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Economic Commission for Africa
Statistical Commission for Africa
Tenth session

Addis Ababa (hybrid), 21–23 October 2026

Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Africa
Twelfth meeting

Addis Ababa (hybrid), 19–23 October 2026

Forum on African Statistical Development
Twelfth meeting

Addis Ababa (hybrid), 20 October 2026

Information note for participants

I. Overview

The tenth session of the Statistical Commission for Africa, the twelfth meeting of the Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Africa, and the twelfth meeting of the Forum on African Statistical Development will be held at the United Nations Conference Centre in Addis Ababa from 21 to 23 October, from 19 to 23 October, and on 20 October 2026, respectively. The present document contains general information on meeting arrangements that may be helpful for those planning to travel to and participate in the events.

In order to keep costs down and protect the environment, the present information note will be available in electronic format only. Additional information on the events is provided on the following dedicated web pages of the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA):

- For the tenth session of the Statistical Commission, www.uneca.org/eca-events/tenth-session-statistical-commission-africa;
- For the twelfth session of the Regional Committee, www.uneca.org/eca-events/un-ggim-africa-2026;
- For the twelfth meeting of the Forum on African Statistical Development, https://www.uneca.org/eca-events/statcom10/documents.

These events will run in parallel with the aim of sustaining and strengthening collaboration between the geospatial information and statistical communities. They will bring together directors of African national statistical offices and representatives of regional economic communities and regional statistical training centres, heads of national mapping agencies, pan-African

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institutions and various partners in statistical and geospatial information development.

II. Meeting venue

As stated above, the three events will be held at the United Nations Conference Centre. Contact information for the venue is as follows:

United Nations Conference Centre in Addis Ababa

Menelik II Avenue

Addis Ababa

Tel: +251 11 544 5000

Fax: +251 11 551 4416

III. Secretariat contact information

For registration-related matters for all three events:

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Tenth session of the Statistical Commission for Africa

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Twelfth meeting of the Forum on African Statistical Development

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IV. Visa and immigration requirements

All participants travelling to Ethiopia must hold a passport that is valid for a minimum period of six months from the date of intended entry and contains at least two consecutive empty visa pages.

Participants who intend to obtain a visa upon arrival at Addis Ababa Bole International Airport should send the secretariat the following documents by 1 October 2026:

- Copy of passport
- Flight details (arrival and departure information)
- Name of hotel booked

Such participants should carry with them their personal official letter of invitation and a copy of the note verbale listing the names of meeting participants. They should be prepared to present those documents at the check-in desk at the airport of departure and to the immigration authorities of Ethiopia upon arrival. The application fee for a single-entry 30-day conference visa is $52. For additional information on conference visas, see www.evisa.gov.et/information/conferenceVisa.

The application procedure for journalist visas is the same as described above. The fee is $152 for a single-entry 30-day journalist visa. For additional information on journalist visas, see www.evisa.gov.et/information/journalistvisa.

ECA will send a note verbale to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ethiopia and the Immigration, Nationality and Vital Events Agency of Ethiopia to facilitate the issuance of visas upon arrival for all confirmed participants. The note verbale will be shared with confirmed participants to support their request for a visa.

Sponsored participants should note that visa fees are covered by the daily subsistence allowance and will not be reimbursed.

Holders of diplomatic and service passports or a United Nations laissez-passer will receive a visa upon arrival free of charge.

Bank receipts for money exchanged at the airport must be kept secure, as they may be requested by officials at the airport upon departure.

All questions relating to visas should be sent to eca-protocolservice@un.org, with a copy to Meron Kinfemichael at kinfemichael@un.org.

V. Airport transfers and transport to the meeting venue

Participants should contact the hotel at which they have chosen to stay to arrange transfer from the airport to the hotel.

There are no daily transport arrangements to and from the meeting venue, and participants are responsible for organizing their own transport.

VI. Hotel accommodation

All participants travelling to Ethiopia must contact hotels directly to arrange, confirm and guarantee their bookings. Special United Nations rates for hotel rooms have been negotiated for the hotels listed in annex I to the present information note. The deadline for confirming reservations at these hotels is 5 October 2026. Reservations that have not been confirmed by that deadline will

be released. After that date, hotels will accept accommodation requests on the basis of the availability of rooms.

All participants are kindly requested to note that ECA will not be able to arrange hotel accommodation if participants fail to make their own arrangements beforehand.

