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Informal Cross-Regional Dialogue between Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM) Champions: Peer Exchange, Implementation and Follow-Up

28-30 November 2023 – Accra, Ghana

Logistics Information Note for Participants

This note provides logistical information about your participation in Informal Cross-Regional Dialogue between Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM) Champions: Peer Exchange, Implementation and Follow Up, Regional UN Network on Migration in West and Central Africa and the Government of Ghana in the framework of the GCM Champion countries initiative.

MEETING DETAILS

Dates

Arrival to Accra, Ghana by Monday, 27 November 2023 is highly recommended. Outbound flights can be booked for 30 November/1st December 2023. Hotel rooms will be reserved from Morning of 27th November, arrival until departure on the 30 November/1st December. For more details on accommodation and transportation, please refer to relevant sections below.

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Day 1: Tuesday, 28 November 2023, 08:30 AM – 17:30 PM

Dinner and Cultural Show:- 19:00 pm-21:00 PM

Day 2: Wednesday, 29 November 2023, 09:30 AM – 16:30PM

Reception: -18:00 AM-20:00 PM

Day 3: Thursday, 30 November 2023, 09:00 AM- 12:30 PM

Please see the detailed agenda attached for more information.

Venue

Informal Cross-Regional Dialogue between Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM) Champions: Peer Exchange, Implementation and Follow-Up at the Labadi Beach Hotel

Address: No 1 La Bypass, Accra, Greater Accra Region

Tel: +233302772501

Website: <https://labadibeachhotelgh.com/>



Registration

For logistical considerations, all participants are encouraged to RSVP via email to confirm their registration and flight details to respective IOM Country Office Focal Points and Bisharo Ali Hussein at (bhussein@iom.int) (Phone Number: +254720323898) no later than 13th of November 2023.

Languages

Simultaneous interpretation services will be available in English, French, Spanish, Portugues, and Arabic. Interpretation headsets will be provided to the delegates at the beginning of the meeting on each day and should be returned at the end of the day. Conference documents will be available in English, French, Spanish, Portuguese, and Arabic.

Meals

28th November: Breakfast, lunch, dinner, and coffee breaks will be served.
29th November: Breakfast, lunch and coffee breaks will be served.
30th November: Breakfast, lunch, and coffee breaks will be served.
Note: For earlier arrivals (before 27th) full DSA will be provided.

ACCOMMODATION AND TRANSPORTATION

Accommodation

Hotel accommodation for the delegates will be arranged at the **Labadi Beach Hotel** from 27 November (check in time at 8 am) to 30 December/1st December (check out time at noon).

Travel Arrangements

Please coordinate your flight booking with your Country Office Focal Point and update it accordingly in Registration form: <https://forms.office.com/e/rJYZx4rQhc?origin=lprLink> .Kindly confirm your registration with Bisharo Ali Hussein at (Bhussein@iom.int)

Airport transfer assistance

Kotoka International Airport is approximately 13 km from **the Labadi Beach Hotel**. The trip to the hotel should take about 30 minutes depending on traffic. The transfer from the airport to the hotel is coordinated by IOM via hotel transport vehicles. Please make sure your Country Office Focal Point shares your travel itinerary

to the IOM Regional Office Focal Point Bisharo Ali Hussein at (Bhussein@iom.int) as soon as you have your ticket.

For logistical reasons, once you arrive, you should head to the airport exit and look for the sign with your name on it.

Note: The traveler will be entitled for 50 USD to cover for the transportation (from/ to airport in country of origin.)

Entry and Visa

In order to find out if you require a visa for Ghana, please visit the following website: <https://home.gis.gov.gh/permits-and-visas/>

Official invitations to the meeting and visa support letter may be obtained from IOM for visa application purposes. Please contact your IOM Country Focal Points and CC Bisharo Ali Hussein at Bhussein@iom.int in case visa support letter are needed.

Visa Cost

Note: IOM has requested for Visa Waiver and visa on arrival for all delegates joining the GCM Champion Countries meeting in Ghana. This approval will be provided upon approval by the government. Delegates are however requested to send their passport details to their mission which will be shared to Ghana government for their update and support for approvals.

For participants with Grantis, visa on arrival cost an amount upto USD 150 and will be paid at the passport control counter. Please share the receipt and copy of the visa with the IOM focal persons for reimbursement.

All participants are personally responsible to ensure that the necessary arrangements to obtain visa are made in a timely manner.

In case you need a Note Verbal for the visa process, please share a copy of your passports with the IOM Focal Point to Bisharo Ali Hussein at Bhussein@iom.int

Holders of a United Nations Laissez Passez do not need a visa to enter Ghana.

Please also check if a transit visa is required in countries where you may need to transfer during your trip to/from Accra.

The organizers will provide the appointed Government officials with a flight ticket (Departure on 27th November and return 30 November/1st December 2023) in Economy class, and Daily subsistence Allowance to cover meals and transportation. Accommodation will be provided for by the organizers.

