







2023 Mid-Year Statutory Meetings of WAMA, WAIFEM & WAMI

5th -15th September 2023
Accra, Ghana
INFORMATION NOTE



1. MEETING INFORMATION

Date	Programme	Venue
5 th September	WAMA Audit Committee Meeting	AICC
6 th & 9 th September	WAIFEM Technical Committee Meeting	AICC
7 th - 9 th September	WAMA Technical Committee Meeting	AICC
7 th -11 th September	Meeting of the College of Supervisors of the WAMZ (CSWAMZ)	AICC
11 th - 12 th September	Meeting of the Technical Committee of WAMZ	AICC
14 th September	Meeting of the Committee of Governors of Central Banks of WAMI	Kempinski Hotel
14 th September	Meeting of WAIFEM Board of Governors	Kempinski Hotel
14 th September	Committee of Governors of Central Banks of ECOWAS Member States, WAMA	Kempinski Hotel
15 th September	Convergence Council of Ministers and Governors of Central Banks of the WAMZ	Kempinski Hotel



Accra International Conference Centre Castle Rd,

Accra, Ghana.

Tel: (+233) 24 445 2852





Kempinski Hotel Gold Coast City Gamel Abdul Nasser Avenue, Accra. Tel: (+233) 24 243 6000

2. REGISTRATION INFORMATION

REGISTRATION

- Delegates attending the meetings are required to register on the website to enable the secretariat prepare identification badges to facilitate admission and participation in all sessions of the meetings and for security purposes.
- Delegates are required to present their passport and any other identification document at the accreditation centre to collect their identification badges.
- Kindly register to participate in the meetings by accessing the link below https://wamz.mofep.gov.gh/registration/view.php?id=13821

LANGUAGES OF THE MEETING

- The meetings will be conducted in two ECOWAS official languages English and French and simultaneous interpretation will be provided at all sessions of the meetings. Translation and Interpretation would be provided for in these two languages.
- WiFi will be available during the meetings. Login details will be shared at the venue.

MEETING HOSPITALITY

 Lunch and two cocoa breaks will be provided for participants for the duration of the meetings.

Note: Meal coupons will be issued, and delegates are required to hand over the coupons at the service point before collecting their food.

 Gala Night: The date and location of the Gala Night will be confirmed during the Technical Committee Meetings.



3. ARRIVAL IN GHANA AND GENERAL INFORMATION

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS: VISA AND TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

- All meeting delegates travelling to Ghana must hold a valid passport or legal travel documents with a minimum validity of SIX (6) months beyond the intended visiting period.
- Citizens of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) do not require
 a visa to enter the country. Nationalities of Non-ECOWAS member states may be
 issued visa on arrival at the airport. On-Site visa is administered at a fee of \$150
 USD. Ghana offers visas upon arrival to all nationals of member states for up to 30
 days.
- Categories of Persons Exempt from Entry Visa requirements to Ghana is available at below link: https://www.ghanahighcommissionuk.com/Passports/VisaApplication.aspx

http://www.ghanaimmigration.org/visa info.html

- For others, visa must be obtained from Ghana Embassies/High Commissions, Consulates or other Embassies authorized by the Government of Ghana to issue visas on their behalf before entering the country.
- However, we recommend that you contact the nearest embassy or consulate office in your country if any other specific document is required. Visa application form is also obtainable from the Ghana High Commission website of your country.
- To avoid any inconvenience, it is recommended that you apply for the visa at least 3 weeks before your travelling date.
- Visa related question and support contact; Arthur Mills, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Regional Integration at *arthur.mills@mfa.gov.gh* mobile: +233-242134030 or Kwame Ntiamoah, Bank of Ghana at *kwame.ntiamoah@bog.gov.gh. mobile*: +233 244365598.
- A Yellow Fever Vaccination Certificate is mandatory. Please note that participants must get their vaccination 10 days before departure from their home country.

AIRPORT PROTOCOL

• The Ministry of Finance in collaboration with the Bank of Ghana would provide airport protocol for all delegates upon arrival at the Airport and upon departure from Ghana. Kindly look out for the designated desk at the arrival terminal.



• In this regard, delegates are required to provide their travel itinerary and full flight details by providing the information requested before Friday, September 1, 2023 on the website above.

