

AR5 WG III Fourth Lead Authors Meeting Addis Ababa, 1 July – 5 July 2013

INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

The Working Group III (WG III) of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) is currently preparing its contribution to the 5th Assessment Report (AR5) to be published in Fall 2014. In order to advance this work, IPCC WGIII will hold its Fourth Lead Author Meeting (LAM4) in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 1 to 5 July 2013.

Addis Ababa, sometimes spelled Addis Abeba (meaning “new flower”), is the capital city of Ethiopia. It is the largest city in the country, with a population estimated at 4 million. Situated in the foothills of the Entoto Mountains and standing 2,400 meters above sea level, it is the third highest capital in the world.

Arrival in Addis Ababa

Requirements for all participants on arrival at Addis Ababa Bole International Airport

- A passport valid for at least 6 months after the date of entry, with at least 2 blank pages;
- An invitation letter for the meeting from WG III TSU;
- 20 USD or 17 EUR in cash for an Ethiopian visa;
- A yellow fever vaccination certificate (*only* if arriving from countries with a risk of yellow fever transmission – see a list of countries at www.who.int/ith/chapters/ith2012en_annexes.pdf).

UNECA welcome desk

The United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), who is hosting the conference, will operate a welcome and information desk at the airport. The desk will be situated in the arrivals hall (after immigration) and will be open from 6 pm on Thursday, June 27th, to midnight Tuesday, 2nd of July 2013.

Airport shuttle service

Most local hotels provide a shuttle service to and from Bole International Airport. Please coordinate your airport pick-up with the hotel you are staying at. A UNECA bus will also be available to take participants from the airport to their respective hotels if arranged in advance, mainly for hotels without shuttle service. In order to arrange pick-up with UNECA, please e-mail your arrival time to ipcc_meeting@uneca.org.

Visa requirements

Visas are required for all participants travelling to Ethiopia, except for nationals of Djibouti and Kenya. This also applies to holders of diplomatic and service passports, as well as United Nations Laissez-Passer. All participants attending the meeting can obtain business visas on arrival at Bole International Airport. Please note the arrival requirements listed above.

The meeting venue

The main venue for the meeting will be the United Nations Conference Centre (UNCC) within the premises of UNECA, on Menelik II Rd in the Kazanchis area of Addis Ababa.

Entering and leaving the compound

Participants are encouraged to use shuttles provided by UNECA to get in and out of the UN compound.

Venue Transport	SIE4: 29 and 30 June 2013 Buses departure time	LAM4: 01 to 05 July 2013 Buses departure times	
Pickup from hotels (wait in hotel lobby)	07:15	Monday 01 July:	06.45 07.30
		Tuesday 02 July:	06.45 08.00
		Wednesday 03 – Friday 05 July:	07.00
Return from UNCC (Gather at ‘ <i>Delegates Assembly</i> ’ at the space between UNCC and the security registration entrance)	18:30	Monday 01 July:	18:30 21:30
		Tuesday 02 July (for dinner event):	18:30
		Wednesday 03 – Thursday 04 July:	18:30 21:30
		Friday 05 July:	13:30 15:30

Please note: UNECA shuttle transport to UNCC and back is only available for hotels listed on the meeting’s website. Participants who stay in other hotels are responsible for their mode of transport to UNCC.

Blue taxis may be requested from the hotel lobby or taken at UNECA gate No 2 (no taxis are allowed into the UNECA compound), where the ID-badge (see below) or passport and invitation letter need to be shown to enter. The average cost between UNECA and most of the hotels is 100 to 150birr.

Registration

All registration takes place at the registration center at the UNECA gate No 2. Registration for SIE4 participants is done on Saturday morning from 8 am. Early registration for LAM4 is open on Sunday, June 30, from 3 pm to 6:30 pm, and is recommended to reduce waiting time on Monday morning. The registration desk reopens for LAM4 on Monday, July 1st, at 7.15 am. Participants are required to register and obtain identification badges prior to the opening of the meeting and **must bring their passports for registration**. There will be a documentation desk at the UN Conference Center, outside conference room 2, where participants will receive their welcome package before attending the opening plenary. Late comers should use the pedestrian entry at UNECA gate 2 to register first before entering the compound. Identification badges must be worn at all times while in the compound.

