



GLOBAL FORUM ON GENDER STATISTICS

INFORMATION NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS
26 – 29 January 2009
Accra, Ghana

Welcome to the Global Forum on Gender Statistics

This booklet contains information about who to contact, where to find what and some tourism information. Do not hesitate to ask for further information or clarification to anything which you cannot find in this information note.

Conference Venue

The Global Forum on Gender Statistics conference venue is the Accra International Conference Centre, Castle Road opposite State House, with easy access to the airport, government institutions, main shopping area, entertainment districts financial centre, and hotels. It is also close to a number of important locations such as the Parliament of Ghana, the Accra Sports Stadium, the Independence Arch and the Black Star Square. The address is:

Accra International Conference Centre
P. O. Box CT 1054, Cantonments, Accra
Telephone: 233-21-669700/669600
Fax: 233-21-669825



Welcome Desk at the Kotoka International Airport

A welcome desk will be located at the arrival lounge of the airport with clearly identifiable personnel to welcome and assist delegates on arrival in Ghana.

Travel arrangements

Transportation will be provided during the conference.

Visa Information

The Republic of Ghana does not have an Embassy or High Commission in the following countries:

Albania	Estonia	Latvia
Andorra	Kazakhstan	Jordan
Bermuda	Greece	Sweden
Botswana	Pakistan	Haiti
Chad	Hungary	Liechtenstein
Croatia	Finland	Iceland
Jordan	Nepal	Uganda
Kenya	Chile	Paraguay
Lesotho	Occupied Palestinian Territory	Serbia
Malawi	Rep of Korea	Mexico
Malta	Monaco	Lithuania
New Zealand	Norway	Luxembourg
Philippines	Dominican Republic	Jamaica
Poland	Slovenia	Slovakia
Portugal	San Marino	

Delegates from countries without Ghanaian consular representation will need to send the Ghana Statistical Service the following information:

- Their names
- Country of residence
- Nationality
- Profession
- Passport details (Passport number, issuing authority, expiration date)
- Airline and Flight details
- Arrival and departure dates

Visas will be obtained on arrival in Accra for a fee of \$100, payable upon arrival.

Contacts in Ghana concerning conference

<p>Mrs. Dzifa Gwira-Mensah Ghana Statistical Service P. O. Box 1098 Accra Ghana, West Africa Mob.: 233-24-4766124 E-mail: dzifa@gmail.com , awushieg@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Mrs. Bernice Ofosu-Baadu Ghana Statistical Service P. O. Box 1098 Accra Ghana, West Africa Mob.:233-24-4639011 E-mail: akosua739@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Mr. Francis Siripi Ghana Statistical Service P. O. Box 1098 Accra Ghana, West Africa Mob.: 233-27-7824508 E-mail: kwekusiripi@yahoo.com</p>
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Hotels for 2009 Global Forum on Gender Statistics



La Palm Royal Beach

No 1 Bypass
P.O. Box OS 3000 Osu, Accra
Hotel Rating : 5 Star
Telephone: 233-21-771667/ 771700/771707
Fax: 233-21-771717
Email: lapalm@gbhghana.com
Website: www.gbhghana.com

Hugging the shore of the Atlantic, La Palm is located inside 30 acres of lush lawns and landscaped gardens and is within minutes of the business, shopping, and entertainment districts and only a short drive from the Accra international Conference Center.

Standard rooms include complimentary use of the hotel leisure facilities, protocol services, tea & coffee, and most guest services. Junior and Presidential Suites include 24 hour tea & coffee service, canapés, use of the Executive lounge and protocol services.

Room facilities:

- Air Conditioned Guest Rooms
- Non-Smoking Rooms Available
- Balcony in Room
- Key Card Room Access
- Internet Access: (Some Rooms)
- Coffee / Tea Service in Room
- Smoke Alarms in Rooms
- Satellite / Cable TV + CNN
- Telephone / Direct Dial in Room
- In-Room Safe
- Razor Electrical socket in Room
- Complimentary Toiletries
- Iron / Ironing Board (on request)
- Mini Bar in Room



Novotel Accra City Centre Hotel Ghana

Barnes Road
PO BOX 12720 Accra
Hotel Rating : 4 Star
Telephone: 233-21-667546
Fax: 233-21-667533
Email: reservations@accra-hotels.com

Located in the city centre close to main shopping area, conference center, the Makola market, museum & theatre. 7km from airport & walking distance to the beach. 180 air-conditioned rooms, bar, restaurant, meeting rooms, pool, golf practice & tennis.

Novotel rooms provide modern comfort, a unique feeling of spaciousness and contemporary decor for both business and leisure travel. Room(s): 186, Non-smoking rooms: 73, Number of free children in parents' room : 2.