VII. Registration and identification badges

A. Online registration

Participants must register online through the link provided below. They are encouraged to register well in advance and no later than 1 October 2026. Please note that there is a single registration link for all three events, which is as follows:

https://indico.un.org/event/1025300

B. Badges

Participants are required to have a valid badge that must be presented to access the venue. Badges can be collected beginning on 19 October 2026 in the Delegate Registration Building, to which participants will be directed upon entering the ECA compound at Gate 2.

For security reasons, badges must be displayed at all times. Lost badges should be immediately reported at the registration counter.

VIII. Facilities and services at the venue

A. Accessibility

The venue is accessible to **persons with disabilities**. Participants who require assistance or specific accessibility arrangements are requested to contact Meron Kinfemichael at kinfemichael@un.org in advance.

B. Internet connectivity

High-density Wi-Fi will be available at the venue. The Wi-Fi name and password will be displayed in visible locations.

C. Documentation

ECA will adopt a paper-smart approach to the events. Participants attending the events in person are advised to bring their own devices (such as laptop computers, tablet computers or smartphones) to download and view the documents. Electronic versions of meeting documents will be made available through the dedicated web pages listed below.

Tenth session of the Statistical Commission for Africa

www.uneca.org/eca-events/tenth-session-statistical-commission-africa

Twelfth meeting of the Regional Committee of United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management for Africa

www.uneca.org/eca-events/un-ggim-africa-2026

Twelfth meeting of the Forum on African Statistical Development

https://www.uneca.org/eca-events/statcom10/documents

Side-events

www.uneca.org/eca-events/tenth-session-statistical-commission-africa

D. Working languages

The working languages of the events are English and French.

IX. Practical information

A. Currency

The official currency of Ethiopia is the Ethiopian birr. One United States dollar is equivalent to approximately 160 birr. Credit and debit cards, such as American Express, Diners Club International, Mastercard and Visa, are accepted in Ethiopia. Automatic cash machines are also available.

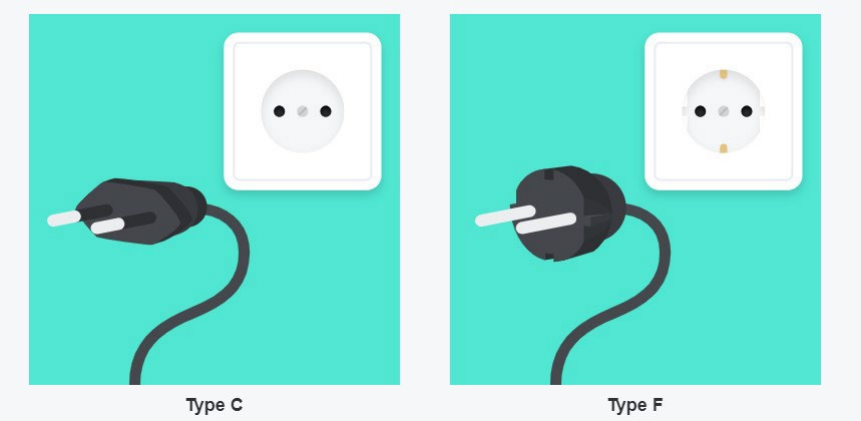
B. Time zone

The time zone is UTC+3 all year long.

C. Electricity supply and voltage

The electricity supply in Ethiopia is 220 V with a frequency of 50 Hz alternating current. Plug types C and F are used, as shown in the figure.

Figure I
Plug types used in Ethiopia



D. Mobile phone services

Ethio Telecom and Safaricom are the main mobile phone companies in the country. They offer prepaid SIM cards and have roaming agreements with partners in many countries. In order to activate a SIM card, the purchaser must register at the time of purchase. Participants will need to show their passports when buying a SIM card from an authorized vendor. SIM cards and telephone credit can be purchased at the airport.

E. Health and insurance

1. Pre-travel planning and vaccinations

Before your departure, please ensure that you are up to date with routine immunizations and travel vaccines. A yellow fever vaccination certificate is strictly required by the Ethiopian authorities if you are arriving from or transiting through a country with a risk of yellow fever transmission. Please bring a sufficient supply of any medications to last the entirety of your stay. Specific brands or specialist formulations may not be readily available on the local market.