PROTOCOL INFORMATION

- Alternatively, you are requested to communicate your travel plan prior to arrival to gpadi@mofep.gov.gh (+233-243275065) and kwame.ntiamoah@bog.gov.gh (+233-244365598) and copy hfuseini@mofep.gov.gh (+233-554415992) and kwadwo.acheampong@bog.gov.gh (+233-240118648).
- Delegates are requested to pay attention to Protocol Personnel outside the airport carrying "WAMA/WAIFEM/WAMI" signs.
- Any late changes in travel details after Friday, September 1, 2023 need to be communicated immediately by contacting Kwame Ntiamoah, Bank of Ghana at kwame.ntiamoah@bog.gov.gh mobile: +233-244365598, and copy Getrude Padi, Ministry of Finance at gpadi@mofep.gov.gh mobile: +233-243275065 Arthur Mills, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Regional Integration at arthur.mills@mfa.gov.gh, mobile: +233-242134030.

<u>Please note:</u> Delegates would be responsible for the identification and transportation of their luggage prior to pick-up.

TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM AIRPORT

Arrangements will be made to transport all participants from the Kotoka International Airport to the approved hotels. On arrival, participants will be received by drivers carrying signs labelled "WAMA, WAIFEM & WAMI MEETINGS". If for any reason you are unable to locate a driver, please contact one of the Protocol numbers listed above.

TRANSPORTATION TO MEETING VENUE

Ground transport from the hotel to the meeting venue will be provided. Buses will leave an hour and half before the meeting starts and pick you up after the meetings.

INSURANCE

 You are strongly advised to have travel or medical insurance in case of any emergency that requires medical attention or other forms of assistance during this trip. The organizers do not provide any coverage within this trip and accept no responsibility in this regard.



- A medical team will be available onsite throughout the meetings. The Ghana Ambulance Service will also be available. A designated hospital (The Bank Hospital) is also available to attend to emergency cases.
- The nearest medical centres from the Accra International Conference Centre and Kempinski Hotel are:

1. Greater Accra Regional Hospital

Address: Castle Rd, near the ridge roundabout, Accra

Phone: +233 (0)30 222 8315

2. The Bank Hospital

Address: Block F6, Shippi Road, Cantonments Accra Ghana

Phone: +233 (0)302 739 373, +233 (0)25 796 2450

4. HOTELS/ ACCOMMODATION

- Ministers and Governors will be hosted at Kempinski Hotel. A list of **approved hotels** in Accra is provided in annex 1 below. You may contact the hotel directly by e-mail or telephone to make your own booking. If you need assistance with your hotel reservation, please contact the officers listed below.
- All the major hotels in Accra are equipped with free Wi-Fi. In addition to the cost of accommodation, you will be responsible for all other costs, such as room service, meals, telephone and fax bills, use of the mini-bar, and laundry.
- Please ensure you settle all your bills with your hotel before your departure.

5. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

BRIEF INFORMATION ON GHANA

- The Ghanaian economy is diverse and historically driven by commodities namely Gold, Cocoa and recently oil. With the discovery of oil and gas deposits, a thriving services industry has emerged. The country's cocoa is famous for its premium quality. Do not miss an opportunity to indulge your taste buds in a Made in Ghana chocolate.
- Ghana's population is about 30.8 million with Accra as its capital. English is the official language of Ghana and is universally used. The most widely spoken local languages are Ga, Dagbani, Akan and Ewe.
- Ghana is endowed with a unique natural landscape, which ranges from the savannah in the north, the forest zone in the Centre and West, the mountains in the East and coastal plains in the South. There are beautiful tourist sites across the regions. For



Accra, we have the refurbished and newly renovated Kwame Nkrumah Mausoleum, the Accra Cultural Centre among others.

• The climate of Ghana is tropical but temperatures in June is slightly cool with the raining season beginning from April through to October. Generally, temperatures are between 21 (degree Celsius) and 32 (degree Celsius).

GHANAIAN CUISINE

- Traditional food is fun to try and easy to enjoy. It is one of the most delicious across
 West Africa comprising various staples and sauces and soups. From the south to the
 north, each region has a set of unique foods associated with the history and culture
 of the people.
- Rice dishes are also typical, but not considered a "real" meal by many Ghanaians, males especially. Jollof rice is a dish as varied as its chef, but generally consists of white rice cooked with vegetables, meat pieces, spices in a tomato-based sauce. Waakye is a mix of beans and rice, typically served with gari, a powder of ground cassava.

