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**Eighth Session of the Statistical Commission for Africa
Eighth Meeting of the Regional Committee of United Nations
Global Geospatial Information Management for Africa
Experts Group Meeting of the 6th Conference of African Ministers
Responsible for Civil Registration**

**24-26 October 2022
Addis Ababa**

INFORMATION NOTE

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Welcome to the meetings of the Statistical Commission for Africa, the Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Africa and the Conference of African Ministers Responsible for Civil Registration, which will be held concurrently in Addis Ababa at the United Nations Conference Centre.

1. General information about Ethiopia

Ethiopia has an area of 1.1 million km², making it the tenth most populated country in Africa, and an estimated population of 120 million, the second largest in Africa. More than half the population is below 20 years of age. The capital, Addis Ababa, is situated 2,355 m above sea level.

Agriculture is the backbone of the national economy. The country's main agricultural exports include coffee, oil seeds, pulses, flowers, vegetables, sugar and animal feed. About 85 per cent of the population earn their living from the land. There is also a thriving livestock sector, and exports include cattle, hides and skins.

Ethiopia is a multi-ethnic State. Such is its linguistic diversity that 86 languages and 200 dialects are spoken. The four most widely spoken languages are Amharic, Oromo, Somali and Tigrinya. English, French, Italian and Arabic are also spoken, mainly in Addis Ababa.

2. Registration

In-person registration for the meetings of the Statistical Commission for Africa, the Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Africa and the Experts Group Meeting of the 6th Conference of African Ministers Responsible for Civil Registration will open on 21 October 2022 at 8:30 a.m. You will be able to register and collect your badge and bag at the United Nations Conference Centre. Remember to bring your invitation and your passport. Once you have registered, you must wear your badge at all times at the meeting venue.

3. Website for regular updates on the sessions

The agenda, the concept note, and other documents related to the meetings are available on the following web pages:

- Experts Group Meeting of the 6th Conference of African Ministers Responsible for Civil Registration: <https://www.uneca.org/crvs-6>
- Statistical Commission for Africa: <https://www.uneca.org/events/data-and-statistics/eighth-meeting-statistical-commission-africa>
- Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Africa: <https://www.uneca.org/un-ggim-africa-2022>

4. Conference documents

ECA moving from paper-based conferences to paper-smart conferences to reduce the environmental impact generated using paper.

Participants are requested to rely on digital versions of conference documents that can be downloaded from the conference webpage as well as from ECA paper-smart portal. Therefore, participants are strongly encouraged to bring their own laptops or iPads with them.

The portal can be reached with the url: <https://papersmart.uneca.org/meeting>.

5. Dates and venue

The three meetings will be held concurrently at the United Nations Conference Centre from 24 to 26 October 2022, where a joint opening will be held. Several other pre-events will be held at the Conference Centre on 22 and 23 October 2022.

6. Entry requirements for Ethiopia, including coronavirus disease and other health-related information for Ethiopia

6.1 Visa

Participants from outside Ethiopia must have a visa. You may have received via email an MS Word template, in which you were requested to provide the information that is required by the ECA Protocol Office for processing visa requests; if not, please complete the template and return it as soon as possible, along with a scanned copy of your passport data page, to Mr. Thomas Sinmegn (sinmegn@un.org), Ms. Ayalnesh Asrat (asrat@un.org), Ms. Roman Legesse (legesser@un.org) and Ms. Meaza Bekele (bekele21@un.org), with copy to Ms. Gloria Mathenge (gloria.mathenge@un.org). Once the request has been approved by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, you will then need to apply for a visa through the dedicated online portal of the Immigration and Citizenship Service: (<https://www.evisa.gov.et/>).

6.2 Coronavirus disease requirements

- Anyone over the age of 12 entering Ethiopia at an international airport must possess a certificate of a negative PCR test taken no more than 72 hours before their departure or a negative rapid diagnostic test taken no more than 24 hours before their arrival in Ethiopia. The certificate is not valid for your return flight.
- Notwithstanding the above, you may enter the country without a PCR or rapid diagnostic test certificate if you have a coronavirus disease (COVID-19) recovery certificate issued no more than 90 days ago or you have evidence of being fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

- “Fully vaccinated” means that you took a single dose of the Johnson and Johnson vaccine or two doses of the Astra Zeneca, Sinopharm, Sinovac, Moderna or Pfizer vaccine at least two weeks ago.
- During the meetings, the organizers may arrange COVID-19 rapid antigen tests if required for return flights or for onward international travel. Attendees are advised to have valid health insurance, as they will be responsible for paying for any additional care required if they test positive.
- Each rapid antigen test will cost \$10 and each PRC test will cost \$25. The cost of each test will be paid by the participant.
- Those of you who are being sponsored by ECA, must present your boarding passes, COVID-19 test payment receipts and passports to receive payment of your daily subsistence allowance.
- Participants who test positive for COVID-19 will be quarantined at the Getfam Hotel and will be charged \$300 a day. You are therefore advised to have valid health insurance for your trip.
- If you require any other consultations or laboratory tests, they shall be at your own expense.