2. Altitude and weather

Addis Ababa is situated approximately 2,400 metres (7,874 feet) above sea level. The high altitude can cause mild symptoms such as headaches, fatigue or mild shortness of breath during your first few days. This risk is heightened for individuals with pre-existing cardiovascular or respiratory conditions. Drink plenty of water and avoid overexertion upon arrival.

Ethiopia has two main seasons. The dry season is from October to May, and the rainy season starts in late June and ends in September. Temperatures can vary considerably depending on the season and altitude and between daytime and evening. Participants are advised to bring clothing that is suitable for cool evenings and early mornings. Participants may also wish to bring a waterproof jacket and an umbrella in case of rain.

3. Food, water and gastrointestinal health

Waterborne and food-borne illnesses may occur periodically. Strict adherence to personal hygiene minimizes this risk. Avoid tap water completely. Drink only bottled water with an intact, factory-sealed cap or water that has been boiled. Avoid ice unless you know it has been made from safe drinking water. Only eat food that is freshly cooked and served hot. Avoid raw or undercooked meat. Wash your hands regularly with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer (at least 60 per cent alcohol), as appropriate.

4. Malaria

Because Addis Ababa sits well above 2,000 metres, there is virtually no risk of malaria transmission within the city itself. Preventive antimalarial medication is generally not required if your travel itinerary is strictly limited to the city. However, if you plan to travel to areas outside Addis Ababa with an elevation below 2,000 metres, there is a higher risk of malaria. In that case, you should consult a travel clinic about appropriate antimalarial medication and use insect repellent consistently.

5. Healthcare

The United Nations Healthcare Centre is located within the ECA compound in Addis Ababa and available to conference participants for acute and emergency healthcare needs on a cost-recovery basis. Regular clinic services are available weekdays from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., with an emergency hotline available outside those hours and throughout the weekend (see annex II).

Emergency response and public ambulance services in Addis Ababa can be highly limited. Travellers are advised to use reputable private hospitals within the city, a list of which may be found in annex II.

6. Insurance

Participants are strictly responsible for arranging at their own expense appropriate health, travel and any other insurance they consider necessary for

the entire duration of their stay. Please ensure your travel insurance explicitly covers international medical evacuation.

F. Security

Addis Ababa is a relatively safe city for travellers. Adequate security will be provided at the venue and the recommended hotels. Visitors are advised to stay alert, maintain a low profile, avoid going anywhere alone or at night when possible and report any incident to the security team.

While at the venue, participants should ensure that they:

- Wear their conference badge visibly and show it to any authorized person who asks to see it.
- Do not leave bags or parcels unattended, as they may be confiscated and destroyed.
- Do not bring unauthorized persons, including children, into the conference facilities.
- Look after their valuables.
- Check that they have all their documents and personal items before leaving conference halls and meeting rooms.
- Inform the ECA Security and Safety Service officer on duty if they lose anything valuable.

When at their hotels, participants should:

- Make sure that the door is locked on entering and leaving the hotel room.
- Before leaving the hotel room, make sure that no money, jewellery, cameras or other valuables are visible.
- Deposit valuables or any other important items at the reception desk and ask for a receipt, or leave them in the safe in the hotel room.
- Inform the ECA Security and Safety Service if they see anything suspicious or unusual.

G. Emergency contact information

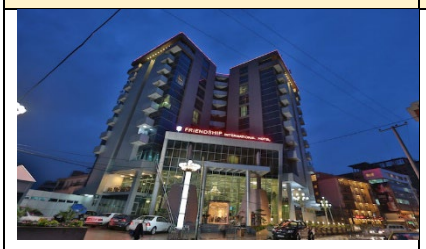
ECA Security Control Centre	+251 11 551 6537
	+251 11 551 2945
	+251 11 544 5060
	+251 97 658 5689
	+251 96 523 3688
Department of Safety and Security Operations Centre	+251 11 524 2155
	+251 11 524 2059
	+251 11 444 4428
	+251 98 689 4397
Addis Ababa Police Commission	+251 11 111 0211
Ethiopian Federal Police	991/922

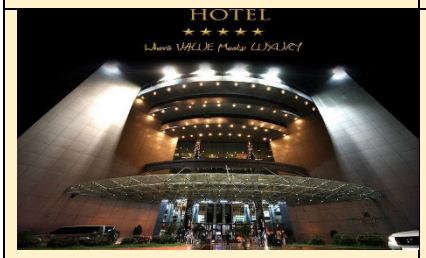
	+251 11 888 6228
Addis Ababa Fire and Emergency Prevention and Rescue Agency	939 +251 11 869 6867 +251 11 869 6868

