

Information Note

5th Ordinary Session of the World Commission of Ethics of Scientific Knowledge and Technology (COMEST)

Hotel Le Méridien Président, Dakar Senegal, 5th-9th December 2006

The 5th Session of the World Commission on the Ethics of Scientific Knowledge and Technology will be organised by UNESCO and the Ministry of Scientific Research of Senegal in Dakar from the 5th to the 9th of December 2006.

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ACCOMODATION AND MEETING PLACE

Meeting Place

The meeting will take place at the Hotel Le Méridien Président in conference rooms B12 and B01.

Hotel Le Méridien Président

Pointe des Almadies, Dakar, Senegal

Tel.: 221 869 6969

Fax : 221 869 6924

Proposed Accommodation

Please confirm your preference or other choice immediately so that we can make reservations (contact c.marias@unesco.org or d.dieng@unesco.org). Alternatively, you may wish to contact the hotel directly.

Hotel Le Méridien Président

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Price: 65,000 CFA (127.407 \$) per night plus 10,500 CFA (20.581 \$) for breakfast and 18% VAT. The daily subsistence for Dakar provided by the UN System is 102,000 CFA (199.651 \$).

Hotel Ngor Diarama

Route de Ngor, Dakar, Senegal

Tel.: 221 820 2724 / 820 1005

United Nations rate: 50.100 CFA (98.201\$) per room, per night (breakfast included) plus 18% VAT.

Hotel Ngor Diarama is a five minute taxi journey from Hotel Le Méridien Président.

A **buffet lunch** will be served for the conference participants at the Hotel Le Méridien Président from the 5th to the 9th of December 2006.

FLIGHT SCHEDULES AND ARRIVALS

Please send all information concerning flight schedules and arrivals to Mrs Carrie Marias, UNESCO Dakar, c.marias@unesco.org and to Mr Dame Dieng, UNESCO Dakar, d.dieng@unesco.org

ENTRY PROCEDURES INTO SENEGAL

Participants are requested to send passport details and flight schedules to the UNESCO Dakar Office (Mr Dame Dieng, d.dieng@unesco.org). Entry visas for citizens of countries outside ECOWAS may be obtained through the Senegal Embassies and Consulates in various countries. If your country does not have a Senegalese Embassy, please send copies of the first two pages of your passport to d.dieng@unesco.org.

TRANSPORT AND RECEPTION AT THE AIRPORT

Participants will be met on arrival at the airport and transported to their hotel, as well as to the conference (if they are not staying at Hotel Le Méridien Président)

Customs Formalities

- All merchandise for commercial usage shall be subject to customs clearance and the full rigour of law.
- All apparatus and equipment which are due for re-export subsequently must be declared on entry to Senegal.
- There is no restriction on devices at the point of entry.

- However, at the point of departure, there will be a control check to prevent illegal export of devices.

Climate

Dry season, average temperature 24°C. Clothing suit able for the season: light, with warmer clothing (a light jacket, sweater) for the early morning and evening.

Vaccines recommended: Yellow fever.

Currency

The unit of currency in Senegal is the CFA Franc, which is tied to the Euro with a fixed exchange rate. 1 Euro = approx. 656 F CFA = 1 US \$ = approx. 500 F CFA. You can change money at all major banks, and at the hotel.

Electricity

The electrical voltage in Senegal is 220 with a frequency of 50 hertz. An adaptor is required for all electrical appliances (including computers) that do not have a French-type plug.

Local Time

Local time in Senegal corresponds to Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).

Language

French is the official language. **Wolof** is the language also used by 80% of the population in Dakar.

Making an International Call

It is possible to make international calls and to send faxes from the main Post Office in Dakar or in the private 'télécentres' that can be found all over the city. It is also possible to make calls from phone boxes, which require a phone card.

To make an international call, dial 00 then the country code followed by the phone number you are trying to reach. It is possible to purchase SIM Cards at reasonable rates for most mobile phones from the mobile operators in Senegal (ALIZE et SENTEL).

If you would like to send an email, you can use the Business Centre at the hotel, or go to one of the Internet Cafes in town.

Exchange of publications, documents

We invite you to bring publications, reports and CD-ROMs from your institution to share and exchange information and experiences.

We wish you all a very pleasant stay in Dakar, to the country of Teranga!