



INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION
FIRST MEETING OF THE AFRICA-INDIAN OCEAN REGIONAL
AVIATION SAFETY GROUP (RASG-AFI/1)
(Kampala, Uganda, 26-27 March 2012)

INFORMATION BULLETIN

1. VENUE

The First Meeting of the Africa-Indian Ocean Regional Aviation Safety Group (RASG-AFI/1) will be held at Imperial Royale Hotel, Nakasero Hill, in Kampala, Uganda, from 26 to 27 March 2012.

2. REGISTRATION

Participants will be required to reconfirm their registration at the registration desk on the first day of the meeting.

3. OPENING SESSION

The official opening of the First Meeting of the Africa-Indian Ocean Regional Aviation Safety Group (RASG-AFI/1) will take place on Monday, 26 March 2012 at 08.30 am.

4. WORKING LANGUAGE

The meeting will be conducted in English and French languages.

5. HOTEL INFORMATION

Participants are requested to make their own hotel reservations. A list of recommended hotels is attached. **Kindly note that there will be other international meetings taking place in Kampala around the month of March; participants are therefore advised to confirm their hotel reservations early.**

6. TRANSPORTATION

Entebbe International Airport is situated 40 kilometers (an hour's drive) to Kampala. The taxi fare from the airport to the city centre is about USD 35. The recommended taxis are Entebbe Airport Taxi Operators, Tel: +256-752 635145, +256-705 403774. The Uganda Civil Aviation Authority (UCAA) could also arrange Airport pick-up once flight details are given on time to: **E-mail: iigunduura@caa.co.ug**.

Hotel pick-up to the Meeting venue shall be arranged by UCAA between 7 am and 8 am daily. Please send information of your Hotel reservation to the contact above.

7. VISA

While all travellers arriving in Uganda should have a valid passport, Uganda entry visas are not required for nationals from some countries especially Commonwealth countries and those with

reciprocal agreements with Uganda. Participants are therefore advised to ascertain whether or not they are exempt from the Ugandan visa requirements at the respective embassies.

Those who are not exempt should apply for visas well in advance from Ugandan High Commissions or Embassies, which will issue them upon presentation of documentation showing that the applicants are designated representatives to RASG-AFI/1 meeting to be held in Kampala, Uganda. **Visas can also be obtained on arrival at Entebbe International Airport. Staff of Uganda Civil Aviation Authority will be available to facilitate the process where necessary.**

8. HEALTH

Presentation of yellow fever certificate at the point of entry will be required. Precautions against malaria are advisable.

9. WEATHER AND LOCAL TIME INFORMATION

Kampala has tropical type of climate with average temperature of 23°C, mean maximum temperature of 27.5°C and mean minimum temperature of 18°C. Average rainfall in March is about 113mm with 11 rainy days.

10. LOCAL CURRENCY AND FOREIGN EXCHANGES RATES

The country's legal tender, the Uganda shilling, is based on the decimal system. Notes are in denominations of 1,000, 5,000, 10,000, 20,000 and 50,000. Coins most popularly used are in denominations of 100, 200 and 500 shillings.

Uganda enjoys commercial and merchant banking services. Most banks handle travellers' cheques and convert international currencies. Banking hours are from Monday to Friday; 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m; with a number of banks open on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. ATM services for VISA Electron card holders are available at many points in Kampala city.

Forex Bureaux are also available in Kampala and other towns. Visitors would however be advised to deal with Bureaux with a valid and displayed licence.

11. SAFETY

Kampala is a very safe city and is active around the clock. Caution should be exercised however in case of late night movements in some areas.

12. LANGUAGE

The official languages of the country are English and Swahili.

13. HOURS OF BUSINESS

Uganda's official business hours are: 8:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Monday to Friday).

14. ELECTRICAL SUPPLY

230/245 volts at 50Hz. British-type three-pin plugs are used.

15. COMMUNICATION

Worldwide direct connections are available, using the international code or telephone operator if necessary.

From abroad dial **+256** followed by the required number.

Telephone and communication services are well spread around the country with Internet and Blackberry services widely available. Five mobile phone companies: **MTN-Uganda, Uganda Telecom, Orange, Warid** and **Airtel** offer a wide range of services.

