

**42nd Ordinary Session
14th - 28th November 2007
Brazzaville, Congo**

INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

1. General

The venue of the Session is the “*Palais du Parlement*”, Brazzaville, Congo.

2. Credentials

Delegates and other participants are kindly requested to bring their official credentials duly signed by the appropriate authorities of their countries or their respective organizations and hand them to the ACHPR Secretariat prior to registration.

3. Registration and identification badges

Participants are required to register and obtain identification badges prior to the opening of the Session. There will be a registration counter for this purpose in the main lobby area outside the Conference Hall.

For identification and security reasons, all participants are requested to wear their badges at all times during the Session.

4. Immigration requirements

All participants arriving in Brazzaville, Republic of Congo, should have a valid passport. Entry visas are required for participants, whose countries are non members of the Community of Central African States (CEMAC), and can be obtained at any Congo Diplomatic and Consular Missions abroad. To obtain visas, participants are advised to check the existence and the location of these Missions with the Ministry of Foreign/External Affairs of their countries. Gratis visas will be given to participants, who do not have Congo diplomatic representations in their countries, upon arrival at Maya Maya International Airport, Brazzaville.

5. Health requirements

Participants are requested to take the necessary vaccination and travel with their vaccination cards.

6. Health facilities

The Government of Congo has made provision for medical services at the conference venue. Please note that these services are available only to participants who fall ill during the period of the Session.

7. Weather

The month of November is usually rainy season in Congo, with temperature ranging between 20 °C and 26 °C. It is thus advisable to bring appropriate clothes, as well as umbrella or raincoat.

8. Foreign exchange and Banks

Most major convertible currencies can be exchanged in Congo. The local currency is the FCFA. The current exchange rate ranges between FCFA 400 and 490 for **US\$1.00**, and around FCFA 650 for **€1.00**.

Exchange operations can be done at the airport, the banks and hotels. Most Banks are open to the public from Mondays to Fridays from 8:00hrs to 12.00hrs, and from 14:00hrs. to 16.00hrs (GMT). The International Commercial Bank (Banque Internationale de Commerce – BIC) is open from 8:00hrs to 16:00hrs. The principal banks are the following:

1. Banque COFIPA

Avenue Amilcar Cabral, B. P. 147, Brazzaville
Tel: (242) 81 58 33
Fax:(242) 81 47 34

2. Banque de Développement des Etats de l’Afrique Centrale (BDEAC)

Place du Gouvernement, B.P. 1177, Brazzaville
Tél. : (242) 81 18 85 / 44 20 79 06 81 63
Fax : (242) 81 18 80 / 44 20 79 06 81 61
E-mail : bdeac@bdeac.org

3. Banque Commerciale Internationale

Groupe Banque Populaire
Avenue Amilcal Cabral
B.P. 147, Brazzaville
Tel: (242) 8158 33 / 8158 34

4. La Congolaise de Banque

Avenue Amilcar Cabral
B.P. 2889, Brazzaville
Tel: (242) 81 09 78 / 55 /56
Fax: +242 81 09 77

5. Banque BGFI

B.P. 14579

Tel : (242) 81 40 50

Fax: (242) 81 50 89 / 90

6. Banque Cr dit du Congo (Lyonnais)

B. P. 645

Tel: (242) 81 07 13

Fax: (242) 81 16 69

7. Cr dit Maouene

1401, Avenue des trois Martyrs

Plateau des 15 ans

B. P. 12083, Brazzaville

Tel: (242) 547 81 10 / 549 74 75 / 660 25 97

E-mail : crma_congo@yahoo.fr

Website : www.creditmaouene.com

8. La Congolaise de Banque (LCB)

Avenue Amilcar Cabral

B. P. 2889, Brazzaville

Tel: (242) 8109 78/ 8109 55

Fax: (242) 81 09 77

E-mail : lcbcongo@yahoo.fr

8. Airlines

The following international airlines operate regularly to and from Brazzaville. Working hours of the main travel agencies are from 8.00hrs to 12.00hrs and from 14:00hrs to 18:00hrs.

1.	Air France Tel: +242 81 27 19 (Reservations) Other enquiries : + 242 81 0023 / 81 0035 / 81 0058 /8207 98 / 82 3487 / 81 24 42 / 81 00 64
2.	Air Gabon Imm. Arc, Centre Ville Tel: +242 81 07 68