Internet access

All meeting rooms are covered by WiFi. Select “UNECA Guest WiFi” network. No password is required. Internet access can be intermittent; we thus recommend not relying on the internet for accessing your required documents on remote servers.

Lunch and breaks

Coffee will be served on the ground floor at the UNCC.
Information on lunches will be included in the welcome package.

LAM4 Dinner on Tuesday, 2nd July

Courtesy of the local host, there will be a LAM4 dinner at the Hilton hotel on Tuesday, 2nd July. UNECA buses will take participants from UNECA at 18.30 and return them to their hotels after the dinner.

Health and Security

Security advice	Security contacts
<p>Ethiopia is a relatively low-crime country compared to other countries in Africa. Organized crime and gang violence are very unusual in most parts of the country. However there are sporadic reports of pick-pocketing, petty theft, carjacking, hijack, swindling and road traffic accidents in parts of Addis Ababa. Visitors are advised to move in groups, take reputed taxi for transport and avoid walking on the road. Before visiting Ethiopia, consult your doctor and take the necessary vaccinations. Be careful of the food and drinks you take.</p>	<p>Fire department: 939 or 0111567004 Police: 991 or 0111572121 UN security: 0115-516537 or 0115-512945 UN Health Care Center: 011 5445502 or 011 5443548 UNECA: 011-551 7200 Logistics: Selome Demissie Office: ACPC Email: ipcc_meeting@uneca.org Mobile: 0911 435372</p>

Local information and attractions

Currency	Ethiopian Birr (ETB) \$1 USD = 18.6 Ethiopian Birr
Credit cards and cash	Credit cards are very rarely accepted. Please bring hard currency or travelers-cheques. US\$ and Euro are easily exchanged. US\$ are accepted in most hotels.
Electricity	220-240 volts, 50 cycles AC accessible via 13-amp, two pin (Italian) socket.
Language	There are over 80 languages in Ethiopia, but the working language is Amharic. English is widely spoken.
Phones	Participants from the United States of America should note that they can only use tri-band mobile handsets i.e. (900/1800/1900 MHZ). <i>Ethio Telecom</i> offers SIM cards with pre-charged airtime (\$2 / \$16 for 3G – payable in Ethiopian Birr). A passport and two passport photos are required.

Attractions	Restaurants
<p>Holy Trinity Cathedral Address: Off Niger Street, Arrat Kilo Entrance fee: 50 Birr Hours: Daily</p> <p>National Museum Address: King George VI Street Entrance fee: 10 Birr Hours: 8:30am-5:30pm, Mon – Fri, 9:00am-5:30pm, Sat-Sun</p> <p>St George Cathedral and Museum Address: Gebeyehu Street Entrance fee: 20 Birr Hours: Daily 8:00am-12:00pm, and 2:00pm-5:00pm</p> <p>Ethnological Museum Address: Algeria St, Piazza Entrance fee: 20 Birr Hours: 8:00am-5:00pm Mon-Fri, 9:00am-5:00pm Sat-Sun</p> <p>Mount Entoto Mount Entoto is the highest peak overlooking the city of Addis Ababa, the capital of Ethiopia. It is part of the Entoto mountain chain, reaching 3,200 meters above sea level.</p>	<p>Serenade Tucked up on a dark cobblestone alley in eastern Piazza is this magnificent Mediterranean eatery, located down the road from Nazereth School.</p> <p>Top View Located up the hill from the Megenagna roundabout, Top View restaurant offers a great view of Addis Ababa while you dine. A variety of food is available including Ethiopian dishes.</p> <p>Yod Abyssinia Cultural Restaurants The two restaurants serve traditional Ethiopian dishes accompanied by cultural dance and music. The restaurant nearer town is at Bole Medhaniyalem Area next to Brass Hospital.</p>