



20th Nigerian Economic Summit

PRE ARRIVAL INFORMATION

In just few days, you will arrive in Abuja, the capital city of Nigeria, for the **20th Nigerian Economic Summit**. Nigeria is a country in West Africa with a population of over 160 million people distributed in more than 250 ethnic groups. The country is the 6th largest oil producer in the world, and is richly endowed with gas and other natural resources including substantial agricultural potential. To ensure your smooth arrival and stay, we thought it necessary to give you a checklist of important information. Please read and review the below carefully (you may also want to keep it for future reference).

LOCATION

The Summit will take place at the Transcorp Hilton Hotel, Abuja; 1 Aguiyi Ironsi Street, Maitama, Abuja, Nigeria. Most delegates would be staying at this Hotel.



The Hotel is about forty minutes drive from the Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport, Abuja. It has an Executive Lounge, Art Deco-styled rooms with wireless internet access.

While at the Hilton, you can have access to various recreational facilities including a local life handicraft village, fitness center, outdoor pool, a sports hall and an onsite casino.

You can explore also, the traditional Nigerian cuisines at the Bukka restaurant; ambient low lighting romantic Mediterranean favourites and light tasty dishes at

the Zuma Grill restaurant; Mongolian fare from the à la carte menu at the Oriental restaurant and a tea or coffee with a French pastry at the Pastry Shop. For night life, you can experience the Fulani Pool Bar designed to reflect the culture of Nigeria's Fulani people or listen to live music at the Capital Bar. Cost for a Standard Room at the Hilton is about US\$500 (Summit special rates are available for participants. For reservations please contact Emeka Akobundu on +2348039013000).

OTHER HOTELS

Aside the Transcorp, there are other choice hotels minutes away from the venue of the programme. We have secured special rates at these hotels for participants.

Rockview Hotel Royale



The Rockview Hotel is located on Adetokunbo Ademola Crescent in Wuse II, Abuja, Nigeria. The Hotel is about forty minutes from the Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport, and 5 minutes to the Transcorp Hilton Hotel. Attractions include a well equipped business center, exclusive restaurants, which offer guests with African and European dishes, a fitness center, tennis courts and a large swimming pool (please contact Amaka Ekeh on +2348126909823).

Return shuttle services would be available in the mornings and evenings only between the Rockview Hotel and the Transcorp Hilton Hotel for the duration of the Summit. The shuttle service timetable can be found upon arrival at the Rockview Hotel.

Car hires are available at a fee around the hotel premises also.

Details of other hotels with special Summit rates are available on our website at www.nigerianeconomicsummit.org. You may need to identify yourself as a participant to enjoy these rates.

TRAVEL, ENTRY AND VISA REQUIREMENTS

All ECOWAS passport holders do not require a visa to enter Nigeria. Non-ECOWAS countries passport holders should contact the nearest Nigerian High Commission or Embassy in advance for trip advice on how to procure entry visas.

Foreign participants would require a passport valid for at least six months beyond the end of the visit, and a return ticket or documents for onward travel. Those for business reasons must have Letter of Invitation, verification from Nigerian representatives abroad stating purpose of entry, and sufficient funds.

HEALTH

All visitors to Nigeria are required to have a Yellow Fever vaccination cards. For participants from non-malaria prone areas, contact your doctor for advice on the appropriate anti-malaria drugs.

ARRIVAL

Participants are strongly encouraged to schedule arrival in Abuja. For those who must arrive at Lagos, you are advised to make connecting flights reservations with Dana Airline (<http://www.flydanaair.com/>), where special discounts have been obtained for participants at Murtala Muhammed Airport 2 (MM2).

In the event that you have to shuttle to the Domestic Wing (MM2) in Lagos, you should engage only the services of registered airport taxis. The cost for a taxi ride from the International Wing to the MM2 is about US\$ 20.

Participants arriving at the Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport Abuja should engage the services of the Abuja Green Cabs or registered airport taxis to their hotels. This may cost about US\$25.

BEFORE YOU GO

It is advisable to complete the registration process online for early preparation of summit pass and materials. Have your invitation letter ready as well (it is advisable to have an e-copy as well).