3.	Air Guinea Express Tel: +242 82 09 26
4.	Ethiopian Airlines Tel: +242 81 07 61 / 81 07 66
5.	Cameroon Airlines Imm. Arc, Rez de Chaussee, Centre Ville Tel: +242 81 17 92 / 81 18 48 / 81 40 23 / 81 04 83 / 82 00 53
6.	Afrijet (Office based in Liberville, Gabon) Tel: +241 44 58 85 Fax: +241 44 58 86 Email: contact@afrijet.ga
7.	Air Senegal International Operates with Air Maroc
8.	WAC Congo Airways SA Agence B. P. 1532, Brazzaville Tel: +242 81 18 55
9.	Trans African Airline Tel: + 242 8100 89 / 8113 42 / 8127 52 / 8259 96
10.	Aéro Service B. P. 1115, Brazzaville Tel: +242 8134 29 / 8208 38 / 661 1040 / 8100 26 Email: aeroservice@cg.celtelplus.com
11.	Conex Air Service Escale Maya Maya Tel: +242 8250 79
12.	Equaflight Service Tel: +242 8226 26

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| | <p>Inter Air
13. Tel: +242 8253 60 / 8253 61 / 62</p> <p>Lina Congo
14. Tel: +242 8132 61 / 8133 12 / 8141 64 / 8157 54</p> <p>Trans Air Congo (TAC)
15. Tel: +242 8110 46 / 8115 79 / 8138 75 / 8143 50 / 8153 38 / 8244 68</p> <p>Benin- Golf Air
16. Tel: +242 520 1918 / 637 45 41 / 516 84 66 / 673 39 00
Fax: (242) 82 53 12
E-mail: bgabzv@yahoo.fr</p> |
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9. Major Mobile-phone Sim card Providers:

Celtel:

B.P. 1267, Pointe Noire
Tel.: (242) 520 00 00
Fax: (242) 94 88 75

MTN Congo:

Immeuble Libertis, av. Foch
Face Mairie Centrale
B. P. 1150
Tel. : (242) 81 47 20 / 666 0123
Fax: (242) 81 44 16

10. Electricity

The voltage in Congo is 220V AC.

11. Privileges and Immunities

Without prejudice to the privileges, immunities and facilities accorded to all participants, every **participant is required to respect the laws and regulations of the Republic of Congo and must refrain from interference in the internal affairs of the country. No one is allowed to enter or photograph an area designated as prohibited or restricted.** Breach of such regulations should be avoided at all times. If in doubt, please seek advice from the authorities concerned.

12. Documents

Participants will get the working documents of the Session at the time of registration and are advised to seek written authorization from the Secretary to the Commission for the distribution of their documents at the conference area. No documents will be circulated without the written authorisation of the Secretary to the Commission.

13. Hotel accommodation

The Secretariat of the African Commission has negotiated with certain hotels to reduce the costs of their hotel rooms for participants attending the Session. The rate ranges from \$60 to \$150 per night. To book for hotels offering special rates, participants are advised to book through the Secretariat or through:

1. Mr. Alexis Ekaba
E-mail: alekaba@yahoo.com
Tel.: (242) 530 86 58
2. Mr. Massala Paul Armand
E-mail: parmassala@yahoo.fr
Tel.: 242 566 67 23 / 661 12 85

All other hotels may be contacted directly for reservations.

Participants must indicate that they are participating in the 42nd Session of the African Commission, their dates of arrival and departure. A list of hotels is provided at the end of this information note.

There will be a shuttle to transport participants from the airport to their hotels. Participants will be responsible for transportation from their hotels to the Session venue.

Cost of meals (Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner) range from 3,000 FCFA, depending on what is ordered, and varies among hotels and restaurants.

List of hotels offering special rates:

NB: - The rooms in all the hotels are air-conditioned, have television sets and refrigerators.

<p>Hotel Residence Marina (5 Star) B.P. 1947, Brazzaville Tel.: (242) 655 8555 / 655 8556 Fax: (242) 669 99 15 E-mail: hotelmарina2001@yahoo.fr Website: www.laresidencemarina.com</p> <p>Facilities: <i>About 10 minutes drive from the Session venue, two swimming pools, internet facilities plus WIFI connection, two restaurants, 1 bar, 2 receptions, a boutique, and a conference room equipped with audio visuals.</i></p>			
Room Categories	No. available	Negotiated Price	Normal Price
Standard Rooms	60	55,000 FCFA or (breakfast included)	82,500 FCFA 165 US\$ 126 Euros (without breakfast)
De Luxe Rooms	10	75,000 FCFA or (without breakfast)	100,000 FCFA 200 US\$ 153 Euros (without breakfast)
Mini Suites	2 (There are 6 in number but only 2 are available at the special price for the period)	87,500 FCFA or (breakfast included)	120,000 FCFA 240 US\$ 184 Euros (without breakfast)
Big Suites	5	Non negotiable	200,000 FCFA 400 US\$ 307 Euros (without breakfast)

Le Meridien (5 Star)
B.P. 588, Brazzaville
Tel. : (242) 81 03 02 / 81 03 07
Fax : (242) 81 55 49
E-mail : meridienbrazzaville@hotmail.com
Web site : brazzaville.lemeridien.com

Facilities:

About 12 – 15 minutes drive from the Session venue, business centre with Internet facilities, internet connection in rooms, swimming pool, massages salon, hair salon, Tennis court, Brazzaville Golf Club, and conference facilities.

