 19 / +225 54 36 29 15

¹⁰ A list of Côte d'Ivoire embassies may be found at the following link: <<https://snedai.com/liste-des-ambassades/>>.

home country authority that proves official participation may facilitate the visa application process. Applicants are advised to apply for the e-visa online several days before the date of travel to allow time for the application to be processed.

Côte d'Ivoire authorities will do their utmost to facilitate entry procedures for all participants.

Health regulations

Vaccination against yellow fever is required to enter Côte d'Ivoire (the vaccination certificate indicating your protection against yellow fever is required). Malaria prophylaxis is recommended before, during and after the travel.

Covid-19 vaccination¹¹

Full vaccination is mandatory for all those attending COP 15. The safest way for COP 15 to happen in person is for those attending to be fully vaccinated, protecting themselves, the event and the community.

Participants will be invited to upload their proof of vaccination through the UNCCD COP 15 registration portal.

As COVID-19 measures are subject to frequent review and may change at short notice, travellers are also advised to check the government's official website¹² for updates.

Testing & Hygiene Measures

There will be strict COVID-19 testing protocols in place, including daily testing for everyone entering the Blue Zone to ensure the health and well-being of all those involved and the surrounding community.

Additional information will be included in the COVID-19 code of conduct for the COP 15 session, which will be posted in due course on the UNCCD COP 15 webpage and the COP 15 website of the host country.

Customs regulations

Information on the customs regulations in force in Côte d'Ivoire can be obtained from any Côte d'Ivoire embassy¹³ or consulate or at the following link: <<http://www.douanes.ci/>>.

Any delegate who fails to comply with the customs requirements regarding entry into Côte d'Ivoire may be prevented from entering the country by the local authorities.

11. Intervention at official meetings

United Nations General Assembly resolution 76/237 on the pattern of conferences requests the Secretary-General to, inter alia, continue his efforts to ensure the highest quality of interpretation and translation services in all six official languages.

In the interests of ensuring that meetings run smoothly, participants are reminded of the need to maintain a normal speed when delivering speeches or making statements, allowing the required high-quality simultaneous interpretation services to be provided to the entire satisfaction of all participants.

¹¹ Status of COVID-19 cases in Cote d'Ivoire can be checked at the following World Health Organization link: <<https://covid19.who.int/region/afro/country/ci>>.

¹² <<https://deplacement-aerien.gouv.ci/#/home>>.

¹³ Information on the Côte d'Ivoire embassies/consulates can be found at: <<https://diplomatie.gouv.ci/missions/>>.

12. Side events

Participants who wish to organize side events during the conference are requested to apply to the secretariat using the following telephone, fax and/or e-mail contacts:

Tel.: +49 228 815 2800
 Fax: +49 228 815 2898/99
 E-mail: sideevents@unccd.int

The application form can be downloaded from the UNCCD COP 15 webpage at <www.unccd.int/cop15> and should be submitted before **14 March 2022**.

Participants are advised that the secretariat is responsible only for room allocation. Time slots and rooms will be accommodated according to availability on a first-come, first-served basis.

Should a side event require interpretation services, simultaneous interpretation from English/French/Spanish and vice versa can be made available on a commercial basis through:

SUPERLINGUA
CEO – Mr Raymond Lambert KOUACOU
 Tel.: +225 07 58 30 52 98
 E-mail: info@superlingua.net
 Website: <www.superlingua.net>

NANDIER CONSEILS
 08 BP 1370 Abidjan 08 – Côte d'Ivoire
 CEO Mr NANDIER Jean Marc
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 Https: <www.nandier-conseils.com>

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 Translation, Interpretation and Organization of Conferences
 01 BP 5898 Abidjan 01 – Côte d'Ivoire
 Tel.: +225 22 48 50 57 / 67
 Mob. Office: +225 40 94 89 48
 E-mail: symposia@avisoci.ci
 Website: <www.symposiaconsult.com>

A list of services available from local providers will be made available on the host country's COP 15 website.

For catering services please contact:

Mr Mohamed Coulibaly
 Chief of Sales
 Boulevard Hassan II,
 08 Bp 01 Abidjan
 Côte d'Ivoire
 Tel.: +225 27 22 48 26 26
 E-mail: H8844-SL1@sofitel.com

Participants are reminded that no side events may be organized during the COP 15 official working hours (see item 3 above) or the High-Level Opening Segment of the conference (9–10 May).

A calendar of side and parallel events during COP 15 will be published in the official Journal of the session and will also be available on the host's country COP 15 website. For any additional information on side events, please refer to the guidelines posted on the UNCCD website.