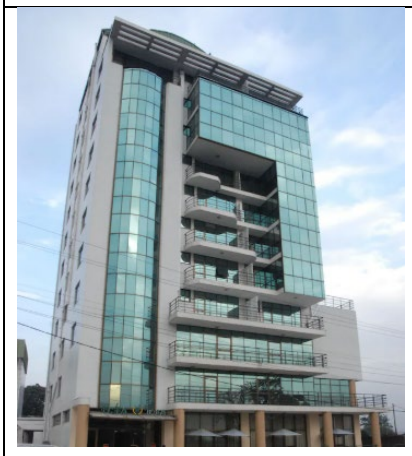
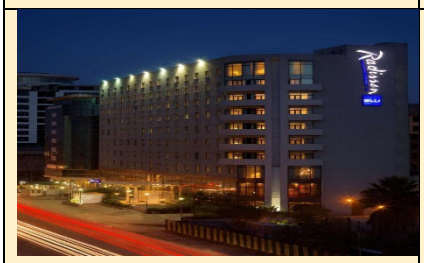
Annex I

Selected hotels

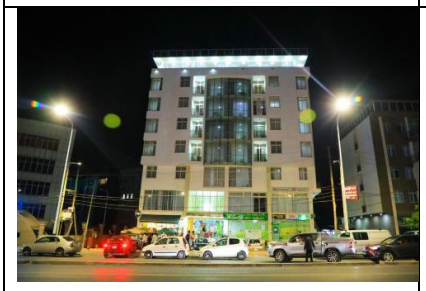
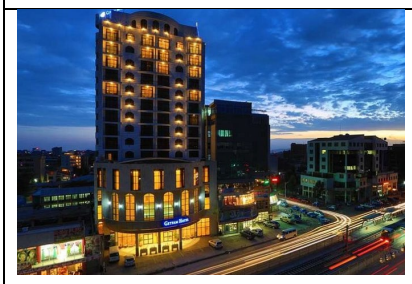
Note: Beige shading is used below to indicate hotels that are located within walking distance of the ECA compound, where the Conference Centre is located. Participants should contact their preferred hotel directly to confirm the posted rate and to make a reservation.

Hotel	*Contact details*	*Type of room*	*United Nations rate*
	**Aphrodite International Hotel** **Telephone**: +251 11 557 2220 **Contact**: Mr. Adissu +251 91 379 7670 **Email**: aphroditeinthotel@gmail.com addishotel9@gmail.com **Website**: www.aphroditeaddis.com	Single standard room	$60.00 Inclusive of breakfast and all taxes
	**Elilly International Hotel** **Telephone**: +251 11 558 7777 +251 11 558 7773 +251 11 558 7770 **Fax**: +251 11 558 5200 **Contact**: Ms. Elsabeth Shume +251 91 367 5196 **Email**: event@elillyhotel.com reservation@elillyhotel.com info@elillyhotel.com **Website**: www.elillyhotel.com	Standard room	$80.00 Inclusive of breakfast and all taxes
	**Friendship International Hotel** **Telephone**: +251 11 667 0202 **Contact**: Mr. Tesfaye +251 91 169 0911 **Email**: marketing@friendshiphotel.com.et	Standard room (king) Deluxe room	$60.00 $70.00 Inclusive of breakfast and all taxes
	**Harmony Hotel** **Telephone**: +251 11 618 3100 **Fax**: +251 11 618 2910 **Contact**: Ms. Eyerusalem +251 93 861 6161 / +251 91 386 7778 **Email**: marketing3@harmonyhotelethiopia.com marketingdirector@harmonyhotelethiopia.com **Website**: www.harmonyhotelethiopia.com	Sheba queen room	$60.00 Inclusive of breakfast and all taxes

