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Thirty-seventh meeting of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group

6–8 February 2020

Hotel Carlton Anosy, Antananarivo, Madagascar

Stocktaking meeting on the work of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group

9–12 February 2019

Hotel Carlton Anosy, Antananarivo, Madagascar

INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

1. THE MEETINGS

The 37th meeting of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG 37) will take place from 6 to 8 February 2020. The meeting with organizations will start on 7 February from 14:00hrs.

The stocktaking meeting on the work of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group will be held from 9 to 12 February 2020.

Special note: Please note that a field trip to Andasibe National Park is planned to take place on the first day of the meeting on 9 February 2020. Departure from the venue is 09:00hrs. Further details will be provided at the venue. Please arrive on time as we shall leave promptly on time.

2. VENUE

Both meetings will be held at Hotel Carlton, Antananarivo, Madagascar. The hotel is located on the banks of Anosy Lake, a 10 minutes walk from the historical centre of Antananarivo, and a 25 minutes drive from Ivato International Airport.

The contact details of Hotel Carlton are as follows:

Hotel Carlton
Rue Pierre Stibbe Anosy
Po BOX 959
101 Antananarivo, Madagascar
Telephone: + 261 20 22 260 60
Fax: + 261 20 22 260 51
Website: <http://www.carlton-madagascar.com/en>

3. NOTE FROM THE SECRETARIAT

Registration

Registration times are as follows for the meetings:

Thirty-seventh Meeting of the Least Developed Countries Expert Group (LEG 37):

- LEG members: Thursday, 6 February 2020 at 8:30 hrs
- Organizations: Friday, 7 February 2020 at 14:00 hrs

Stocktaking meeting on the work of the LEG:

- All participants: Sunday, 9 February 2020, 08:00hrs. Please arrive on time as we shall leave the hotel at 08:45am for a field trip.

The secretariat staff will be available at the venue starting on Wednesday, 5 February 2020, from 10.00 a.m.

Information for funded participants

Funded participants are kindly requested to bring their passports and boarding passes with them on the first day of their respective meeting in order to facilitate DSA payment. Travel for eligible funded participants to and from Antananarivo will be arranged at the lowest cost and most direct economy fare. The UNFCCC secretariat will not be responsible for costs associated with any changes that the funded participants may wish to make to their tickets, for example: upgrading, re-routing or stopovers.

Insurance

Participants are strongly advised to obtain international travel and medical insurance to cover the period of their departure for the event until the time of their return to their home country. The United Nations and the UNFCCC secretariat disclaim all responsibility for medical accident and travel insurance, for compensation, death or disability, loss or damage to personal property and for any other costs or losses that may be incurred during travel time or the period of participation at the meetings.

4. REQUIREMENTS FOR ENTRY INTO MADAGASCAR

Passport

Participants are required to hold an original, signed passport that is valid for six months beyond their stay in Madagascar, with at least three blank passport pages available for a Madagascar visa stamp. Amendment pages in the back of the passport are not suitable for Madagascar visas.

Yellow fever vaccination certificate

For visitors who stayed the last six (06) days in infected countries

Visa

All foreign nationals must obtain a visa to enter Madagascar.

Participants with Madagascar embassies or consulates are encouraged to apply in advance.

For all travellers to Madagascar, Non-Immigrant visas (Maximum stay: 90 days) can be obtained at all Malagasy international airports or harbours upon arrival. A note is attached to facilitate travel from your respective points of origin.

Below are required documents to apply for the visa upon arrival. Please read carefully and have these ready with you in case you will need to apply for a visa at the port of entry:

- Visa fee of USD 30–40;
- Completed application form obtainable at the port of entry;
- Two (02) recent passport photos;
- Return air ticket;
- Passport valid for at least six (6) months from intended return date, with at least three (3) blank pages;
- Yellow fever vaccination certificate for visitors who stayed the last six (06) days in infected countries.

5. TRANSPORTATION FROM THE AIRPORT TO THE HOTELS

Participants are responsible for organizing their own transportation from the Ivato International Airport and their Hotels.