13. Sustainable Land Management Business Forum

The Sustainable Land Management Business Forum will take place alongside COP 15 and will bring together chief executive officers and other business leaders, politicians, policymakers, government representatives, opinion leaders, experts and other stakeholders from across the globe to exchange views on the initiatives undertaken by business and industry entities to achieve land degradation neutrality. Additional information will be available on the UNCCD COP 15 webpage.

The forum is co-organized by the host country and the UNCCD secretariat. For more information, please contact:

Mr Marcos Montoiro
NGO and Civil Society Liaison Officer
UNCCD secretariat
Tel.: + 49 228 815 2806
E-mail: businessforum@unccd.int

14. Youth Forum

A Youth Forum will take place on the sidelines of COP 15. The forum will bring together young leaders, youth organizations, politicians, policymakers, government representatives, opinion leaders, experts and other stakeholders from across the globe. They will exchange views on the role of youth in land-related issues, share successful cases of youth activism, and discuss approaches to reaching and engaging more youth in combating desertification and climate change in a way that contributes to the achievement of land degradation neutrality. Additional information will be available on the UNCCD COP15 webpage.

The forum is co-organized by the host country and the UNCCD secretariat. For more information, please contact:

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15. Exhibition facilities

The UNCCD secretariat would like to invite its partners to participate in the exhibition to showcase their activities. Space for participants will be limited. Exhibition arrangements can be made through the secretariat subject to availability and on a first-come, first-served basis.

Participants wishing to set up exhibits are invited to contact Ms Katya Arapnakova and Ms Sandrine Rastetter at:

Tel.: + 49 228 815 2864 / +49 228 815 2848
E-mail: exhibition@unccd.int

The secretariat is responsible only for the allocation of exhibition space. Applicants will be allotted a maximum of 9 m² of exhibition space, which will be assigned with due consideration of relevance to the objectives of the Convention and equitable geographical distribution requirements. Standard equipment of one table, two chairs, a power outlet and free Wi-Fi will be provided to all exhibitors. Additional required equipment will be provided subject to payment through the local provider. The invitation letter, application form and exhibition guidelines will be available on the UNCCD COP 15 webpage at: www.unccd.int/cop15. The deadline for the submission of requests to the secretariat is **14 March 2022**.

Exhibitors will be responsible for the customs clearance of their exhibition material in accordance with the customs regulations in force in Côte d'Ivoire. The secretariat may, however, provide assistance. Exhibitors will be responsible for their own stands. The setup of exhibition structures must be done in consultation with the national preparatory committee. For any further information about additional equipment for exhibitors, including infrastructure and technology, as well as transport, shipment and storage, please contact:

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Cabinet International Kaizene
Tel: +225 07 89 86 35 13
E-mail: l.aphingkouassi@kaizene.org

For shipment related matters at the customs please contact:

Ms Lohorougnon Alexise Michela
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16. General information about the session venue

Information about Abidjan

Abidjan is the economic capital of Côte d'Ivoire and one of the most populous French-speaking cities in Africa. According to the 2014 census, Abidjan's population was 4.7 million, which is 20 per cent of the overall population of the country.

Abidjan lies on the south-east coast of the country, on the Gulf of Guinea. The city is located on the Ébrié Lagoon. Since 2001, the city has been divided into ten boroughs (communes). The business district, Le Plateau, is the centre of the city, along with Cocody, Deux Plateaux (the city's wealthiest neighborhood and a hub for diplomats) and Adjamé, a slum on the north shore of the lagoon. Treichville and Marcory lie to the south, Attecoubé, Locodjro, Abobo Doume and Yopougon to the west, and Île Boulay is located in the middle of the lagoon. Further south lies Port Bouët, home to the Abidjan airport and the main seaport.

Abidjan is also the bridgehead of the country's only highway linking the city to the administrative and political capital, Yamoussoukro.

Currency

The national currency in Côte d'Ivoire is the West African CFA franc (XOF).

USD 1 = approximately XOF 587

EUR 1 = approximately XOF 682

Payment by international credit card is accepted in most of the recommended hotels and restaurants.

Weather

Abidjan, like the rest of Côte d'Ivoire, enjoys a tropical monsoon climate. Temperatures in this coastal city tend to remain in the region of 21°C (70°F) to 32°C (90°F) all year round. Abidjan experiences the majority of its rain during the monsoon months from May to July. In May, the climate is wet (with 107 mm of rainfall over 20 days) in Abidjan. The climate is very hot here in May. The thermometer averaged maximum of 30°C. On average, the recorded minimum temperature is 28°C.