WHAT TO PACK

The climate in Nigeria varies from tropical in the coastal areas to sub-tropical in the north. There are two seasons, namely the Dry season (November – March) where rain does not fall except around the coastal areas and the Rainy season (April – October), when rain falls are experienced. The southern part experiences a maximum average temperature of 32° C with humidity level occasionally reaching 97 per cent. The northern part experiences a drier climate with temperature ranging from 12° C to 36° C. The daytime temperatures in dry season can soar up to 40° C and 12° C at night time, resulting in chilly evenings.

If you don't pack anything else, remember to bring business cards.

INTERNET ACCESS:

Access to Wi-Fi and Ethernet cable connections are available at a fee from most hotels in Nigeria.

DRESS

Dress code for the conference is formal; it is time for business. For the dinners, informal dress code can be worn. So pack that fancy gown, suit, or traditional outfit so you can look resplendent.

CURRENCY

The Naira (NGN) is the official legal tender. 100 Kobo = 1 Naira (also written as ₦1.00). Visitors coming into Nigeria can change their currencies at the Bureau de Change at the Transcorp Hilton Hotel, the International Airports or at any Bank. Though international credit cards are not widely used, most hotels and stores accept VISA, Master, Verve and Value Cards. Exchange rates fluctuate without prior notice depending on various economic factors. The exchange currently fluctuates between the ranges of ₦130 and ₦160 to US\$1.

SECURITY

Nigerians are usually very friendly and law abiding people. Despite the negative views about security in Nigeria, the atmosphere is peaceful. There is a mix of foreigners from all over the world living in peace with the citizens. However, just like any other country, Nigeria has its share of what to look out for to avoid being a victim of crime. Visitors coming to Nigeria are urged to be sensible with their possession and avoid providing information to anyone outside proper establishments such as the immigration and customs.

ON ARRIVAL

As with most airports, the security checks in Nigeria may sometimes be stringent and you will have to go through checks.

Please let your hotel know your arrival times in advance to ensure timely commutes between the airport and your hotel. At busy times, where flights are coming in from destinations with a lot of members, we will have minibus transport to the Summit venue.

SCHEDULE

Please find the latest agenda attached. You will also have a copy in your delegate pack on arrival.

REGISTRATION

Registration can be done online at www.nigerianeconomicssummit.org. Peradventure you couldn't, not to worry; our team will be at the Lounge of the Transcorp Hilton Hotel where registration and accreditation will commence at 2pm – 7pm (local time) on Tuesday prior to the event, and from 8:00am – 9:00pm on Wednesday.

ARRIVAL AT THE HILTON HOTEL

Security at the Hotel is high. We advise you set out early, if you do not wish to stay at the Hilton in order to beat the long queue at the entrance.

DEPARTURE

Please ensure that you liaise with your hotel for the shuttle back to the airport to get your flight home. Ensure you settle your hotel bills on check-out.

NETWORKING

Over 700 participants are expected to attend the Summit. To make the most of this prime networking opportunity, we suggest you plan your networking and

know what you want, describe yourself and your aim in a concise manner and keep your business cards close. Have an idea of what you would like to engage them on and make sure you use the tools at your disposal to seal deals – it's a missed opportunity otherwise!

OTHER ATTRACTIONS IN ABUJA

Visit Abuja attractions like Aso Rock, Millennium Park, Abuja Zoo, the Abuja Arts & Craft Village, the City Park, Maitama Amusement Park and Abuja Amusement Park among others. Abuja has some world class restaurants like the J.V. Grill, Wakkis Restaurant, Uptown Cuisine and the 802 restaurant. Take time out to visit any these and experience a blend of local life and continental dishes.

AFTER THE 20TH SUMMIT

It would be nice to maintain relationships established at the 18th Nigerian Economic Summit, by taking advantage of the multiple networking opportunities on offer with global and local business leaders, and top government officials who will be attending as well.

TO NOTE

There will be extensive locally and international media coverage to cover all aspects of the proceedings. The footages captured during this time may be used for future marketing and publicity purposes.

FEEDBACK:

You play a key role in our growth, and we value your participation and association with us. As we develop ideas, build new concepts and look for innovative approaches, your inputs will be greatly valued. We will have feedback forms at the conference and would really appreciate your contributions to make the Nigerian Economic Summit and the various platforms we provided as useful and as value-added as possible to you, your business, and the Nigerian economy.

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