Participants arriving from the Ivato International Airport are advised to take the white taxis from the airport to their respective hotels. These are easily identifiable upon exiting the airport terminal. For orientation, the price from the airport to Hotel Carlton is approximately USD 25. All taxis are not metered. Please arrange price before departure. You can also negotiate with your hotel for the airport transfer.

6. ACCOMMODATION

A list of hotels for accommodation is included at the end of this document. Participants are requested to make their bookings directly with the hotels.

7. FURTHER INFORMATION

Geography

Madagascar is an island in the Indian Ocean off the eastern coast of southern Africa, east of Mozambique. It is the fourth largest island in the world. The capital Antananarivo is in the Hauts Plateaux near the centre of the island. It has a total area of 587,040 square kilometres (226,660 sq mi) with 581,540 square kilometres (224,530 sq mi) of land and 5,500 square kilometres (2,100 sq mi) of water.



Climate

- April to October: Dry season
- June to August: Austral winter period, cold evenings and nights
- Mid-November to March: Rainy season, Cyclone season, rains are heavy but short

Health considerations

It is recommended that you consult the appropriate health authorities in your country in connection with possible vaccinations and health precautions for Madagascar. The following vaccines are recommended by <http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/none/madagascar> for most travellers to Madagascar:

Hepatitis A: It is recommended for all travellers. Hepatitis A can be contracted in Madagascar through contaminated food or water, regardless of where you eat or stay.

Typhoid: typhoid can be contracted through contaminated food or water in Madagascar. Therefore, this vaccine is recommended to most travellers, especially if you are staying with friends or relatives, visiting smaller cities or rural areas, or if you are an adventurous eater.

There is no risk of yellow fever in Madagascar. **The government of Madagascar requires proof of yellow fever vaccination only if you are arriving from a country with risk of yellow fever.** Check this link to see if you may be required to get the yellow fever vaccine.

<http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/yellowbook/2016/infectious-diseases-related-to-travel/yellow-fever#4728>

Additionally, there is a risk of Malaria in all areas of Madagascar, except rare cases in the city of Antananarivo. Remember that the best precaution is not to be bitten by mosquitoes. If traveling to area with a malaria risk, wear long trousers and long-sleeved shirts in the early mornings and evenings and wear insect repellent. For more information please refer to the World Health Organization web site <http://www.who.int/countries/en/>.

Language

Malagasy is the official language in Madagascar that makes the country unique compared to other Francophone countries. French, as well as English, is spoken by many people.

Electricity voltage

The 220 Volt is generalized in Madagascar, with type E / F sockets:



Banking

Bank branches are present in the main cities of the country. They are open from 8:00 to 16:00, and many of them are equipped with ATM machines accepting international cards like VISA and MASTERCARD. Money transfer is also possible through Western Union.

Banks are open from Monday through Friday except holidays as they close their operations in the late morning. However, ATMs are always available for use.

SG: Société Générale, (+261) 20 22 20691
BMOI: Banque Malagasy de l'Océan Indien, (+261) 20 22 346 09
BOA: Bank of Africa, (+261) 20 22 202 51
SBM: State Bank of Mauritius, (+ 261) 20 22 266 07
BNI : Banque Nationale de l'Industrie, (+261) 20 22 228 00
MCB: Mauritius Commercial Bank, (+261) 20 2227262

Currency

The official currency is the Malagasy Ariary (MGA).

Exchange rates as at 20 January 2020 are:

1 EUR = 4136.10 MGA

1 DOLLAR USD = 3721.82 MGA

Participants may obtain local currency at foreign exchange bureaus, bank kiosks or at the airport. Visa and Master Credit Cards are widely accepted in major hotels and establishments and only 4 numbers are accepted for the code. Passports are required for visitors' transactions and nominal commissions may be charged.

Time Zone

Madagascar is GMT +3.

Telephone services

The international dialling code of Madagascar is +261.

Dress code

Participants may dress casually during the meetings.

8. MEETING CONTACTS IN MADAGASCAR

While in Antananarivo, you may call the following person in case you need assistance:

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| <p>i) Mr. Michel Omer Laivao
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We wish you successful meetings and a pleasant stay in Antananarivo.

Hotel List

All hotels listed below are 20–30 minutes walking distance from the Carlton hotel (meeting venue), except for the Ibis hotel which is located outside the city centre.