Room facilities:

- Audible smoke alarms
- Dead bolt in rooms
- Safe deposit box in room
- Mini bar Radio in room
- Satellite / Cable colour TV
- Voice mail
- Hair dryer in bathroom
- Bath tub
- Hot dishes



Plot 19 & 20 Airport City Accra
PMB CT 97 Cantonments Accra Ghana
Hotel Rating : 4 Star
Telephone: 233-21-780494
Fax:233-21-785212
Email: reservations1@holidayinnaccraairport.com
Website www.holiday-inn.com.

The Holiday Inn Accra Airport Hotel has been specifically designed to cater to the high expectations of both international business as well as leisure travelers. It is situated within close proximity to International Banks, Financial institutions and Embassies.

The 7 storey hotel offers 168 appointed rooms, including 98 standard rooms, 48 Executive rooms, 6 Executive Suites, 14 Deluxe rooms and 2 Presidential Suites.

Room facilities:

- Air Conditioned Guest Rooms
- High speed Internet Access/WIFI
- Coffee / Tea Making facilities
- Mini Bar
- Cable/Satellite TV
- Telephone / Direct Dial in Room
- In-Room Safe Deposit Box
- Razor Electrical socket in Room



M Plaza Hotel Accra Ghana

P.O.BOX 0608, Osu, Accra
Telephone: 233-21-763417-9/ 763492-5/775922
Fax: 233-21-763416 / 763417
Hotel Rating : 4 Star
Email: reservations@mplaza-hotel.com / info@mplaza-hotel.com
Website: www.mplaza-hotel.com

One of Ghana's exclusive hotels for presidents and royals, recognized for providing the tightest in guest security, privacy, personalized services and convenience in doing business from the comfort of one's hotel room.

MPlaza exhibits the essence of contemporary style and luxury. Each spacious, individually decorated guestroom and suite offers a rewarding union of timeless elegance and up-to-the-moment convenience; luxurious comfort and classic sophistication. There are a total of 100 guestrooms.

Room facilities:

- Direct Internet access via DVD
- Video -on demand, Pay –TV
- Direct Dial Telephone
- Mini-bar
- Tea/Coffee making facility
- Pressing iron with board
- Hair dryer
- Digital Personal safe
- Smoke alarm
- Balcony with writing table and chairs
- Separate writing table plus chairs in bedroom
- Razor / electrical socket in room
- Bathrobe in executive rooms and suites
- Remote controlled air-conditioned systems
- Key card room access
- Security Peep-hole in entrance door



Alisa Hotel Ghana

Box 1111, Cantonment, Accra
Telephone: 233-21-230546, 230556, 255493-4
Hotel Rating : 3 Star
Fax: 233-21-248325
Website: www.alisahotels.com

Alisa Hotels offers an astonishing haven of exclusive serenity immersed within easy reach of the frenzied business district and some 10 minutes drive from the Kotoka International Airport Accra.

Refined and celebrated, North-Ridge Hotel is prominent for its contemporary flavor and pleasurable services targeted at business travelers and holiday makers. Alisa Hotels features spacious, beautifully furnished and decorated suites and guestrooms. Each room falls under unique categories: Deluxe Suites, Club Suites, Superior Rooms and Standard Rooms.

Room facilities:

- Air Conditioned Guest Rooms
- Internet Access
- Coffee / Tea Service in Room
- Mini Bar in Room on request
- Satellite / Cable TV
- Telephone / Direct Dial in Room
- Razor Electrical socket in Room
- Complimentary water



Airport West Hotel

Airport Residential Area
P. O. Box DS 295, Dansoman Estates, Accra
Telephone: 233-21-769104/ 767870
Fax: 233-21-785113
Hotel Rating : 3 Star
Email: airportwesthotel@yahoo.com
Email: info@airportwesthotel.com
Website: www.airportwesthotel.com

Airport West Hotel is located near the Kotoka International Airport and offers 30 bedrooms which feature state-of-the-art modern facilities. Each room has a set of amenities to make your stay as comfortable as possible. A choice of Executive Suite, Junior Suite, Twin & Double Rooms are available.

