USEFUL INFORMATION FOR THE MEETINGS OF THE AFRICAN ELECTROTECHNICAL STANDARDIZATION COMMISSION IN COTE D’IVOIRE

EVENT: 6th GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF AFSEC
VENUE: ABIDJAN (COTE D’IVOIRE), HEDEN GOLF HOTEL
DATE: FROM 07/17/2018 to 07/19/2018
ABIDJAN (COTE D’IVOIRE), HEDEN GOLF HOTEL

1- COTE D’IVOIRE IN BRIEF

Cote d’Ivoire is a West African country with sea resorts and tropical forests. Abidjan, on the Atlantic coast, is the main urban center of the country.

Official name: Republic of Côte d’Ivoire.
Political Capital: Yamoussoukro.
Economic capital: Abidjan.
Area: 322,463 km² (318,003 km² of land and 4,460 km² of maritime territory).
Major cities: Abidjan, Yamoussoukro, Bouaké, Daloa, Korhogo, Gagnoa, Man, San Pedro.
Borders: Burkina Faso (584 km of border with Côte d’Ivoire), Ghana (668 km of border), Guinea (610 km of border), Liberia (716 km of border), Mali (532 km of border), coastline (515 km).
Highest point: Mount Nimba (1,752 m).
Official language: French.
Motto of the Republic: Union, Discipline, Labor.
National Anthem: The Abidjanaise.
National Symbol: The Elephant.
2- ENTRY FORMALITIES

Entry in Côte d'Ivoire is subject to a visa, except for ECOWAS Member States and countries that have signed Special Agreements with Côte d'Ivoire.

In addition, a valid passport is required.

For ECOWAS nationals, only a national ID card is required. The validity of passports should be at least six months from the date of entry in Côte d'Ivoire.

**ECOWAS member States:** Benin, Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Togo.

**Other countries not subject to visa requirement:** Central African Republic, Republic of Congo, Morocco, Mauritania, Seychelles Islands, Singapore, Chad, Tunisia, Philippines.

To obtain the entry visa to Côte d'Ivoire without reporting to the Police Headquarters, you are invited to follow the instructions below:

1. Go to [www.snedai.com](http://www.snedai.com) or [www.snedai.ci](http://www.snedai.ci);
2. Click on E-visa;
3. A response will be sent to you no later than 4 days after the request;
4. Carry registration and approval forms with you in case your application is accepted.

Smoking is prohibited in public places in Côte d'Ivoire.
3- CUSTOMS FORMALITIES

Introducing prohibited products, such as drugs – especially morphine, opium, cannabis, etc, is banned in Côte d’Ivoire.

Hazardous goods are banned from both import and export. Firearms are also prohibited.

Tax exemptions:

Maximum quantities of goods you can carry with no obligation to Customs: 200 cigarettes or 25 grams of tobacco, 1 bottle of alcohol or wine; a picture or video camera with proof of invoice (dated at least 6 months).

4- IMMUNIZATIONS

Vaccines before departure

Mandatory
- Yellow Fever

Optional
- Typhoid fever
- Meningitis

NB: An immunization card is required upon arrival (yellow fever)

- A preventive malaria treatment is also recommended.

5- CURRENCY

The Ivorian currency is the CFA Franc (African Financial Community), pegged to the Euro.

There are in denominations of 10,000; 5,000; 2,000; 1,000 and 500 CFA francs; as well as in coins of 500; 250; 200; 100; 50; 25 and 10 CFA Francs.

Fixed exchange rate: 1 € = 656.957 XOF.

The euro is accepted in banks, in some shops and in big restaurants. Currency exchange offices exist particularly in Abidjan and in major cities.
Most banks accept international Visa Card.

6- WEATHER

Between the 4° and 10° of north latitude, the territory of Côte d'Ivoire is 400 Km away from the Equator on its Southern borders, and 1,400 km from the Tropic of Cancer on its Northern borders. The weather, generally hot and humid, is a transition between the equatorial and tropical climate. Equatorial along the coasts, it turns semi-arid in the extreme north. In general, the country experiences significant variations in temperature between the north and the south, and also all year round according to seasons, with average temperatures around 28°C.

Two major climate zones are side by side: the equatorial climate and the more or less dry savannah tropical climate.

The subequatorial climate is characterized low amplitude temperatures (25°C to 30°C), high humidity rate (80 to 90%) and huge rainfalls, which in Abidjan reaches 1,766 mm³ and 2,129 mm³ in Tabou.