Hotel	*Contact details*	*Type of room*	*United Nations rate*
	**Hilton Hotel** **Telephone**: +251 11 551 8400 +251 11 517 0000 +251 11 551 0064 **Fax**: +251 11 551 1718 **Contact**: Mr. Daniel Gelaw **Email**: reservations.addisababa@hilton.com	Garden wing room (standard) King room	$120.00 $132.00 Inclusive of breakfast and all taxes
	**Hyatt Regency Hotel** **Telephone**: +251 11 517 1234 +251 91 189 0886 **Contact**: Ms. Meron **Email**: addisababa.regency@hyatt.com meron.afework@hyatt.com	Standard room	$180.00 **Plus 26.5% tax**, breakfast included
	**Inter Luxury Hotel** **Telephone**: +251 11 550 5066 +251 11 518 0444 **Fax**: +251 11 554 0090 +251 11 554 0096 **Contact**: Ms. Jacqueline Solomon **Email**: christie.dawit@interluxuryhotel.com reservation@interluxuryhotel.com **Website**: https://interluxuryhotel.com/	King deluxe (standard) room	$80.00 Inclusive of breakfast and all taxes
	**Jupiter International Hotel – Kazanchis** **Telephone**: +251 11 552 7333 +251 11 552 6370 **Fax**: +251 11 552 6418 **Contact**: Ms. Ayelech +251 91 165 1810 **Email**: info@jupiterinternationalhotel.com reservations@jupiterinternationalhotel.com **Website**:www.jupiterinternationalhotel.com	Standard single room Deluxe room Twin room	$75.00 $90.00 $110.00 Inclusive of breakfast and all taxes

Hotel	*Contact details*	*Type of room*	*United Nations rate*
	**Churchill Hotel** **Telephone**: +251 11 111 1212 **Fax**: +251 11 111 8800 **Contact Person**: Ms. Eyerusalem +251 911 221748 **Email** : churchillhotelet@gmail.com eendale@gmail.com	Standard room	$50.00 Inclusive of breakfast and all taxes
	**Marriott Executive Apartments** **Telephone**: +251 11 518 4600 **Contact**: Mr. Biruk Hailu / Ms. Tigist Juneydin **Email**: reservation.adder@marriott.com **Website**: www.marriott.com/adder	Single room	$160.00 **Plus 26.5% per cent tax**, breakfast included
	**Nigist Towers Hotel and Apartments** **Telephone**: +251 11 550 9770 **Contact**: Yirgat: +251 91 119 5535 **Email**: info@nigisttowers.com nigisttowers@gmail.com **Website**: www.nigisttowers.com	Studio One-bedroom suite Two-bedroom suite	$72.45 $84.53 $114.70 Inclusive of all taxes, breakfast not included
	**Radisson Blu Hotel** **Telephone**: +251 11 515 7600 +251 11 517 0400 **Fax**: +251 11 515 7601 **Contact**: Ms. Elleni +251 92 146 7702 **Email**: elleni.surafel@radissonblu.com reservations.addisababa@radissonblu. com **Website**: www.radissonblu.com	Single standard room	$158.00 Inclusive of breakfast and all taxes
	**Ramada Hotel** **Telephone**: +251 11 639 3939 **Contact**: Ms. Eden +251 98 063 6086 **Email**: info@ramadaaddis.com eden.melese@ramadaaddi.com **Website**: www.ramadaaddis.com	Superior room	$90.00 Inclusive of breakfast and all taxes

Hotel	*Contact details*	*Type of room*	*United Nations rate*
	**Saro-Maria Hotel** **Telephone**: +251 11 667 2167 +251 11 667 2168 **Fax**: +251 11 667 2121 **Contact**: Mr. Henok +251 91 250 6628 **Email**: info@saromariahotel.com reservation@saromariahotel.com sales.marketing1@saromariahotel. com **Website**: www.saromariahotel.com	Single standard room	$70.00 Inclusive of breakfast and all taxes
	**Sheraton Hotel** **Telephone**: +251 11 517 1717 **Fax**: +251 11 517 2727 **Contact**: Mr. Getachew Melese/Mr. Begashaw Kassaye **Email**: reservations.addisethiopia@luxury-collection.com **Website**: www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/addlc-sheraton-addis-a-luxury-collection-hotel-addis-ababa/overview/	Club room (single) Executive room	$255.00 $366.00 **Plus 26.5% per cent tax**, breakfast included
	**Ethiopian Skylight Hotel** **Telephone**: +251 11 667 1090 +251 11 681 8181 +251 11 617 6389 **Email**: reservation@ethiopianskylighthotel. com ayehug@ethiopianskylighthotel.com **Website**: www.ethiopianskylighthotel.com	Single room Double room	$93.00 $109.00 **Plus 26.5% per cent tax**, breakfast included
	**Grand Palace Suites and Hotel** **Telephone**: +251 93 630 6533 +251 93 630 6533 **Contact**: Ms. Netsanet Wereku +251 98 062 6262 **Email**: sales@grandpalaceaddis.com info@grandpalaceaddis.com **Website**: www.grandpalaceaddis.com	Single standard room Deluxe room	$63.00 $70.00 Inclusive of breakfast and all taxes

