

**48TH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE AFRICAN COMMISSION ON
HUMAN & PEOPLES' RIGHTS (ACHPR)
10TH - 24TH NOVEMBER 2010
REPUBLIC OF THE GAMBIA**

INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

A. General

The 48th Ordinary Session of the ACHPR will be held at the Sheraton Hotel, Banjul, The Gambia from the 10th to 24th November, 2010.

B. Credentials

State delegates and other participants are kindly requested to bring their official credentials, duly signed by the appropriate authorities in their countries or their respective organizations, and hand them to the ACHPR Secretariat prior to registration.

C. Registration and identification badges

Participants are advised to register and obtain identification badges in the main lobby area outside the Conference Hall, prior to the opening of the Session.

For identification and security reasons, all participants are requested to wear their badges at all times during the Session.

D. Immigration requirements

Every participant arriving in The Gambia should have a valid Passport and visa. Entry visas can be obtained at any Diplomatic and Consular Mission of The Gambia. To obtain visas, participants are advised to check the existence and the location of these Missions with the Ministry of Foreign/External Affairs of their countries.

For participants who do not have The Gambian diplomatic representations in their countries, visas will be given on arrival at Banjul International Airport, upon presentation of their Letters of Invitation to the Session.

E. Health requirements

Participants must ensure that they have taken the necessary vaccinations and that they travel with their Vaccination Cards, **as these are required before admission to the country.**

F. Health facilities

Participants are kindly advised to obtain International health insurance to cover any emergency, or incase they are taken ill during the period of the Session.

G. Weather

Participants are advised to travel with appropriate clothing, as the weather is expected to be warm in the month of November.

H. Foreign exchange and Banks

Most major convertible currencies and Travellers' Cheques can be exchanged in The Gambia. The local currency is the *Dalasi*. The exchange rates as at 10th September 2010 were as follows:

\$USD:

Buying: D26.00 to \$1

Selling: D27.00 to \$1

£GBP:

Buying: D40.50 to 1£

Selling: D42.30 to 1£

€EURO:

Buying: D33.80 to 1€

Selling: D35.30 to 1€

WEST AFRICAN CFA

Buying: D0.0510 to 1CFA

Selling: D0.0540 to 1CFA

SWISS FRANC:

Buying: D25.80 to 1CHF

Selling: D27.10 to 1CHF

SWEDISH KRONER:

Buying: D3.60 to 1SEK

Selling: D3.90 to 1SEK

NORWEGIAN KRONER:

Buying: D4.10 to 1NOK

Selling: D4.50 to 1NOK

DANISH KRONER:

Buying: D4.40 to 1DKK

Selling: D4.80 to 1DKK

CANADIAN DOLLAR:

Buying: D25.20 to 1CAD

Selling: D26.50 to 1CAD

JAPANESE YEN:

Buying: D0.3000 to 1 Yen

Selling: D0.3200 to 1 Yen

Please note that exchange rates fluctuate, and vary in various banks and exchange bureaux.

There are a number of international ATMs (with 24 hour access) that accept Visa and ATM cards in The Gambia, and are located at the Banks, some of which are: Standard Chartered Bank, ECOBANK, Access Bank, and Guarantee Trust Bank. Exchange operations could be done at the airport, Bureau de change, banks or at the hotels. Most Banks are open to the public from Mondays to Fridays, from 8:00hrs to 16:00hrs, (GMT); and a few on Saturdays from 9:00hrs to 13:00hrs. Please note that at the banks, you will be required to present your Passport/Identity documents, during exchange operations.

Travellers Cheques can be cashed in Dalasi. **Western Union Transfers are also available.**

I. Airlines

A number of international airlines operate regularly to and from Banjul. Working hours of the main travel agencies are from 8.00am to 5.00pm. The following are the main travel agents and airlines operating in The Gambia:

1.	SN BRUSSELS Airlines tel: (00220) 4494687 / 4496309 / 4496300 / 4496301 / 4496302 / 4496303; fax: (00220) 4496299	7.	Globe Travel Agency tel : (00220) 4224490 / 4224970
2.	Banjul Travel Agency tel: (00220) 4225833 / 4228473 / 42284371; Fax: (00220) 42255833	8.	Gambia International Airlines tel : (00220) 4472757 / 4223703 / 4223700; Fax: (00220) 4472750; Email: gia-gambia@gamtel.gm
3.	Continental Travels tel: (00220) 4224058 / 4224059; Fax: (00220) 4224118 / 4223871	9.	Elysian airlines 27 Kairaba Avenue Midway Centre Tel.: 439 9078/ 439 9080 798 1671 / 721 7683 Website: www.elysianairlines.com
4.	Skyzone Travel Agency Tel.: 439 6055 /439 6121Fax: 439 6059	10.	Belleview Airlines Kairaba Avenue Kanifing, KSMD tel: (00220) 4370594 / 4372 658 fax: (00220) 4373606
5.	Bendavia Travels Tel.: 4497 204/5 Fax: 4495 354	11.	AL VERENGA Tel.: 4222 944
6.	Easy Travel Agency Tel.: 702 3710	12.	Satguru Travels & Tours Services Kairaba Avenue Tel.: 4375 590/43 E-mail: sttsbjl@yahoo.com

J. Courier Services

DHL World Express
Mamadi Manjang Highway
Tel.: 439 6658 / 439 7529

K. Mobile-phone Sim Card Providers:

**GAMCEL
AFRICELL
COMMIUM
QCELL**

L. Electricity:

The voltage in The Gambia is 220V AC, accessible with three pins normal plug.

M. Privileges and Immunities

Without prejudice to the privileges, immunities and facilities accorded to all participants, **every participant is required to respect the laws and regulations of the Republic of The Gambia, and must refrain from interference in the internal affairs of the country. No one is allowed to enter or photograph an area designated as prohibited or restricted.** Breach of such regulations should be avoided at all times. If in doubt, please seek advice from the authorities concerned.

N. Documents

Participants are advised to seek **written authorization from the Executive Secretary for the distribution of their documents at the conference area.** Kindly note that no documents will be circulated without the written authorization of the Secretary to the Commission.

O. Hotel accommodation

Participants are advised to make their hotel reservations on time, directly with the hotel. Sheraton Hotel is offering a special rate for the period of the Session and is indicated below.

	Room category	Price
1.	Single Room occupancy (B&B)	US\$70.00
2.	Single Room, double occupancy (B&B)	US\$100.00

Note:

- *B & B means Bed and Breakfast*
- *Sheraton Hotel is a five star hotel*
- *WIFI could be assessed in the conference room and surrounding area*
- *Down payment on checking- in is required, and final payment not latter than the last day of stay.*

For reservations, contact:

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