There are two dry seasons and two rainy seasons. The big hot and dry season is interspersed by a few rains and goes from December to April. The small dry season is from August to September. As for the rain, the big season goes from May to July and the small season from October to November.

Therefore, you are advised to have your umbrella for possible rainfall during the month of July.

The dry savannah tropical climate covers the Northern forest part of the South and Southern part of the savannah region. High amplitude temperatures range between 14°C and 33°C, with relative humidity between 60% to 70% and annual rainfall of 1,200 mm³ in Bouaké. There also four seasons in this region: two dry seasons, from November to March and from July to August and two rainy seasons, from June to October and March to May.

The dry savannah weather concerns the savannah region mainly. Daily and annual temperatures are relatively high, around 20°C, with humidity rate lower than the south, varying between 40% to 50%.
7- JET LAG

Time in Côte d'Ivoire = UT +0 (Universal Time)
2 pm in South Africa = 12 am in ABIDJAN.

8- PHONE CALL

- Call from outside: dial 00 + 225 + 8 digit-number.
- Call from Côte d'Ivoire: dial 00 + country code + number (without initial 0).

9- ELECTRICITY

Power outlets are the same as in France (220 volts).

In Côte d'Ivoire, C/E type sockets are used. C type sockets can also be used with E and F type plugs. E type socket can also be used with C and F plugs if equipped with a grounding hole.

Below are pictures of wall plugs used in the country, as well as types of compatible electric plugs compatible:

![Wall plugs](image)

If none of your plugs is compatible, the easiest way is to buy an universal travel adaptor, compatible with the above equipments.
10- AIR TRANSPORT

Several airline companies have regular flights between Europe and Abidjan: Air France, Royal Air Maroc, South African Airways, Corsair, Emirates, Brussels Airlines etc. Other airlines such as Air Côte d'Ivoire, Air Burkina, Ethiopian Airlines, Asky etc…. fly all over Africa from Abidjan.

CONTACTS OF AIRLINE COMPANIES

| AIR ALGERIE       | 20 32 58 51 |
| AIR BURKINA      | 20 32 89 19 / 20 32 89 66 |
| AIR COTE D’IVOIRE | 20 25 10 30 |
| AIR FRANCE       | 20 20 24 24 / 20 20 24 11 |
| ASKY             | 20 32 70 44 |
| BRUSSEL AIRLINES | 21 21 38 70 |
| CORSAIR          | 20 32 15 00 |
| EGYPT AIR        | 20 21 09 64 / 20 21 09 65 |
| EMIRATES         | 20 25 62 64 |
| ETHIOPIAN AIRLINE| 20 21 93 32 / 20 21 55 38 |
| KENYA AIRWAYS    | 20 30 31 07 / 20 30 31 08 / 20 30 31 11 |
| MEA              | 21 25 50 21 |
| ROYAL AIR MAROC  | 20 21 20 38 |
| SENEGAL AIRLINES | 20 32 30 05 / 20 32 29 86 |
| SOUTH AFRICAN AIRWAYS | 20 30 10 20 |
| TUNISAIR         | 20 22 45 42 |
| TURKISH AIRLINES | 21 24 38 38 |
11- USEFUL NUMBERS

SAFETY
POLICE EMERGENCY NUMBER: 110 - 111 - 170
FIRE BRIGADE : 180
NATIONAL POLICE HEADQUARTERS: 20 22 20 30
PREFECTURE OF POLICE: 20 21 00 22
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION: 20 21 23 00
ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL POLICE DIVISION: 20 32 51 44

HEALTH
HEALTH CENTER IN HOSTING HOTEL
Within the GA headquarters hotel (HEDEN GOLF HOTEL), is a medical service which can be called at any time (contact information service).

EMERGENCY MEDICAL ASSISTANCE (SAMU-CI): 185 - 22 44 34 45 - 22 44 53 53 - 22 44 34 15
CHU COCODY: 22 48 10 00 - 22 44 90 38 - 22 44 90 00 - 22 44 90 38
EMERGENCY DOCTORS: 07 08 26 26
SOS DOCTORS: 22 44 53 53
PISAM: 22 44 51 32 - 22 44 30 10 - 22 48 31 31
POLYCLINIAUE DE L’INDÉNIÉ: 20 30 91 00/02
POLYCLINIQUE DES 2 PLATEAUX:22 41 44 99/ 46 21
RED CROSS :; 20 32 13 35 - 09 39 93 36 - 20 32 04 54
BLUE CROSS 20 37 00 53

AIRPORT
FELIX HOUPHOUET BOIGNY AIRPORT: 21 75 79 01 / 21 75 79 02
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13- GENERAL ASSEMBLY VENUE

General Assembly will be held at HEDEN GOLF HOTEL.