Room Categories	No. available	Negotiated Price	Normal Price
Standard Rooms	145	77,500 FCFA (breakfast included)	105,000 FCFA (without breakfast)
De Lux Suites	10	Non negotiable	200,000 FCFA (without breakfast)
Diplomatic Suites	3	Non negotiable	300,000 FCFA (without breakfast)

Hotel Saphir
near the Embassy of France
Rue Alfassa, behind BGFI, Centre ville
B.P. 1307, Brazzaville
Tel. : (242) 8101 25 / 811 535
Fax : (242) 81 15 35
E-mail : hotelsaphirbzv@yahoo.fr

Facilities :

About 10 to 15 minutes drive from the Session venue, Internet facility, swimming pool, restaurant & bar, and conference room.

Room Categories	No. available	Negotiated Price	Normal Price
Standard Rooms	28	51,000 (with breakfast)	50,000 FCFA (without breakfast)
Comfort Rooms	23	56,000 FCFA (with breakfast)	55,000 FCFA (without breakfast)
De Luxe Rooms	23	60,000 FCFA (with breakfast)	60,000 FCFA (without breakfast)
Mini Suites	3	146,000 FCFA (with breakfast)	150,000 (without breakfast)

Royal Hotel
3, Avenue Maréchal LYAUTEY
B. P. 13939, Brazzaville
Tel.: (242) 82 67 00

Facilities:

About 5 minutes drive from the Session venue, nearby restaurants.

NB: *A total of 10 rooms have been negotiated for at 35,000 FCFA per room – bigger standard rooms and mini suite inclusive. This price excludes breakfast.*

Room Categories	No. available	Negotiated Price	Normal Price
Standard Rooms	9	35,000 FCFA	35,000 FCFA
Bigger Standard Rooms	5	35,000 FCFA	50,000 FCFA
Mini Suite	1	35,000 FCFA	60,000 FCFA

Hotel Brazza
B. P. 13939, Brazzaville
Tel.: (242) 655 80 80

Facilities:

About 10 minutes drive to the Session venue, nearby restaurants

NB: *A total of 10 rooms have been negotiated for at 35,000 FCFA per room – bigger standard rooms and mini suite inclusive. This price excludes breakfast.*

Hotel Mercure Plus
B. P. 13939, Brazzaville
Tel.: (242) 655 80 80

Facilities:

About 5 minutes drive to the conference centre, nearby restaurants

NB: *A total of 10 rooms have been negotiated for at 30,000 FCFA per room – bigger standard rooms and mini suite inclusive. This price excludes breakfast.*

Hotel Residence Florida
B. P. 13939, Brazzaville
Tel.: (242) 655 80 80

Facilities:

About 2 minutes drive from the Session venue, restaurant.

NB: *A total of 10 rooms have been negotiated for at 30,000 FCFA per room – bigger standard rooms and mini suite inclusive. This price excludes breakfast.*

Exaunel Hotel
Avenue du Général de GAULE
Behind X-Oil Station, opposite Imperial Campus
B. P. 14048, Brazzaville
Tel.: (242) 81 54 86 / 571 81 62
E-mail: thierryrostel@yahoo.fr

Facilities:

About 10 to 15 minutes drive from the Session venue, cyber café, restaurant and a swimming pool.

NB: - *The special prices are for those booking in groups of 10 to 15 people.
The normal prices exclude breakfast.*

Room Categories	No. available	Negotiated Price	Normal Price
Standard Rooms	27	45,000 FCFA (with breakfast)	55,000 FCFA
“Twin” Rooms	5	55,000 FCFA (with breakfast)	65,000 FCFA
“Double” Rooms	8	55,000 FCFA (with breakfast)	85,500 FCFA
Junior Suite	3	75,000 FCF (with breakfast)	110,000 FCFA
Diplomatic Suite	1	100,000 FCFA (with breakfast)	120,000 FCFA
Presidential Suite	1	Non negotiable	180,000 FCFA

Other Hotels

The prices for the following hotels are non negotiable. You may contact these hotels directly for your reservations.

