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Central & Eastern Africa

Strengthening Resilience, Economic Growth and Diversification in  
a Context of Instability and Shocks: The role of Special Economic  
Zones, Innovative Financing and the African Continental Free  
Trade Area (AfCFTA)

Savoy Hotel, Seychelles  
15 - 18 November 2022

# INFORMATION NOTE

## SUB-REGIONAL OFFICES FOR CENTRAL AND EASTERN AFRICA

### JOINT MEETING OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE OF SENIOR OFFICIALS AND EXPERTS (ICSOE), FROM 15 - 18 NOVEMBER 2022

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#### INFORMATION NOTE

The Joint Meeting of the Intergovernmental Committee of Senior Officials and Experts (ICSOE) organized by the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), Sub-Regional Offices for Central and Eastern Africa (SRO-CA and SRO-EA) is scheduled to take place from 15 to 18 November 2022. The Meeting will be held under the theme “*Strengthening resilience, economic growth and diversification in a context of instability and shocks: the role of Special Economic Zones, innovative financing, tourism and the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA).*”

This note provides guidelines for the conduct of the conference and your participation. **YOU ARE KINDLY REQUESTED TO READ IT CAREFULLY.**

#### **PARTICIPATION:**

The ICSOE will be attended by high-level representatives and experts from Member States served by the SRO-CA and SRO-EA, which include Regional Economic Commissions (RECs) and Intergovernmental Organisations (IGOs). The private sector, international institutions, civil society organisations, women, youth, media, United Nations family. Other relevant stakeholders will also be represented.

#### **FORMAT OF THE 25<sup>th</sup> CONFERENCE:**

The meeting will be held in a hybrid format from 15-18 November 2022. Participants will have the choice to attend the proceedings either in person in Mahe, Seychelles or online through details that will be provided in due course.

All discussions will be held in plenary, with presentations followed by panel discussions or general Question and Answer sessions. The ECA working languages are French and English. For effective communication, simultaneous interpretation is planned for all the sessions. To accommodate all member States envisaged to attend, interpretation will also be provided in Portuguese and Spanish.

All working documents, in English and French, will be made available. Other documents related to the meeting can be accessed at <https://www.uneca.org/events/join-session-of-the-intergovernmental-committee-of-senior-officials-and-experts-offices-for>.

## MEETING VENUE

The meeting will be held at the Savoy Seychelles Resort & Spa Hotel, Beau Vallon, Mahe, Seychelles.

## HOTEL ACCOMODATION

All sponsored participants will be picked up by the Government of Seychelles and transferred to their pre-selected hotels. For self-sponsoring participants, it is important to communicate your flight details to UNECA to facilitate transportation from the airport to the hotel for arrival and pick up from the hotel to the airport for departure. UNECA will cover accommodation costs for all sponsored participants. All sponsored participants will also be paid per diem (DSA) in line with UN rules. UNECA has negotiated rates with the hotels as follows:

Name	Price
Savoy Seychelles Resort & Spa	Standard room:
	EUR 285 Single BB per room /per night
	EUR 320 Double BB per room/per night

Any extra costs they may have incurred during hotel stays is expected to be borne by participants. Kindly note that the Coral Strand, Coco D’or and Berjaya hotels are all walking distance from the meeting venue, the Savoy Seychelles Resort & Spa hotel.

## Entry requirements into Seychelles

All fully immunised visitors (with certificate of not more than 6 months) are exempted from pre-travel PCR test. Exemption is also granted to visitors having recently tested positive to the COVID-19 virus -between 2 to 12 weeks prior to travel – upon provision of proof of infection and recovery.