6.3 Other health requirements

- A valid yellow fever certificate is required to enter Ethiopia.
- If you take chronic medication, you are advised to bring an adequate supply of your medication, as some products may not be available in Addis Ababa.
- If you suffer from altitude sickness, you are advised not to attend the meeting in person.

6.4 More information

- Owing to security concerns, the Government of Ethiopia does not permit satellite phones or military reconnaissance equipment (such as binoculars, compasses, GPS devices or drones) to be brought into the country unless travellers show written permission from the Ministry of Innovation and Technology to import the equipment. Without such permission, Customs will seize the items at the airport.
- More information on recommendations for travel to Ethiopia can be found at <https://www.dfa.ie/travel/travel-advice/a-z-list-of-countries/ethiopia/>.

7. Accommodation

A list of approved hotels in Addis Ababa is provided in the annex. You may contact the hotel directly by e-mail or telephone to make your own booking. If you need assistance with your hotel reservation, please contact us. All the major hotels in Addis Ababa are equipped with free Wi-Fi.

In addition to the cost of accommodation, you will be responsible for all other costs, such as room service, meals, telephone and fax bills, use of the mini-bar and laundry. You must pay the hotel for these services before your departure.

8. Airport transfer

Bole International Airport is located 5 km from the centre of Addis Ababa. Almost all hotels provide airport shuttle services. Please send your hotel and the Economic Commission for Africa (Ms. Meselu Seyoum, seyoum.uneca@un.org) your date of arrival, airline and flight number at least one week before your flight.

9. Transport

For travel in Addis Ababa, use either the metered yellow taxis or the blue taxis. Taxis are available 24 hours a day.

10. Additional information

10.1 Weather

Addis Ababa has a high-altitude Mediterranean climate, with average temperatures in late October ranging from a night-time low of 10° C to a daytime high of 25° C. Rainfall occurs mainly during the cool season (three quarters of the annual total), which runs from June to September. Given the drop in temperatures after sunset, you may want to bring a light jacket or sweater just in case.

10.2 Electricity

Ethiopia uses socket types C and F. The mains supply is 220 V single phase.

10.3 Currency

The local currency is the Ethiopian birr (at current exchange rate of around, €1 = 53.92 birr, \$1 = 52.72 birr). Visa cards are accepted at most banks in Ethiopia. Ethiopian birr can be withdrawn from bank counters at the airport, in hotels, in banks, in the city or at ATMs.

The Commercial Bank of Ethiopia has a branch in the ECA compound, in the Congo building. The branch is open from Monday to Friday, from 8 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. and from 2 to 4.30 p.m.

Language

The official language of Ethiopia is Amharic. English is also widely spoken and, to a lesser extent, French and Arabic.

Local time

Universal Coordinated Time + 3 (UTC+3).

Telecommunications

The dialling code for Ethiopia is +251. SIM cards can be bought from Ethiopia Telecom offices in the city and at a kiosk at the airport. Both the SIM card and the mobile phone should be registered with Ethiopia Telecom before they are used.

11. Contact

For more information about the meeting, please contact the following:

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Hotel information

No.	HOTEL	Room type	United Nations special rate
1.	CAPITAL HOTEL AND SPA Tel: 251-11 6-672100 251-11-6-192000 Fax: 251-11-6-672012 E-mail: reservation@capitalhotelandspa.com Website: www.capitalhotelandspa.com	Single standard room	\$135.00 <i>Inclusive of breakfast and all taxes</i>
2.	CHURCHLL HOTEL Tel: (251-11) 1 11 12 12 Fax: (251-11) 1 11 88 00 Contact: Haimanot – 251 966 72 02 73	Single room	\$55.00 <i>Inclusive of breakfast and all taxes</i>
3.	ELILLY HOTEL Tel: 0115- 58 77 77/73/70 Fax: 0115 58 52 00 Contact: Elisabeth Shume/Tesfaye Amenu Website: www.elillyhotel.com	Standard room	\$80.00 <i>Inclusive of breakfast and all taxes</i>
4.	FRIENDSHIP HOTEL Tel: (251-11) 6 67 02 02 E-mail: marketing@friendshiphotel.com.et	Standard room	\$120.00 <i>Inclusive of breakfast and all taxes</i>
5.	GETFAM HOTEL Tel: (251-11) 6 67 31 75 E-mail: reservations@getfamhotel.com Website: www.getfamhotel.com	Standard room	\$92.00 <i>Inclusive of breakfast and all taxes</i>
6.	HARMONY HOTEL Tel: (251-11) 6 18 31 00 Fax: (251-11) 6 18 29 10 Mob.: (251-913) 86 77 78 E-mail: reservation@harmonyhotelethiopia.com Website: www.harmonyhotelethiopia.com	Sheba queen room	\$103.00 <i>Inclusive of breakfast and all taxes</i>

