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**TWENTY-SIXTH MEETING OF THE AFRICA-INDIAN OCEAN PLANNING AND
IMPLEMENTATION REGIONAL GROUP (APIRG/26)**

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NINETH MEETING OF THE REGIONAL AVIATION SAFETY GROUP (RASG-AFI/9)

COTONOU CONVENTION CENTER, BENIN

6 – 10 NOVEMBER 2023

INFORMATION BULLETIN

1. Venue of the Meetings:

The Twenty-Sixth meeting of the Africa-Indian Ocean Planning and Implementation Regional Group (APIRG/26) and the Ninth meeting of the Regional Aviation Safety Group (RASGAFI/9) will be held at the **Cotonou convention center, in Benin, from 6 to 10 November 2023.**

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30°C. During most months warm clothing is not necessary. Benin's geographic coordinates are 9.3077° N, 2.3158° E. The country is within the West African time zone - i.e., 1 hour ahead of GMT.

8. Visa

8.1. Nationals of all African countries with a valid passport are exempt from visa. ECOWAS and UEMOA nationals can freely enter Benin, provided with a valid passport or national identity card. For all other countries whose nationals are not visa-exempt, they can obtain their visa online via the www.evisa.bj website.

9. Health

9.1. To enter in Benin, a Yellow Fever vaccination certificate is not required to travelers (Residents/Non-Residents) coming from Yellow Fever non-endemic countries and without an active transmission outbreak of Yellow Fever.

9.2. COVID-19 information

COVID-19 information: All eligible travelers should be up to date with their COVID-19 vaccines. Please see [Your COVID-19 Vaccination](#) for more information. Benin.

10. Banks and Currency

10.1. The country's legal tender is the Franc CFA (XOF). Notes are in denominations of 500, 1000, 2000, 5000, 10 000. Coins most popularly used are in denominations of 50, 100, 200, 250.

10.2. Benin enjoys commercial and merchant banking services. Most Banks handle travelers' cheques and convert international currencies. Monday to Friday 8:00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. with a number of Banks open on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Forex Bureaus are also available in Cotonou. Visitors are advised to deal with licensed Bureaus as shown on: <https://www.goafricaonline.com/bj/annuaire/bureaux-de-change>

10.3. Exchange rates are subject to fluctuations. Currently, 1USD is approximately equivalent to 606,95 Francs CFA

11. Telephone

11.1. Worldwide direct connections are available, using the international code or telephone operator if necessary. From abroad dial +229 followed by required number. Telephone and communication services are spread around the country with Internet access available. Two mobile phone companies: MTN and MOOV offer a wide range of services.

11.2. The internet country code top level domain is .bj

12. Electrical Supply

The power supply in Benin is 220 volts. It is advisable to bring your own round of, two prong adapter, and transformer for 100 volts AC.

13. Security

While Benin has a good safety record, in case of any emergency, Police can be reached on 112.

14. Tourist Information

14.1. Known as a birthplace of the vodun (or "voodoo") religion and home to the former Dahomey Kingdom from circa 1600–1900, Benin's stunning scenery and warm, friendly people offer unique

experiences in one of the most remarkable countries in the world. It is blessed with extraordinary biodiversity, with incredible wildlife living throughout its parks, historical sites of slavery, etc.

- 14.2. Travelers can acquire exceptional and memorable memories through various tourist visits without limitation, the place of the Amazon, the garden of Mathieu, the temple of the pythons, the village Ganvié, the market Dantokpa etc.

15. Emergency Contacts:

15.1. Police: **117**

15.2. Fire: **118**

15.3. Ambulance: **112**

16. Health services

For any advanced treatment, delegates are advised to seek treatment at one of the following hospitals:

→ SAMU: +229 90 90 30 02

→ Primary Doctor, Dr Angelot ASSOGBA: +229 97 45 05 50

HOTEL INFORMATION IN COTONOU

N°	Hotel (Distance from the meeting venue)	Level (Star)	Negotiated Room rate	Contacts
1.	Hotel LA CASA CIELO (Distance 5.2 km)	3	Single Room-US\$ 80	T: +22921602686 +22967867272 E: reservations@sasacielohotel.com W: www.casacielohotel.com
2.	SUN BEACH HOTEL (Distance 6.1 km)	3	Single Room-US\$ 103	T: +22921302690, +22995606161 E: sunbeach_hotel@yahoo.fr contact@sunbeach-hotel-benin.com W: www.sunbeach
3.	GOLDEN TULIP LE DIPLOMATE (Distance 400 m)	4	Single Room-US\$ 190 Double Occupancy Room-US\$ 280	T: +229 21300200 E: info@goldentuliplatediplomatecotonou.com W: www.goldentuliplatediplomatecotonou.com
4.	NOVOTEL HOTEL (Distance 650 m)	5	Single Room-US\$ 215 Double Occupancy Room-US\$ 235	T: + 229 58067011 E: h1826-res@accor.com W: www.accorhotels.com
5.	HOTEL IBIS (Distance 650 m)	4	Single Room-US\$ 116 Double Occupancy Room-US\$ 130	T: +22921317200, +229 21 31 72 69 E: reservationhp@azalaihôtels.com W: www.azalai.com
6.	AZALAI HOTEL DE LA PLAGES (Distance 3.4 km)	4	Single Room-US\$ 163	T: +22921304252 +22997964000 E: reception@nobilaairporthotel.com W: www.nobilaairporthotel.com
7.	NOBILA AIRPORT HOTEL (Distance 2.5 km)	3	Single Room-US\$ 103	T : +229 65898989 E : resa@beninroyalhotel.com W : www.beninroyalhotel.com
8.	BENIN ROYAL HOTEL (Distance 3.5 km)	3	Single Room-US\$ 111 Double Occupancy Room-US\$ 140	T: +229 91409441 E: resahotelnoahgarden@gmail.com W: www.hotelnoahgarden.com
9.	HOTEL NOAHGARDEN (Distance 4.5 km)	3	Single Room-US\$ 70 Double Occupancy Room-US\$ 90	T : + 229 64001100 E : info@livingstone-benin.com W : www.livingstonehotelbenin.com
10.	HOTEL LIVINGSTONE (Distance 2 km)	3	Single Room-US\$ 143 Double Occupancy Room-US\$ 166	