Room facilities:

- Air Conditioned Guest Rooms
- En-suite facilities
- Wake Up Calls
- High Speed Wireless Internet Access
- Hospitality Tray
- Hairdryers (Available Upon Request)
- Colour TV 20" - 32" LCD flat screen
- TV (Multi-channel & Films)
- Mini Bar
- Direct Dial Phone
- Security Spy hole and double lock
- Morning Newspapers(Executive and Junior Suites)
- Safety Deposit Box
- Complimentary Breakfast
- Complimentary Drink(Executive Suites)
- Complimentary Fruit Basket



Airport View Hotel

Airport Junction
P. O. Box OS 1838, Osu, Accra
Telephone: 233-21-769549/780341
Fax: 233-21-780342
Hotel Rating : 3 Star
Email: airporthotel@africaonline.com.gh
Email: airporthotel@4u.com.gh

Located adjacent Accra's international airport, the hotel offers a unique combination of world class service, facilities and a fantastic location.

Room facilities:

- Air Conditioned Guest Rooms
- Internet Access/WIFI
- Mini Bar
- Cable/Satellite TV
- Telephone / Direct Dial in Room
- En-suite shower



Ramada Resort Accra

(formerly New Coco Beach Resort)
Liberation Road, 16033, Accra Ghana
Hotel Rating : 3 Star
Telephone: 233-21-717235-7
Fax: 233-21-717239
Website www.ramadaresortaccra.com

The Ramada Resort is a three-star hotel located on the beachfront of the capital Accra not far from the industrial port city of Tema. The spacious guest rooms in the new wing give you an aerial view of the resort and the beach beyond.

Room facilities:

- Air Conditioned Guest Rooms
- Internet Access
- Coffee / Tea Service in Room
- Mini Bar in Room on request
- Satellite / Cable TV
- Telephone / Direct Dial in Room
- Razor Electrical socket in Room



MARISSET PLAZA

Osu Ako Adjei
P.O Box 0608 Osu Accra Ghana
Telephone: 233-21-774434,774542
Fax:233-21-772085
Hotel Rating : 3 Star
Email: mariset@africaonline.com.gh

MARISSET HOTEL

East Cantonments
P.O Box 0608 Osu Accra Ghana
Telephone: 233-21-774434,774542
Fax:233-21-772085
Hotel Rating : 2 Star
Email: mariset@africaonline.com.gh

Mariset Plaza is about 20 minutes drive from Ghana's Kotoka International Airport and a short drive to the Accra International Conference Center.

Room facilities:

- Air Conditioned Guest Rooms
- Internet Access
- En-suite Bathroom with hot water facility
- TV set with local and DSTV Channels
- Hand-held dryer in bathrooms

Mariset Hotel is about 10 minutes drive from Ghana's Kotoka International Airport and a short drive to the Accra International Conference Center.

Room facilities:

- Air Conditioned Guest Rooms
- Internet Access
- En-suite Bathroom with hot water facility
- TV set with local and DSTV Channels
- Hand-held dryer in bathrooms



RELAX COURT HOTEL

Accra-Tema Motorway Extension
P.O Box CT 1569,Cantonments, Accra Ghana
Telephone: 233-21-779019,779013
Fax:233-21-778901
Hotel Rating : 2 Star
Email: relaxcourt@yahoo.com.
Website: www.relaxcourthotel.com

Relax Court Hotel is about 10 minutes drive from Ghana's Kotoka International Airport.
and about twenty minutes drive to the Accra International Conference Center.

Room facilities:

- Air Conditioned Guest Rooms
- Wireless connected rooms
- Bathroom with hot water facility
- TV set with local and DSTV Channels

