

10TH STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE IMF AFRICA TRAINING INSTITUTE

***Fleuve Congo Hotel by blazon hotels,
Kinshasa, DRC***

June 15, 2023

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This factsheet presents information that you may need when attending the Steering Committee Meeting, including general information regarding hotel accommodation, transport arrangements, and schedule of events.

1.0 KEY CONTACT PERSONS/EMAIL

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2.0 DATE, VENUE, AND LANGUAGES

Date:

The IMF ATI 10th Steering Committee Meeting will be held at the **Fleuve Congo Hotel by blazon Hotels, Kinshasa, RDC** on June 15, 2023.

Venue:

Fleuve Congo Hotel by blazon hotels,

No. 119 blvd colonel tshatshi,

T: +243 80 8500 600 | E: reservations@fleuvecongohotel.com

Languages:

The working language of the Meeting will be French with simultaneous interpretation into English and Portuguese.

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3.0 REGISTRATION

All delegates will be issued identification badges upon registration on **June 15, 2023**.

4.0 COSTS

All delegates are responsible for the cost of their travel, visas, and other incidentals. Lunch, coffee breaks and dinner will be provided.

5.0 VISA ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

It is informed that only nationals of Burundi, Congo Brazzaville, Zimbabwe are exempt from the entry visa for the DRC, Nationals of Kenya, Mauritius and Tanzania can obtain their visa on arrival in Congo Kinshasa (DRC) for US\$90 this visa is valid for 7 days and if the stay is longer, the visa must be replaced for \$193, before it expires or face penalties, for those from South Africa, only holders of a service passport, they can obtain their visa on arrival in Congo Kinshasa (DRC) under the conditions mentioned above. For nationals of all other nationalities, even holders of an UNLP passport, they must necessarily obtain an entry visa from their country of residence:

Or by submitting a visa application to the Consular Representation of the DRC in the country of residence. A legalized letter of invitation will be sent to them, which is part of the visa application file.

Either by obtaining a flying visa (e-visa) the cost of which is \$300 (\$250 visa and \$50 administrative fees). This flying visa allows you to travel to the DRC. But on arrival, you will have to pay \$90 to obtain an airport visa valid for 7 days. It must be replaced for \$193 before it expires or face penalties.

Important note:

All delegates will be personally responsible for ensuring that they are in possession of the correct documentation prior to their departure. The organizers do not accept responsibility for any consequences whatsoever from a delegate's failure to ensure that he/she has complied with the necessary health, passport, and visa requirements.

6.0 HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

Democratic Republic of Congo is a tropical country and vaccines are important (typhoid, polio, tetanus, and yellow fever). Always check the latest recommendations with your clinic or doctor, your doctor can advise you on whether your specific travel plans warrant taking any of these vaccines. Anti-malaria prophylactic is also recommended, as malaria is common and occurs all year round. **You will be required to present**

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proof of COVID-19 certificate, as well as yellow fever vaccination card. It is suggested that you take out a personal medical insurance for the duration of your trip.

6.1 COVID-19 Guidelines

All delegates must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 to participate in the Meeting. We are monitoring health conditions and plan to provide rapid test kits for delegates participating in person who may need them ahead of the Meeting. Other measures including social distancing, wearing of masks and the provision of hand sanitizers will be implemented to ensure the safety of our guests.

7.0 GENERAL INFORMATION ON DRC

7.1 Country Characteristics

- **Capital:** KINSHASA
- **Time:** UTC

Kinshasa is the capital and the largest city of the country. With an estimated population of over 17 million over an area of 9,965 km², it is the third most populous city in Africa after Cairo and Lagos. Located on the south bank of the Congo River, at Pool Malebo, it faces the capital of the Republic of Congo, Brazzaville. The limits of the city being very extensive, more than 90% of its surface is rural or forest areas (especially in the municipality of Maluku). The urbanized parts are to the west of the territory. Kinshasa has the administrative status of a city and is one of the 26 provinces of the country.