Hotel	*Contact details*	*Type of room*	*United Nations rate*
	**Yebo Hotel and Spa** **Telephone**: +251 96 914 1296 **Contact**: Natnael Zerom **Email**: yebonati01@gmail.com **Website**: https://yebo-hotel-spa.hotels-addisababa.com/en/	Standard Deluxe Twin bed	$60.00 $70.00 $90.00
	**Addis Diplomat Hotel** **Telephone**: +251 11 372 9550 +251 11 372 9551 +251 11 372 9552 **Contact**: Beteslassie Yiheyis **Email**: addisdiplomat@gmail.com **Website**: https://diplomatapartment.com	Executive suite Standard suite One-bedroom suite Junior suite Studio suite	$100.00 $90.00 $80.00 $65.00 $55.00
	**Victoria Guest House** **Telephone**: +251 11 369 2112 **Email**: info@victoriaguesthouseaddis.net **Website**: https://victoriaguesthouseaddis.net/	Deluxe Standard Suite Luxury suite Family room	$86.00 $60.00 $103.00 $127.00 $153.00
	**Ambassador Hotel** **Telephone**: +251 11 618 8284 +251 11 618 8281 **Email**: reservation@ambassadorhotelethiopia .com	Standard room	$50.00 Inclusive of breakfast and all taxes
	**Capital Hotel and Spa** **Telephone**: +251 11 667 2100 +251 11 619 2000 **Fax:** +251 11 667 2012 **Email**: reservation@capitalhotelandspa.com **Website**: www.capitalhotelandspa.com	Standard room	$95.00 Inclusive of breakfast and all taxes
	**Getfam Hotel and Spa** **Telephone:** +251 11 667 3175 **Contact Person:** Mr. Biruk **Email**: reservations@getfamhotel.com **Website**: www.getfamhotel.com	Standard room (superior queen)	$75.00 Inclusive of breakfast and all taxes

Annex II

Selected hospitals and medical centres in Addis Ababa

	Name of hospital	Names and titles of staff members	Telephone numbers	Specialization
1.	United Nations Healthcare Centre	Emergency hotline Dr. Sunita Panta (Chief Medical Officer) Kelemwork Kejela (Head Nurse) Dr. Biruk Girma (Emergency Physician)	+251 92 990 8433 (emergency hotline) +251 91 122 1726 +251 91 120 1803 +251 90 403 2929	Clinic
2.	Bethzatha General Hospital	Reception	7477 +251 11 551 4141	General hospital
3.	Hallelujah General Hospital	Reception Liaison Officer and Coordinator	+251 11 470 4243 +251 94 010 5692	General hospital
4.	St. Gabriel General Hospital	Reception	+251 11 618 7345 +251 11 661 4400 +251 11 618 7359	General hospital
5.	Silk Road General Hospital	Reception SGH Coordinator Coordinating Head Nurse Dr. Anvar Makhmudov (Surgeon, Medical Director) Dr. Vadim Gazzaev (Coordinating Doctor)	+251 93 661 0666 +251 96 904 5576 +251 98 470 3771 +251 91 163 3591 +251 90 210 8002 +251 95 212 7145	General hospital
6.	MCM Comprehensive Specialized Hospital	Reception	+251 11 629 2963 +251 92 967 5507	General hospital