Olympic Palace Hotel (5 Star) B.P. 1050, Brazzaville Tel.: (242) 81 34 36 / 8112 49 / 8112 60 / 8113 11 / 8144 85 Fax: (242) 81 00 30 E-mail: olympicreception@hotmail.com		
Facilities: <i>About 5 minutes drive from the Session venue, free WIFI internet connection in rooms, restaurant, swimming pool, and computerized security monitoring system.</i>		
Room Categories	No. available	Price
Standard Rooms	21	100,000 FCFA
"Twin" Rooms		120,000 FCFA
De Luxe Rooms	25	150,000 FCFA
Olympic Suite	3	180,000 FCFA
Hotel du Boulevard (3 Star) Les Residences Kôbi B.P. 1547, Brazzaville Tel: (242) 82 61 40 / 65 (242) 672 55 73 / 537 04 07 Fax: (242) 82 61 70 E-mail: hotelduboulevard2004@yahoo.fr Web site : www.hotelduboulevard-cg.net		
Facilities: <i>About 6-8 minutes drive from the Session venue, boutique, business centre, computerized security system, salon and restaurant.</i>		
Room Categories	No. available	Price
Standard Rooms	22	45,000 FCFA (without breakfast)
Comfort Rooms	2	50,000 FCFA (without breakfast)
De Luxe Rooms	9	70,000 (without breakfast)
Big Luxe Rooms	2	80,000 FCFA (without breakfast)
Suite	1	120,000 FCFA (without breakfast)
Apartments	2 categories	150,000 and 180,000 FCFA (without breakfast)

Dreams Hotel
B. P. 2993, Brazzaville
Tel.: (242) 656 76 76 / 81 00 20
E-mail: dreams.hotel@hotmail.com

Facilities:

About 8 minutes drive from the Session venue, No restaurant within the hotel but room service is available for those ordering food from nearby restaurants.

Room Categories	No. available	Price
Standard Room 1	11	40,000 FCFA (without breakfast)
Standard Room 2	3	50,000 FCFA (without breakfast)
Standard Room 3	1	55,000 FCFA (without breakfast)

L' Hotel Ambassadeur
B.P. 15377, Brazzaville
161, Avenue de l'Amitié
Opposite Olympic Palace Hotel
Tel. : (242) 81 33 71 / 54 800 00 / 528 88 88

Facilities:

About 5 minutes drive from the Session venue, has a restaurant.

Room Categories	No. available	Price
Standard Rooms	10	55, 000 FCFA (without breakfast)
Suites	8	80,000 FCFA (without breakfast)

Hotel Phoenix
Avenue du 1er Jeux Africain
Bacongo
Tel. : (242) 81 36 96 / 521 5403

Facilities:

About 5 minutes drive from the Session venue, 2 conference rooms, restaurant offering cheap meals ranging from 1,500 FCFA for breakfast and 3,000 FCFA for other meals.

Room Categories	No. available	Price
Standard Rooms	6	25,000 FCFA (without breakfast)
"Double" Rooms	6	30,000 FCFA (without breakfast)
Suites	3	40,000 FCFA (without breakfast)

Protea Hotel
(Brazzaville Beach Hotel)
S.A.R.L.
Barrage du Djoué – OMS
Tel.: (242) 570 0221 / 634 8576
Fax: (242) 82 51 27
E-mail: brazzavillebeach2003@yahoo.co.uk

Facilities:

About 45 minutes drive from the Session venue, conference room, restaurant & bar, swimming pools and gym. Also organizes cocktails, diners, etc.

Room Categories	No. available	Price
Standard Room 1	5	35,000 FCFA (with breakfast)
Standard Room 2	21	80,000 FCFA (with breakfast)
Suites	4	100,000 FCFA (with breakfast)

Leon Hotel
Avenue du Colonel Bisset
CL7, Centreville
B.P. 2111, Brazzaville
Tel. : (242) 81 23 11
Fax: (242) 81 58 78
E-mail: hotel_leaon@yahoo.fr

Facilities:

About 7 minutes drive from the Session venue, restaurant, internet facility and airport shuttle (charges about 10,000 FCFA for a drop-off from the hotel to the airport) This hotel has a total of 10 rooms of 3 categories.

Room Categories	Price
Standard Rooms	65,000 FCFA (without breakfast)
De Luxe Rooms	75,000 FCFA (without breakfast)
Big De Luxe Rooms	85,000 FCFA (without breakfast)

Hotel du Centre
Avenue Felix Eboue
B. P. 13353, Brazzaville
Tel. : (242) 8115 06 / 81 0808
Fax: (242) 8155 69

Facilities:

About 12 minutes drive from the Session venue, restaurant, casino.

Room Categories	No. Available	Price
Standard Rooms 1	7	40,000 FCFA (without breakfast)
Standard Rooms 2	3	45,000 FCFA (without breakfast)
De Luxe Room	1	55,000 FCFA (without breakfast)
Mini Suite	1	65,000 FCFA (without breakfast)

Hotel Opland
40, rue Bangui
Mongali
Tel.: (242) 8203 20

Hotel Pama
1141 Loutassi
Plateau de 15 ans
Tel: (242) 82 61 81 / 82 61 82

Hotel Omega
128, rue Lague
Tel.: (242) 82 08 48