7.	HILTON HOTEL Tel: (251-11) 5 51 84 00/17 00 00 Tel: (251-11) 5 51 00 64 Fax: (251-11) 5 51 17 18 Contact: Daniel Gelaw E -mail: reservations.addisababa@hilton.com	Garden wing room Refurbished standard room	\$90.00 \$120.00 Plus 26.5% tax <i>Breakfast included</i>
8.	HYATT REGENCY HOTEL Tel: (251-11) 5 17 12 34 E-mail: addisababa.regency@hyatt.com	Standard room	\$160.00 Plus 26.5% tax <i>Breakfast included</i>
9.	INTER LUXURY HOTEL Tel: (251-11) 5 50 50 66/18 04 44 Fax: (251-11) 5 54 00 90/96 Contact: Alem/ Liya Habtemariam	King deluxe (standard room)	\$80.00 <i>Inclusive of breakfast and all taxes</i>
10.	JUPITER INTERNATIONAL HOTEL - KASANCHES Tel: (251-11) 5 52 73 33 (251-11) 5 52 63 70 0911 65 18 10 (Ayelech) Fax: (251-11) 5 52 64 18 E-mail: info@jupiterinternationalhotel.com Website: www.jupiterinternationalhotel.com	Standard single room Deluxe room Twin room	\$75.00 \$95.00 \$110.00 <i>Inclusive of breakfast and all taxes</i>
11.	KALEB HOTEL Tel: (251-11) 6-62-22-00 Fax: (251-11) 6-62-80-98 E-mail: reservation@kalebhotel.com Website: www.kalebhotel.com	Single standard room	\$66.00 <i>Inclusive of breakfast and all taxes</i>
12.	MAGNOLIA HOTEL Tel: (251-11) 6 39 37 77 E-mail: reservation@magnoliaaddis.com	Standard single	\$60.00 <i>Inclusive of breakfast and all taxes</i>
13.	MARRIOTT EXECUTIVE APARTMENTS Tel: (251-11) 5 18 46 00 Contact: Biruk Hailu/ Tigist Juneydin Website: www.marriott.com/adder	Single room	\$160.00 Plus 26.5% tax <i>Breakfast included</i>

14.	NIGIST TOWERS GUEST HOUSE Tel: (251-11) 5 50 97 70 Contact: Yirgat – 0911 19 55 35 E-mail: info@nigisttowers.com Website: www.nigisttowers.com	Studio One bedroom Two bedroom	\$66.00 \$75.00 \$100.00 <i>Inclusive of all taxes; breakfast not included</i>
15.	PANORAMA HOTEL Tel: (251-11) 6 6 61 60 70 E-mail: info@panoramaaddis.com berhanu@panoramaaddis.com	Standard single room	\$53.00 <i>Inclusive of breakfast and all taxes</i>
16.	RADISSON BLU HOTEL Tel: (251-11) 5-15 76 00/ 17 04 00 Fax: (251-11) 5-15 76 01 Website: www.radissonblu.com	Single standard room	\$125.00 Plus 26.5% tax <i>Breakfast included</i>
17.	RAMADA HOTEL Tel: (251-11) 6 39 39 39 Email: info@ramadaaddis.com Website: www.ramadaaddis.com	Superior room	\$115.00 <i>Inclusive of breakfast and all taxes</i>
18.	SARO MARIA HOTEL Tel: 0116- 67 21 67/68 Fax: 0116- 67 21 21 Website: www.saromariahhotel.com	Single standard room	\$90.00 <i>Inclusive of breakfast and all taxes</i>
19.	SHERATON HOTEL Tel: (251-11) 5 17 17 17 Fax: (251-11) 5 17 27 27 Contact: Mr. Getachew Melese/Mr. Begashaw Kassaye Website: www.luxurycollection.com/addis	Club room (single) Double room Executive room Executive double room	\$255.00 \$255.00 \$366.00 \$410.00 Plus 26.5% tax
20.	SKYLIGHT HOTEL Tel: (251-11) 6-67 10 90 Email: reservations@ethiopianskylighthotel.com Website: www.ethiopianskylighthotel.com	Single room Double room	\$100.00 \$120.00 Plus 26.5% tax <i>Breakfast included</i>