Restaurants

<p>Frankies Oxford Street Near Trust Hospital, Osu Telephone: 021-773567 Email: frankies@ghana.com Web:www.frankiesghana.com</p>	<p>Papaye Fast Food Ltd. Osu-Cantonments Rd. Telephone: 021-773754</p>	<p>Osu Food Court Oxford Street Near Trust Hospital, Osu</p> <p>Bonjour 37 Near Max Mart Supermarket, 37 Area Teephone: 021-811360/811260</p>
<p>La Farigoule (Abusua) 2nd Ringway Est., Osu Telephone: 021-769168 Mobile: 0244522766</p>	<p>Maquis Tante Marie (i)5th Norla Link, Labone (ii)Accra Mall, Tetteh Quarshie Interchange Telephone: 021-778914 Mobile: 0244612832 Email: maquistantemarie@yahoo.com Web: www.maquistantemarie.com</p>	<p>The Buka 10th Lane, Adj. Former American Embassy Visa Section, Ringway Telephone: 021-782953 Mobile: 0244842464</p>
<p>Dynasty Chinese Restaurant Osu RE Telephone: 021-775496</p>	<p>Imperial Peking Chinese Restaurant Granada Hotel Airport Residential Area Telephone: 021-761299 Mobile: 0244637170</p>	<p>Noble House Chinese Restaurant Salem Rd., Kuku Hill next to Presby Church, Osu Telephone: 021-785151 Fax: 021-785253 Email: noblehouse@ghmail.com</p>
<p>Regal Chinese Restaurant Ltd. Hse. No. F508/1, 5th Lane, Osu RE Telephone: 021-773386/770038</p>	<p>Landing Restaurant Airport Local, Chinese & Continental Dishes Telephone: 021-760775/773747</p>	<p>La Chaumiere Restaurant Opp. Shangri-La Hotel Airport Residential Area Telephone: 021-772408 Mobile: 0244209217 Email:lachaumiere_restau@yahoo.fr</p>
<p>Le Magellan Restaurant Ring Rd. East, Nyaniba Est. Telephone: 021-777629 Mobile: 024585858 Email: le_magellan@hotmail.com</p>	<p>Le Must H/No. 28, Orphan Crescent North Labone Mobile: 0244661069 Email: lemust_ken@yahoo.fr</p>	<p>Banana Leafz Restaurant 6th Lane, Salem Rd. Kuku Hill, Osu Telephone: 021-780790 Mobile: 0243251442</p>
<p>Haveli Indian 18th Lane Oxford St., Osu Telephone: 021-774714 Mobile: 0244652682</p>	<p>Heritage Indian Restaurant Noble Chinese Restaurant Bldg., Osu Telephone: 021 785151</p>	<p>Koh-I-Noor Indian Restaurant Grisfarm Hotel, Osu Telephone: 021-771999</p>
<p>Aladen (Lebanese Cuisine) Ramora Premises, opp. Tigo, Osu Telephone: 021-781084</p>	<p>EI-Gaicho Bar & Restaurant Abebreensem Street, Osu Mobile: 0289117575 Email: elgaicho@msn.com</p>	<p>Le Bouquet Restaurant Opp. Polyclinic, La Telephone: 021-772417 Mobile: 0244741826</p>

ABOUT GHANA

Introduction

Ghana is situated on the southern coast of West Africa, boarded by Togo to the east, Burkina Faso to the north, Cote d'Ivoire to the west and the Gulf of Guinea (Atlantic Ocean) to the south.

The country is made up of 10 (ten) administrative regions and 110 (one hundred and ten) districts and covers an area of 239460 square kilometres.

Climate

Ghana has a tropical climate with variations in the amount of rainfall and humidity in different parts of the country.

There are mainly four ecological zones within Ghana. Namely, the coastal strand and mangrove, the coastal savannah, the closed tropical forest and the northern savannah. There are two main seasons from March to July and September to October. November to March is the dry season with the harmattan winds blowing from the Sahara Desert.

Resources

Ghana is well endowed with many natural resource of significant economic value like diamonds, timber, gold and manganese.

Visitors to Ghana can explore various attractions like the Volta Lake, numerous sandy beaches, national parks and game reserves, forts and castles.

Language

The official language is English. Other languages spoken are Akan, Ewe, Ga, Dagbani, Hausa etc.

Religion

About 43% of Ghanaians are Christians, 15% Moslem and the rest traditional and other religions.

Capital City: Accra

Business Hours

Business hours are generally from 08:00am to 12 noon and from 01:00pm to 05:00pm. Banks operate from 08:30 am to 04:00 pm (Monday to Friday). Some banks also work on Saturday from 09:00 am to 02:00 pm.

Local Time: Greenwich Mean Time (GMT)

Electricity: 220-240 Volts

Country Dialling Code: +(233)

Currency

The Ghanaian Cedis (Gh¢) notes are in denominations of Gh¢1 (One Ghana Cedi), Gh¢5 (Five Ghana Cedis), Gh¢10 (Ten Ghana Cedis), Gh¢20 (Twenty Ghana Cedis) and Gh¢50 (Fifty Ghana Cedis).

Coins in circulation are: 1Gp (One Ghana Pesewa), 5Gp (Five Ghana Pesewas), 10Gp (Ten Ghana Pesewas), 20Gp (Twenty Ghana Pesewas) and Gh¢1 (One Ghana Cedi).

Telecommunication Facilities

Ghana operates a fixed line system as well as cellular systems. One can purchase a sim card/starter pack/chip from any of the following mobile GSM service providers. Namely: One Touch, MTN, Tigo, Kasapa and Zain for use in one's mobile phone handset.

Credit Card & Currency Exchange

The most widely accepted credit cards are American Express, Mastercard and Visa which can be used at leading hotels, banks, airlines and supermarkets.

Foreign currencies can be exchanged at forex bureaus and banks.

Health Precautions

Visitors must be in possession of a current medical vaccination certificate for yellow fever. Prophylactics against malaria are recommended. Visitors are advised to buy bottled water, which is widely available.