7.2 Money

The Franc congolais (CDF) is the currency of Republic Democratic of Congo, and cash can also be dispensed at most ATMs using Visa or Master Card. US Dollars use to be accepted as payment along with other major international currencies. There are licensed "Forex Office" that generally provide a more favorable rate than banks.

7.3 In-country Transport

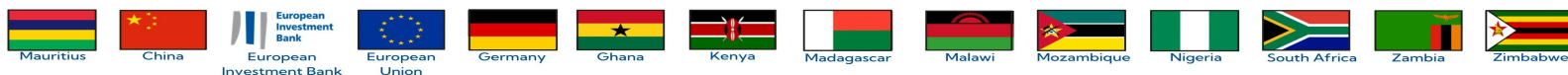
The Congo River Hotel is approximately 45-60 minutes from the airport. Taxis from hotels are generally reliable. Heetch and Yango are also operational in Kinshasa. Local buses are accessible, although unreliable in the late evening.

7.4 Climate and Weather

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The hottest months are March to May with temperature ranging between 23–32 degrees Celsius. The coolest months are June to September, temperature 22–27 degrees Celsius.

7.5 Contact Information for a recommended health facility in Kinshasa:

In case of medical emergencies, the following private hospitals among others have modern equipment and acclaimed practitioners.

- Medical Center Diamant**, Tel: (+243 (0) 9077 777 80/1/2
- Medical Center of Kinshasa**, Tel: (+243 (0) 816577532 / 819916226
- Ngaliema Clinic**, Tel: (+243 (0) 810044920

Most medical staff speak only French and perhaps one or more of the indigenous languages.

7.6 Communication

Visitors have a choice of buying SIM cards for their phones from any of the country’s four GSM companies: Vodacom, Airtel, and Orange. The cost of a sim card varies from CDF 1000 to CDF 500. Top-ups are sold in the various companies’ service centers, outside hotels, main hallway at the airport, and in most local shops. The international dialing code for Kinshasa is +243 or 00243, Thus, to call any number in Kinshasa from outside, you first dial the international dialing code followed by the relevant number you want to call (e.g., 00243 ...). Calling from Kinshasa, you dial 00 plus the relevant country code (44 for the UK, 1 for the USA).

7.7 Safety and Security

Like other major cities in the world, Kinshasa is not free of crime. Visitors are advised to exercise caution and ensure that all valuables including tickets, passports, and documents, are always kept in a safe place. Avoid keeping large sums of cash on yourself. Most hotels and lodges will have safe deposits in their rooms or at the reception. For personal safety, avoid walking in dark abandoned areas. **If you become a victim of crime, contact the local police. In an emergency, call 112 (police).**

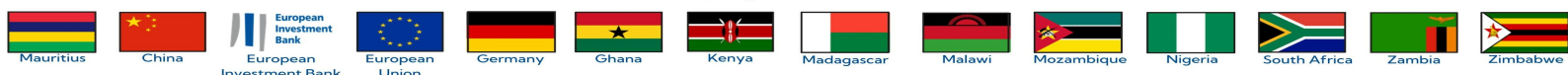
7.8 Food and Water

Although tap water in Kinshasa is largely drinkable, drinking it is not advisable for visitors. It may still contain bacteria and other impurities that may cause diarrhea or other discomforts. As a preventative

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measure, you should abstain from eating unwashed fruit and drinking tap water. When you buy drinking water, always check that the seal has not been tampered. It is best for visitors to buy bottled water which is readily available for purchase in all the hotels, supermarkets, mini-markets, and most roadside shops.

7.9 Power Supply

Voltage in Kinshasa is 220–240 Volts. You are advised to check your appliance before travelling to see whether you need a plug adaptor or a voltage transformer.



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Multi-voltage appliances (laptops, etc.) require a plug adapter. 110–120V appliances require a plug adapter + step-down transformer. These can however be obtained from supermarkets and electrical shops.

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