DSA Rate:301 USD for participants	Transportation to and from airport at country of origin will be provided: 50 USD;
Day 1: Arrival 27 th of November: 50%	150.5 USD- Accommodation Provided
Day 2: 28 th of November meeting day: 20%	60.2 USD- Accommodation, Lunch and Dinner provided
Day 3: 29 th of November meeting day :35%	105.35 USD- Accommodation and Lunch provided
Day 4: Meeting and Departure date: 15%	45.15. USD
Transport cost to and from Ghana airport is provided by the hotel. TTE at duty station	Will be provided by hotel transport service. 50 USD
TOTAL	=411.2. USD

Please note that the traveller will be entitled for 411.25 USD upon submitting the following documents: For delegates who will have different itinerary, their DSA will be revised accordingly.

- Signed LOIs
- Cash receipts signed by the participant
- Passports' Copy
- Visa fees Receipts (if any)
- Attendance sheet/log
- Boarding passes if available

COVID-19 travel regulations

Since May 20th, 2023, following the decision of the Ghanaian authorities, the health restrictions (PCR or Vaccinal Pass) at the entrance to Ghana territory are lifted.

For COVID-19 travel regulations to Ghana, please visit the following link: https://www.gcaa.com.gh/web/?page_id=1172

GENERAL INFORMATION

Ghana

Ghana, a country on the West Coast of Africa, is one of the most thriving democracies on the continent. It has often been referred to as an "island of peace" in one of the most chaotic regions on earth. It shares boundaries with Togo to the east, Cote d'Ivoire to the west, Burkina Faso to the north and the Gulf of Guinea, to the south. A recent discovery of oil in the Gulf of Guinea could make Ghana an important oil producer and exporter in the next few years.

The country's economy is dominated by agriculture, which employs about 40 percent of the working population. Ghana is one of the leading exporters of cocoa in the world. It is also a significant exporter of commodities such as gold and lumber. A country covering an area of 238,500 square kilometres, Ghana has an estimated population of 30.4 million (2020 est.), drawn from more than one hundred ethnic groups - each with its own unique language. English, however, is the official language, a legacy of British colonial rule.

In 1957, Ghana (formerly known as the Gold Coast) became the first country in sub-Saharan Africa to gain independence. After leading the country for nine years, the nation's founding president, Kwame Nkrumah was overthrown in a coup d'etat in 1966. After Kwame Nkrumah, Ghana was ruled by a series of military despots with intermittent experiments with democratic rule, most of which were curtailed by military takeovers. The latest and most enduring democratic experiment started in 1992 and it is what has gained recognition for Ghana as a leading democracy in Africa.

Ghana has several tourist attractions, such as the castles. Most of the major international airlines fly into and from the international airport in Accra. Domestic air travel is thriving, and the country has a vibrant telecommunications sector, with six cellular phone operators and several internet service providers.

Immunization/Vaccination: Evidence of immunization for yellow fever and cholera is also required. It is strongly recommended to contact your health official at least 4-6 weeks prior to travel for vaccinations.

Yellow fever: A yellow fever vaccination certificate is required from all travellers when entering Ghana.

Malaria: Vaccination for malaria is recommended. Malaria risk is predominantly in the malignant (*P.falciparum*) form and exists throughout the year in the whole country.

Religion and language

More than one-half of the population is Christian, about one-fifth is Muslim, and a small segment adheres to the traditional indigenous religions. Ghana is a multilingual country in which about eighty languages are spoken. Of these, English, which was inherited from the colonial era, is the official language and lingua franca. Of the languages indigenous to Ghana, Akan is the most widely spoken in the south. Dagbani is most widely spoken in the north.

Main sites (in Accra city)

<https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/tourism/attraction.php>

- [Akosmobo & Volta Lake](#)
- [Beaches](#)
- [Castles and Forts](#)
- [Wildlife protected Areas & national Parks](#)
- [National Museum](#)

Weather	Average temperatures in Accra in the month of November/December range from a low of 25 C° to a high of 32°C.
Money	<p>The local currency is the Ghanaian Cedi which comes in denominations of "500, "1000, "2000 and "5000 bills and 10,00 & 20,000 bill. Coins come in denominations of "500, "200 "100, "50, "20 and "10. There is no restriction on the amount of foreign currency you may bring into Ghana. This must, however, be stated on the currency declaration form.</p> <p>The currency exchange services are available at the airport, hotel reception (for smaller amounts in USD and EU only) and outside the hotel.</p>
Electricity	Type D and G (220-240 V/50 Hz) are the electrical sockets used. It is recommended to bring adapters/converters.
Dial code	The international dial code for Ghana is +233. To make a local call.
Important numbers in Accra	<p>Police: 191 or 18555</p> <p>Ambulance: 193/112</p> <p>Fire fighters :192</p>
QUESTIONS & ASSISTANCE	
Contacts	<p>IOM Regional Office for West and Central Africa</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Kristina Mejo at kmejo@iom.int ○ Bisharo Ali Hussein at bhussein@iom.int <p>IOM Ghana, focal points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Eric Akomanyi at eakomanyi@iom.int ○ Bisharo Ali Hussein at bhussein@iom.int ○ Aron Teklegzi at atekelegzi@iom.int <p>IOM Ghana, security focal point:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Daniel Alim at doebuobi@iom.int ; Tel- +23302446270