October and November can be wet months but the average rainfall for the rest of the year remains minimal. Humidity is generally high, particularly from January to June, when temperatures tend to remain constant at about 30°C (86°F).

Electricity

The electricity supply in Côte d'Ivoire is 230 volts, 50Hz. You can use your electric appliances in Côte d'Ivoire if the standard voltage in your country is between 220–240 V (as in the UK, Europe, Australia and most of Asia and Africa). If the standard voltage in your country is in the range of 100 V–127 V (as in the US, Canada and most South American countries), you will need a voltage converter in Côte d'Ivoire. You may also consider a combined power plug adapter/voltage converter. The power plugs and sockets are type C (standard 'Euro' plug), and E (common in: Czech Republic, France, Belgium, Slovakia, Poland, Tunisia and Morocco).

Local time

The standard time is GMT + 0 hours.

Business hours

Business hours are usually from 7.30 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 2.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. on weekdays, and from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturdays.

Hospitals¹⁴ in Abidjan are usually open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. For specific medical centres, the opening hours should be checked beforehand.

Government offices are open Monday to Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Post offices are open on weekdays, Monday to Friday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Saturday from 10 a.m. to around noon. The main post offices may have longer hours.

Banks are open to the public on weekdays, Monday to Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Further information on the opening hours of restaurants and shopping centres may be found on the host country webpage.

Travel information

The economic capital of Côte d'Ivoire is bursting with energy and creativity from dusk till dawn. With unique experiences just waiting to be discovered and a reputation as the 'Manhattan of the Tropics', Abidjan is quickly making its way to the top of globetrotters' favourite destinations.

Information on the cultural activities foreseen throughout the conference, including the weekend, will be included in the session's official Journal.

Further information on travel and tourism is available on the official website of the Ministry of Tourism and Recreation of Côte d'Ivoire at: <<https://www.tourisme.gouv.ci/>>. The Côte d'Ivoire Tourist Office¹⁵ also offers practical information and useful recommendations (accommodation, restaurants, public transport, festivals, cultural events, etc.).

Further information on the conference is available on the UNCCD COP 15 webpage at <www.unccd.int/cop15>.

¹⁴ An indicative list of hospitals in Abidjan can be found at the following link: <<http://civ.abidjan.net/hopitaux>>.

¹⁵ Address: Place de la République, former EECI building, Plateau – 01 BP 8538, Abidjan 01, Telephone: +225 20 25 16 00

Annex**Accommodation list**

[English only]

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2	Hotel le WAFOU	+225 21 25 62 01 / 21 25 62 02 E-mail: reservation@lewafou.com	Abidjan – Zone 4
3	Ivotel Hotel Abidjan	+225 20 25 66 66 / Fax: +225 20 25 66 67 E-mail: ivotel@ivotel.com, www.ivotel.com	Abidjan – Plateau
4	Hotel Sofitel Ivoire	+225 22 48 26 26 / Fax: +225-22 44 65 18 E-mail: reservation@hotelivoire.com, H8844-TE@sofitel.com, H8844-GM@sofitel.com	Abidjan – Cocody
5	Novotel	+225 20 31 80 00 / Fax: +225 20 31 80 20 E-mail: H0481-TE@accor.com, H8844-GM@sofitel.com	Abidjan – Plateau
6	Hotel Tiama	+225 20 31 30 00 / Fax: +225 20 31 31 31 / +225 20 31 32 32 E-mail: Service.technique@hotel.tiama.ci, Kouyate_michel@yahoo.fr	Abidjan – Plateau
7	Ibis Plateau	+225 20 30 16 16 / +225 20 30 16 00 / Fax: +225 20 21 78 75	Abidjan – Plateau
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9	Pullman	+225 20 30 20 20 / Fax: +225 20 21 20 28 E-mail: H1146-TE@accor.com	Abidjan – Plateau
10	Nouvelle Pergola	+ 225 21 75 35 01 / Fax: 225 21 75 35 02 E-mail: hotelnouvellepergola@yahoo.fr	Abidjan – Zone 4
11	Palm club hotel	+225 22 40 53 00 / +225 07 61 35 10 E-mail: reception@hotelpalmclub.com, Josiane.benie@hotelpalmclub.com	Abidjan – Cocody
12	Radisson Blu	+225 21 22 20 00 E-mail: info.abidjan@radissonblu.com	Abidjan – Port Bouet
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