COMMUNICATION

- The international dialling code for Ghana is +233. Cell phone providers include MTN, Vodaphone and AirtelTigo (AT). They offer GSM services. SIM cards are available at most commercial locations. Prepaid cards (Top-up cards) are available for AirtelTigo (AT) throughout the city.
- It is advisable to buy your SIM card outside the arrival hall at the Airport immediately you exit the customs area, and, in most cases, you will be required to provide your ECOWAS Card or the bio data of your passport.

CURRENCY

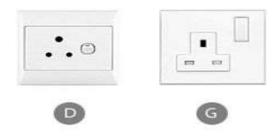
- The local currency is the Cedi which comes in denominations of GH¢200, GH¢100, GH¢50, GH¢20, GH¢10, GH¢5 GH¢2 and GH¢1 for notes. Coins come in denominations of GH¢2, GH¢1, 50p, 20p, 10p, 5p and 1 pesewa. (Exchange rate: \$1= GH¢11.30 as of 22nd August 2023).
- Credit/debit cards (Visa, MasterCard; etc) are accepted by most establishments. Foreign currencies can be exchanged at the airport, the meeting venue and in local commercial banks or approved Bureaux de Change.

TIME ZONE AND ELECTRICITY

Local Time: Ghana is on the Greenwich Mean Time GMT/UTC + 0h Standard Time.



- The electricity in Ghana is 220 /240 V AC 50 Hz. There are two types of power supply used in Ghana; these are type G and D with the primary power outlets being type G. Three (3) headed pin attachment plugs are in use.
- Please bring a universal adapter for your laptop and other electrical appliances, if necessary.



WEBSITE, LOGISTICS AND ADMIN

- For additional details regarding the meetings, please refer to the website provided http://wamz.mofep.gov.gh/
- Alternatively, you can reach out to the officers listed below for more details about the meetings.
 - 1. Mr. Enoch Obeng-Darko

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Mobile: +233 24 442 4364

2. Mr. Raymond Nazar

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3. Ms. Freda Gyamfua Mensah

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4. Mr. Kwame Ntiamoah

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Mobile: +233 24 436 5598

5. Mr. Ernest Asare

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6. Ms. Binta- Eba Osman

Email: bosman@mofep.gov.gh



ANNEX 1: LIST OF RECOMMENDED HOTELS: RACK & NEGOTIATED RATES

HOTEL	TYPE OF ROOM	RACK RATE (\$)	NEGOTIATED RATE (\$) (SINGLE OCCUPANCY)	NEGOTIATED RATE (\$) DOUBLE OCCUPANCY	COMPLIMENTARY PACKAGE/CONFERENCE CODE/BOOKING LINK
KEMPINSKI HOTEL GOLD COAST	Executive Ro				Limited rooms available, rooms will be allocated
Location: Ministries, Gamel Abdul	Superior Roo				on first come first serve basis.
Nasser Avenue	Deluxe Roon	n			
Tel: +233 242 436000					All rooms per night are Vat/Tax inclusive.
Website:	Available Or	ıline.			Rooms also come with Bed and Breakfast.
https://www.kempinski.com/en/					Complimentary Wifi service.
hotel-gold-coast-city					Airport pick up and Drop off to the Airport.



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MOVENPICK AMBASSADOR HOTEL Location: Independence Avenue,	Superior king room	\$340	\$240		The room rates are inclusive of: 1. All taxes and breakfast 2. Access to gym/Fitness centre 3. Pool
Accra Contact: +233-302611000	Deluxe king room	\$370	\$260		4. Transport from the airport both ways5. Internet.
	Executive room	\$380	\$300		Booking Ference: WAMZ 2023 Booking Email: reservations.accra@movenpick.com Copy: jbrukum@mofep.gov.gh



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NO 1 OXFORD STREET HOTEL & SUITES Address: 1 Oxford St, Osu, Accra Contact: +233-559889252 +233-596920856	One Bedroom	\$560	\$260		The Suite has a cooking station and dining area, Complimentary Breakfast, and access to our leisure and wellness facilities (Pool, Gym, and Oxford Terrance), access to 5G internet access.
Website: https://loxfordstreetaccra.com/	Two	\$700	\$260		Room rate rates per night is inclusive of taxes: Booking Code: ECOWAMZ-SEP23 Email to - sales@belfastafrica.com Copy (Cc) - g.gaogli@belfastafrica.com