The internet top level domain is **.Ug**.

16. TOURIST INFORMATION

The main tourist attractions are the Uganda Museum and Martyrs Shrine in Kampala. The Source of the River Nile, Mountain Gorillas, the Rwenzori Mountain ranges, the Uganda Wildlife Education Centre and 10 National Parks spread around the country, provide memorable moments for a visitor. Most National Parks can be reached by air. Tourist information is available at Entebbe International Airport Arrivals concourse.

17. EMERGENCY CONTACTS:

- Police - 999 or 112
- Ambulance - International Air Ambulance (IAA) – 0312-200508
- Health services - (AAR) – 0312-263071/2
- Mulago Hospital (National Referral Hospital) - 0414-554009

18. TRAVEL TO UGANDA :

Several international Airlines operate to Entebbe International Airport. These include British Airways, Brussels Airlines, Kenya Airways, Gulf Air, KLM Royal Dutch Airlines, Rwand Air Express, Qatar Airways, South African Airways and Turkish Airlines

List of hotels

HOTELS IN KAMPALA					
	Hotel	Telephone	Email	Single Room	Double Room
1.	Sheraton Kampala Hotel	256-41-4420000	reservation.kampala@sheraton.com	\$214.4 Availability (before 28/3/12)	\$273.4
2.	Kampala Serena Hotel	256-41-4309000	kampala@serena.co.ug	\$285	\$367.8 Single Executive
3.	Grand Imperial Hotel	256-41-4250681	reservations@gihotel.co.ug	\$ 107	\$ 131
4.	Mosa Court Apartments	256-41-4230321	mosa@mosaapartments.com	\$ 71 \$ 106	Executive \$130
5.	Hotel Africana	256-41-4348080	africana@hotelafricana.com	\$100	\$120 (Corporate rate)
6.	Speke Hotel (1996) Ltd	256-41-4259221	spekehotel@spekehotel.com	\$250	\$250
7.	Shangri-La Hotel Ltd (Former Shanghai Hotel)	256-41-4250372, 4250366	shanghai@infocom.co.ug hotelshangrila@yahoo.com	\$95	\$110
8.	Tourist Hotel	256-41-4251471	tourist1@spekehotel.com	\$32	\$39
9.	Imperial Royale Hotel	256-41- 7111001	reservations@irh.co.ug	\$143 \$179	\$179 \$214
10.	Fang Fang Hotel	256 -41- 4235828	fangfanghotel@yahoo.com	\$89	\$100
11.	Metropole Hotel	256-41-4391000	reservations@metropolekampala.com	\$100	\$125

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				\$125	\$150
12.	Protea Hotel	256- 31-2550000	res@proteakla.co.ug	\$223.40	\$272.60
13.	Fairway Hotel	256 -41-4259571	mkt@fairwayhotel.co.ug	\$86	\$105
14.	Holiday Express Hotel	256-31 2262858/9	ikojiang@holidayexpresshotel.com reservations@holidayexpresshotel.com	\$53 \$65	\$77 \$89
15.	Golf Course Hotel	256 31-2265490/2	reservation@golfcoursehotel.com	\$159	\$190
16.	Hotel Triangle	256 – 41 4231747, 4233410	reservations@hoteltriangle.co.ug hoteltriangle@hoteltriangle.co.ug kampala@hoteltriangle.co.ug	\$100	\$120
17.	Shangri La Nyonyi Gardens Hotel	256 -41-4250366, +256 772 222622	nyonyi@hotel-apartment-ug.com	\$100	\$130
18.	Hotel Ruch	256- 31-2210110	reservations@hotelruch.com	\$70	\$120

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- ❖ Please note that a number of the above hotels have special rates for United Nations.
- ❖ Hotels numbered 11, 12, 13, 15 and 17 allow 15 minutes drive.
- ❖ Delegates intending to reside in hotels numbered 3, 4, 5, 9 and 11 should indicate to the reservations staff that they will be attending ICAO Meetings at Imperial Royale Hotel slated for 26-30 March, 2012 to benefit from the rates indicated.
- ❖ The rates are inclusive of taxes

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