Unvaccinated or partially vaccinated visitors will be required to present a negative PCR test taken within 72 hours or a rapid antigen test done in a certified laboratory within 24hrs before departure to Seychelles. Kindly note that your covid-19 certificate should not be over 6 months at the time of arrival. Should your covid-19 certificate be over 6 months, you are required to present a negative PCR test. ***PLEASE DO NOT FORGET TO BRING YOUR COVID-19 TEST RECEIPT FROM YOUR DEPARTURE POINT FOR REIMBURSEMENT.***

## Other Mandatory Requirements

- *Although no visa is required for entry into Seychelles, all visitors must, apply for entry through the Travel Authorisation (TA) platform at [seychelles.govtas.com](http://seychelles.govtas.com).*

**Note:** The TA document is essential for travel and will be required at check-in counters. Visitors failing to provide the TA document will not be allowed by the airline company to board for Seychelles.

Yellow Fever Does Not Exist in Seychelles. **Yellow fever vaccination is needed if you are traveling to Seychelles from a yellow fever endemic region.** If you are transiting through an airport of a yellow fever endemic region for less than 12 hours you do not need yellow fever vaccination.

- Vaccination certificate (not older than 6 months) or equivalent document;
- Valid travel insurance; PLEASE CONTACT LOCAL INSURANCE PROVIDERS TO GET TRAVEL INSURANCE IF YOU DO NOT HAVE ANY.
- Valid Medical insurance to cover potential COVID-19 related costs (isolation, quarantine, and treatment)

### **COVID-19 test for your return back flight**

Your Covid Test will be facilitated for all participants for their return flight back to your respective countries. Participants shall pay for their tests. The following facilities can be contacted for further information. Ms. Mediatrice Nyirakimonyo will be available to arrange transportation to the testing sites.

#### **Private companies offering PCR testing**

##### **Euro Medical Family Clinic**

Cost: SCR 1000/ \$75

Same day results (approximately 6 hours) possible

Contact: 2504212 or [info@euromedical.info](mailto:info@euromedical.info) for appointment

##### **Future Care Clinic- Le Chantier**

Cost- SCR 1000 / \$75

Same day results (approximately 6 hours) possible

Contact: 4225252 or [jude@future.sc](mailto:jude@future.sc) for appointment

##### **Victoria Health Clinic- Anse Etoile**

Cost- SCR 1200/ \$90

Same day results (approximately 6 hours) possible

Contact - 4241880 or [info@victoriahealthclinic.com](mailto:info@victoriahealthclinic.com) / [danpayet@victoriahealthclinic.com](mailto:danpayet@victoriahealthclinic.com)

### **SIM CARD SERVICE PROVIDERS**

#### **Airtel Seychelles**

Cost of SIM Card- SCR 100/ \$8

Inbound tourists to Seychelles are now able to purchase a local SIM card prior to arrival when they complete their Travel Authorisation through the Seychelles Electronic Border System platform for collection at the Airtel kiosk at the airport. SIM Cards can only be purchased at Airtel showrooms and kiosks around the island, as well as at the Airport booth. For more information, please access the following website: <https://www.airtel.sc/>

#### **Cable and Wireless (CWS)**

Cost of SIM Card- SCR100/ \$8

##### **Mobile Prepaid**

SIM Cards (Starter Pack) are only available for purchase at CWS Kiosk and CWS Customer Service Centres. SIM Cards (Starter Pack) are no longer be available at retail outlets. You can now purchase CWS SIM Cards ONLY at the following locations on Mahe Island:

- Airport Booth
- CWS Kiosks in various locations

- Victoria Customer Service
- Providence Customer Service
- Anse Royale Customer Service
- Beau Vallon Customer Service
- Airport Booth

For more information, please visit the following website :  
<https://www.cwseychelles.com/prepaid-mobile-services>

#### **PARTICIPATION ALLOWANCE:**

UNECA will, in accordance with UN rules and regulations, cover costs related to your hotel stay from 14-19 (5 nights) and lunches from 15-18 for in-person participants.

We look forward to your participation at the Joint SRO-Central Africa and Eastern Africa Intergovernmental Committee of Senior Officials and Experts (ICSOE) that will focus on ***“Strengthening resilience, economic growth and diversification in a context of instability and shocks: the role of Special Economic Zones, innovative financing and the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA)”*** from 15 – 18 November 2022.

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