Heden Golf Hotel is located on the sea front and is ideal for business stay and recreation.

Located on one of the most beautiful sites of the country, in Cocody Riviera, in Abidjan. Built in 1976, this 4 star hotel offers a breathtaking view on the Ebrié Lagoon. It has two restaurants, a bar, an outdoor swimming pool, 4 tennis courts, a fitness room, a golf courtse, as well as meeting and event rooms. WiFi internet connection is available for free.
HEDEN GOLF HOTEL has 251 comfortable and luxurious rooms and suites. Each room is air conditioned with lampshade, carpet, cable flat-screen TV, cosy sofa and a private bathroom.

The two restaurants at Heden Golf Hotel serve a wide variety of African and European dishes, as a buffet or à la carte menu. The bar offers a wide variety of drinks and refreshing cocktails in a musical atmosphere.

**Leisure**

You can also relax at the splendid swimming pool or on the private beach.

**Services and Facilities of HEDEN GOLF HOTEL**

- Parking
- Air conditioning, Electricity 24h/24
- Security: Security service
- Internet: WiFi Connectivity
- Outside: Swimming pool, Tennis court
- Activities: Gym
- Services: Airport Shuttle, Laundry / Dry Cleaning, Car rental and/or driver, room service 24/7, reception room
- Restaurant: Bar / Lounge, Restaurant
- Access to HEDEN GOLF HOTEL

Heden Golf Hotel is in the vicinity of the Ebrié Lagoon, 10 minutes drive from the city center and 30 min drive from Felix Houphouët-Boigny Airport.

Negotiated rate : 65,000 FCFA / night

**Room reservation**

Room reservations will be made directly to hotels by e-mail
For Heden Golf Hotel, send email to hedengolfhotel@iroko.ci or resagolf@iroko.ci indicating in subject "AFSEC GA 2018"

NB: Please request for each room reservation, a confirmation document of the hotel.

OTHER HOTELS

❖ HOTEL HORIZON

An 3 stars cost-effective hotel with special Chinese style, 2 restaurants and approximately 10 minutes from the airport. It has 2 restaurants.

The hotel has single and standard rooms, luxury suites as well as apartments available, two restaurants with 80 seats, a bar and a space on the roof that can accommodate more than 200 people, 3 VIP rooms, a conference room, Internet with telephone service system and satellite TV.

Negotiated rates:
❖ Standard room with 1 bed: 40,000 FCA / night
❖ Standard room with 2 beds: 45,000 FCFA / night

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Room reservation
Room reservations will be made directly to hotels by e-mail
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NB: Please request for each room reservation, a confirmation document of the hotel.

❖ CYP A HOTEL

Offering a restaurant, Cypa hotel is a luxurious hotel in Abidjan, with free shuttle service and free Wifi

Cypa Hotel offers air-conditioned luxury rooms with flat screen TV, patio, private shower, bathroom or bathtub. Enjoy the view on the city, satellite TV channels or cable.

Negotiated rates:

Elegance room; 30,000 FCFA / night
Junior Suite: 40,000 FCFA / night
VIP suite: 80,000 FCFA / night

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Room reservations will be made directly to hotels by e-mail
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14- AGENDA

AGENDA OF THE 6TH AFSEC GENERAL ASSEMBLY
17-19 JULY 2018 GOLF HOTEL, ABIDJAN, COTE D’IVOIRE

Tuesday 17 July 2018
09:00 - 16:00: Meetings of AFSEC Standards Management Committee (SMC) and Conformity Assessment Committee (closed meetings for committee members only)
18:30 - 20:30 Welcoming Cocktail (open to all delegates)

Wednesday 18 July 2018 08:30 - 13:30: AFSEC Management Committee Meeting (closed meeting for Committee members and invited guests only)
14:30 - 17:00: Workshop: "AFSEC's role in supporting the implementation of the African Common Free Trade Area" (open to all delegates)

Thursday 19 July 2018
08:30 - 17:00: 6th AFSEC General Assembly and Council meeting (open to all delegates)
18:30 - 22:00: Gala Dinner (By Invitation)

NOTE: Simultaneous translation in English and French for all meetings on 18 and 19 July.