	Name of hospital	Names and titles of staff members	Telephone numbers	Specialization
7.	Landmark General Hospital	Reception	+251 11 552 5463 +251 11 552 5719	General hospital
8.	Nordic Medical Centre	Dr. Kjell Magne Kiplesund	+251 92 910 5653	General hospital
9.	Addis Cardiac Hospital	Reception Dr. Adefres Bahiru (Medical Director) Dr. Gebeyehu Bekele (Internist) Dr. Tewodros Fikremariam (Cardiologist)	+251 95 234 3434 +251 11 663 4740 +251 11 663 4741 +251 92 208 2065 +251 91 222 4971 +251 91 150 2025	Cardiac and internal medicine
10.	Yanet Internal Medicine Specialty Centre	Reception Dr. Trusew Kidane (Medical Director)	+251 90 377 7755 +251 92 162 5239	Internal medicine
11.	Lancet General Hospital	Dr. Selamawit Zewde Dr. Kidist Amare	+251 91 341 1690 +251 91 27 06178	General hospital
12.	Gesund Cardiac and Medical Centre	Reception	+251 11 667 6269	Cardiac and general hospital
13.	International Cardiovascular and Medical Centre	Reception	+251 11 667 8646	General hospital
14.	Kadisco General Hospital	Reception	+251 11 629 9802 +251 11 629 9803 +251 11 629 9804	General hospital
15.	Hemen Maternity Health Centre	Reception	+251 93 122 5366	Gynaecology and paediatrics
16.	Danu Orthopaedic Centre	Reception	+251 11 111 9266	Orthopaedics
17.	American Medical Center	Reception	+251 11 667 8004 +251 11 667 8020 +251 94 964 8404	General medicine

18.	Samaritan Surgical Centre	Reception	+251 94 444 4801	Orthopaedics and general surgery
19.	Axon Stroke and Spine Centre	Dr. Wondwossen Gebreamanuel (Chief Executive Officer) Dr. Tariku Assefa (Anaesthesiology and Critical Care)	+251 94 015 5606 +251 97 478 8888	Strokes
20.	Teklehaimanot General Hospital	Reception	+251 11 156 1287 +251 94 033 3333 +251 94 365 6565	General medicine
21.	Ethiopian Red Cross Society, Addis Ababa Branch	Dr. Eyerusalem Meshesha (Focal Point) Amanuel Dereje	+251 11 554 9473	Prehospital and ambulance services
22.	Meqrez Hospital	Reception	+251 95 227 2727	General medicine
23.	Washington Medical Centre, Bole Rwanda branch	Reception	+251 93 951 5151 +251 93 952 5252	General medicine

Annex III

Selected tourist attractions in Addis Ababa

Name of attraction	*Description*
National Museum of Ethiopia	A centre of history and culture in the capital, the National Museum of Ethiopia presents the ancient legacy of not only Ethiopia but all humankind. The museum features many archaeological artefacts discovered locally, such as fossil remains and skeletons. Many works of art by Ethiopian artists are displayed, alongside ancient relics of some of the first-known hominids and ethnological artefacts from across the centuries.
Holy Trinity Cathedral	The construction of this massive and ornate cathedral began in 1936 and was completed in 1944, during the reign of Emperor Haile Selassie I. It is one of the best-designed churches in Ethiopia and is notable for its architecture, decoration, spaciousness and splendid stained-glass windows. In addition, it is the burial place of Haile Selassie and many other dignitaries. There is also a small museum on the grounds, which houses over 140 religious manuscripts, icons, ceremonial items, paintings, umbrellas, crosses and books dating from as far back as the fifteenth century.
Entoto Natural Park	Part of the “Beautifying Sheger” project, Entoto Natural Park is a highland park that sits nearly 3,000 m above sea level. The large park is spread out across an often sunny but cold and windy mountain, and has many high-quality cafés, restaurants, hotels and even a new art museum on its grounds. The brainchild of Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed, Entoto Natural Park is now among the most attractive places in Addis Ababa. Many world-class Ethiopian athletes train there.
Unity Park	Unity Park is home to the National Palace, which is a whole world unto itself. There are many things to see and experience in Unity Park, including nature, wildlife, history and architecture. It is a place where visitors can come face-to-face with more than a century of Ethiopian history.
Science Museum	A new addition to the capital, the Science Museum is among the most modern and unique buildings in Addis Ababa. The ultramodern facility, located next to the National Palace and Unity Park, is a tourist attraction on its own. The newly opened museum contains 30 interactive exhibits on a diverse range of scientific subjects. The roof of the museum is also accessible and serves as a platform for viewing the modern skyline of Addis Ababa.
Merkato	Merkato is the largest open-air market in Africa. There is a saying in Addis Ababa: “There is nothing that you cannot find in Merkato!” That is true, as there are thousands of vendors and street traders selling any commodity imaginable. Although the stalls and shopfronts may seem unprepossessing, transactions worth billions of birr are carried out there every day.