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ALISA HOTEL Location: 21 Dr Isert St, North Ridge Tel: +233-302214233	Standard Room	\$210	\$120	\$140	Complimentary buffet breakfast, leisure facilities; gym, swimming pool, tennis court, Airport shuttle service to and from the airport and hotel airport lounge, located at Terminal 3 arrival hall, high
Website: https://m.alisahotels.com/	Superior Room	\$259	\$130	\$150	Room rate is inclusive of all room taxes 22% VAT/NHIL/Tourism Levy/Covid-19 levy.
	Deluxe Twin	\$339	\$150	\$170	Conference Code: Group name: ECOWAS (WAMZ) 2023 Check-in: Open date 1st - 29th September 2023 Check out: 30th September 2023
	Twin bedded	\$339	\$150	\$170	(You can kindly share actual check in and check out dates)
	Junior suite	\$410	\$180	\$200	Cut-off date: 1st September, 2023. Booking-Link: https://reservations.travelclick.com/113778?gro upID=4023063



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ROOT HOTEL & APARTMENT (OSU) Location: H/N. F97/2, 15th Lane Osu Re, 202 G Y Odoi St, Accra	Standard Room	\$140	\$110		Complimentary buffet breakfast, Airport transfer, high speed internet Room rate rates per night is inclusive of taxes. Room reservation email:
Contact: +233-307010274	Superior Room	\$170	\$120		urbanomarketing.hotel@gmail.com Reference: WAMZ 2023
ROOTS HOUSE AFARDMENT ACCRA GHANA	One bedroom Apartment	\$200	\$130		



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			OCCUPANCY)	OCCUPANCY	
CENTRAL HOTEL,	Deluxe	\$180	\$100		Complimentary buffet breakfast, leisure
Address: Julius Nyerere Ave.,	Room (20)				facilities; gym, swimming pool, Airport shuttle
North Ridge, Accra					service to and from the airport, high speed
GA-053-0153					internet in room.
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					Room rate is inclusive of all room taxes-
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COCONUT GROOVE HOTEL	Suite Room	\$158	\$120		All rooms per night are Vat/Tax inclusive.
(NORTH RIDGE)		7.50	V.20		Rooms also comes with Bed and Breakfast.
Location: 5 th Mozambique Link,					Complimentary Wifi service.
North Ridge, Accra.					Airport pick up and Drop off to the Airport.
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			OCCUPANCY)	OCCUPANCY	
FRANKIES HOTEL	Single	\$95	\$80		Rooms comes with Bed and Breakfast.
Location: Osu Oxford Street.	Standard				Complimentary Wifi service.
Contact: +233-302773567	Room (12)				Airport pick up and Drop off to the Airport.
+233-249680000	Deluxe	\$125	\$110		All rooms per night are Vat/Tax inclusive.
Website:	Room (8)				
https://www.frankieshotel.com					Booking Email- <u>reserve@frankieshotel.com</u>
	Double	\$140	\$120		Copy (Cc) - rex@frankieshotel.com
	Deluxe				
	Room (7)				The email should have - Ref: WAMZ 2023
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URBANO HOTEL (OSU OXFORD STREET)	Standard Room	\$110	\$85		Complimentary buffet breakfast, Airport transfer, high speed internet in room.
Address - H/N F814/2 Oxford Street, Osu - RE, Accra.	Studio Room	\$135	\$100		All room rates are Tax inclusive. Booking email:
Website - https://www.urbanohotel-ghana.com/	Superior Room	\$140	\$110		urbanomarketing.hotel@gmail.com (Ref: WAMZ 2023) - Urbano Hotel Osu
	Duplex Room	\$170	\$130		360 Tour of hotel - https://www.urbanohotel-ghana.com/360tour.html



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SSNIT GUEST HOUSE Location: Julius Nyerere Rd, Ridge, Accra	Standard Room (6)	\$64	\$60		Buffet breakfast, DSTV, Free WIFI, Access to the pool, Two bottles mineral water each day, all rooms are air-conditioning, Tea items, Airport
Phone: +233-30222536 Website: http://www.ssnitguesthousegh.co	Superior - deluxe (8)	\$80	\$70		shuttle and 24 hours security. All rates are tax inclusive.
m/en/	Executive room (4)	\$110	\$100		SSNIT Guest house is about 10 minutes' drive from the airport and is in ridge (Osu) Opposite the Police Headquarters Julius Nyerere Street and is the center of Accra. Booking Email - frontoffice@ssnitguesthousegh.com Booking code - SGH/WAMZ