Name	Category	Address	Single room (EUR)	Twin room (EUR)	Triple room (EUR)
Hotel Carlton	Five stars	Rue Pierre Stibbe Anosy P.O. Box: 959 Antananarivo 101 – Madagascar Tel.: +261 20 22 260 60 E-mail address: contact@carlton.mg Web: http://www.carlton-madagascar.com/	114 to 125		
Hotel Colbert	Four stars	29, Rue Prince Ratsimamanga Antananarivo Tel.: +261 20 22 202 02 E-mail: colbert@moov.mg Web: http://hotel-restaurant-colbert.com/	Starting from 70		
Tamboho Suites	Four stars	Lot 1 et 16 2 bis, Lalana Rahamefy, Ambatonankanga, Antananarivo Tel.: +261 20 22 694 00 E-mail: reservations@tambohohotels.com Web: www.tambohoSuites.com	113 to 169		
Palissandre Hôtel & Spa	Four stars	13, Rue Andriandahifotsy Faravohitra 101 Antananarivo Tel.: +261 20 22 605 60 E-mail: resapalissandretana@hotel-palissandre.com Web: http://www.hotel-restaurant-palissandre.com/	97 to 185		
Le Louvre Hotel & Spa	Four stars	4, place Philibert Tsiranana, Antaninarenina-Antananarivo Tel.: +261 20 22 390 00 +262 32 05 390 00 E-mail: hotel@hotel-du-louvre.com reservation@hotel-du-louvre.com Web: www.hotel-du-louvre.com	115-140	140-295	
Central Hôtel	Three stars	Randriamanamihaja Raoul Tsaralalala 101 Antananarivo Tel.: +261 20 22 222 44 E-mail: resacentralhotel@gmail.com	40	48	55
La Ribaudière	Three stars	Rue Paul Dussac (à côté Chambre de Commerce) Analakely Sud Tel.: +261 20 24 215 25; Mobile: +261 32 02 411 51 E-mail: laribaudiere@moov.mg Web: www.hotel-laribaudiere.com	Starting from 25		

Hôtel de France	Three stars	34, Avenue de l'Indépendance Antananarivo Tel.: +261 20 22 213 04; Mobile: +261 32 05 040 71 E-mail: contact@siceh-hotels.com	Starting from 35		
Hotel Ibis	Three stars	Route des Hydrocarbures Ankorondrano Tel.: +261 20 23 555 55 E-mail: h6857@accord.com	Starting from 70		
Hotel Tripolitsa	Three stars	37 Avenue de l'Indépendance, analakely Antananarivo Tel.: +261 32 03 227 27; +261 32 12 227 27 E-mail: contact@hotel-tripolitsa.com Web: www.hotel-tripolitsa.com	25	33	
Le Grand Mellis	Three stars	3, rue Indira Gandhi, Antananarivo Tel.: +261 20 22 234 25; Mobile: +261 33 15 234 25 E-mail: infos@hotels-mellis.com Web: http://www.hotel-mellis.com	Starting from 69		
Grand Hotel Urban	Four stars	Rue lalana Tsiombikibo-12, Ambatovinaky, Antananarivo Tel.: +261 20 22 209 80 E-mail: ghu@andilana-hotels.com Web: www.grandhotelurbanmadagascar.com	70	90 to 200	
Sakamanga	Four stars	SAKAMANGA Lot IBK7bis rue Ratanarivo Ampasamadinika Antananarivo 101 Tel.: +261 20 22 358 09; Mobile: +261 32 02 668 34; +261 33 11 769 27 E-mail: contact@sakamanga.com Web: http://sakamanga.com/resa-fr.php	25 to 110		
Le Pavé Hotel	Four stars	IBL 8 Ter D, rue Razanatseheno, Antananinarenina, Antananarivo Tel.: +261 20 22 386 49; +261 34 20 386 51 E-mail: lepave.hotelmada@gmail.com	17 to 25		
Tana Hotel	Three stars	4, rue Rabehevitra, Immeuble FUMAROLI, Antananinarenina, Antananarivo Tel.: +261 20 22 313 20 E-mail: tanahotel@moov.mg Web: www.tana-hotel-madagascar.com	50 to 133		