

# UNITED NATIONS MEETING OF THE LANDLOCKED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, TRANSIT DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND THEIR DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS

*OUAGADOUGOU, BURKINA FASO, 18-20 JUNE 2007*

## INFORMATION NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS

### INTRODUCTION

The first thematic meeting on transit transport infrastructure development will be held in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, from 18 to 20 June 2007.

The main objective of this thematic meeting is to assess the development of transit transport infrastructure in landlocked and transit developing countries and to identify measures to be taken to strengthen international cooperation with a view to establishing efficient transit transport systems.

This meeting is organized by the United Nations in the context of preparations for the midterm review of the 2008 Almaty Programme of Action on transit transport cooperation between landlocked developing countries, transit developing countries and the donor community, adopted in August 2003 in Almaty, Kazakhstan.

The meeting will focus on priority 2 of the Almaty Programme of Action, dedicated to infrastructure development and maintenance as they contribute to sustainable development and the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals.

### 1. PARTICIPANTS

The meeting is open to the following participants invited by the United Nations:

- landlocked developing countries,
- transit developing countries,
- donor countries,
- international financial institutions,
- relevant international, regional and sub-regional organizations.

## **2. VENUE AND ORGANIZATION OF THE MEETING**

The meeting will be held from 18 to 20 June 2007 in the Ouaga 2000 International Conference Centre («Centre internationale de conférences de Ouaga 2000») located at the following address: Cité Ouaga 2000, Avenue Zagré Pascal, Côté Est Hôtel SOFITEL OUAGA 2000.

This three-day meeting will start on 18 June at 9 a.m. and will take place according to the following schedule:

<b>DAY</b>	<b>Meeting starts at:</b>	<b>Meeting ends at:</b>
<b>DAY 1</b>	9 a.m.	5.30 p.m.
<b>DAY 2</b>	9 a.m.	6 p.m.
<b>DAY 3</b>	9 a.m.	4.45 p.m.

## **3. TRAVEL DOCUMENTS AND ENTRY VISAS**

### ***Travel documents***

Any foreign visitor entering Burkina Faso, except for the citizens of ECOWAS Member States, must possess a valid passport or, failing this, a document of identity or other travel document recognized by international conventions.

### ***Entry visas***

An entry visa is required for any foreign visitor, except for the citizens of ECOWAS Member States and the countries with which the Government of Burkina Faso signed a reciprocity agreement as regards visas. Visas and details about current formalities can be obtained from the diplomatic missions of Burkina Faso.

Those participants who could not obtain a visa beforehand, will be issued a visa upon their arrival and the Ouagadougou airport. In this case, participants must communicate in advance their name, nationality, passport number and date of validity to the Steering Committee. They must also provide three (3) passport photographs.

## **4. RECEPTION**

Beyond the shuttle services provided by the hotels, the Steering Committee will set up a reception desk at the airport and provide transportation to the hotels.

## **5. REGISTRATION**

Registration of participants will take place in the conference room, starting on Sunday 17 June from 4 to 6 p.m. and will continue on Monday 18 June at 8 a.m.

## **6. HOW TO GET TO THE MEETING**

The Government of Burkina Faso will provide a car to each Minister for transportation within Ouagadougou.

Other vehicles will be made available by the Government of Burkina Faso to all participants for transfers between hotels and conference center according to the schedule below:

*Morning:* Group departure from hotels entrance starting at 7.45 a.m.

*Evening:* Group departure from conference center back to hotels starting at 6.30 p.m.

N.B.: the conference center is located a 100 meters away from the Sofitel Hotel.

## 7. LODGING

The Steering Committee is glad to provide assistance to participants with their hotel reservations. Reservations can also be made directly with the hotels. An indicative list of available hotels in Ouagadougou is provided below:

- **Sofitel Ouaga 2000 \* \* \* \* \***  
Cité Ouaga 2000, Av. Zagré Pascal;  
Tel.: (+226) 50 35 60 11 ou (+226) 50 37 49 02/03 à 50 37 49 10 –  
Fax: (+226) 50 37 49 01 –  
Email: [H5990@accor.com](mailto:H5990@accor.com)  
Website: <http://www.sofitel.com/>



- **Hôtel Mercure Silmandé \* \* \* \* \***  
**\*1325**  
01BP 4733 Ouagadougou 01;  
Tel.: (+226) 50 35 60 05 fax: (+226) 5035 60 54  
Email: [H1325@accor.com](mailto:H1325@accor.com)  
Website: <http://www.accorhotels.com>



- **Splendid Hôtel \* \* \* 1999,**  
Av. Kwamé N'Krumah 01 BP 1715  
Ouagadougou;  
Tel.: (+226) 50 31 72 78 / 79 ;  
Reservations: (+226) 50 31 24 54- Fax:  
(+226) 50 31 72 91  
Email: [sph@fasonet.bf](mailto:sph@fasonet.bf)  
Website: <http://www.le-splendihotel.com>



- **Hôtel Palm Beach \* \* \***  
Av. Kwamé N'Krumah 01 BP 5557  
Ouagadougou 01;  
Tel.: (+226) 50 31 09 91 / 50 31 68 29 /  
50 30 69 79;  
Fax: (+226) 50 31 68 39 ;  
Email: [hotel.palmbeach@liptinfor.bf](mailto:hotel.palmbeach@liptinfor.bf)



- **Hôtel RELAX \* \* \*** Avenue de la Nation ; Tel.: (+226) 50 31 32 33
- **Résidence AZIZ \* \* \*** Avenue Kwamé N'Krumah; Tel.: (+226) 50 30 89 67
- **Hôtel SORITEL \* \* \*** Avenue Kwamé N'Krumah, Tel.: (+226) 50 33 04 78

Please, do not hesitate to contact the Steering Committee for any information or assistance with the hotel reservations.

The following website provides useful information on the city of Ouagadougou, its lodging and transport facilities and other services:

<http://www.culture.gov.bf/textes/tourisme/tourisme.htm>

More information on Burkina Faso can be found on the website of the National Tourism Office: [www.ontb.bf](http://www.ontb.bf), E-mail: [ontb@cenatrin.bf](mailto:ontb@cenatrin.bf), Tel.: (+226) 50 31 19/60, Fax: (+226) 50 31 44 34, Ouagadougou.

## 8. OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

### **Weather**

Month	Temperature in °C				Discomfort due to heat and humidity	Relative humidity		Average precipitation (mm)	Days of rain (+0,25 mm)
	Average		Record			Morning	Afternoon		
	Min	Max	Min	Max					
April to May	26	39	15	47	High	51	28	15	2
May to June	26	38	19	48	High	65	40	84	6

**Electricity:** 220V, 50Hz.

**Currency:** local currency =FCFA: \$1 US = 500 FCFA, 1 Euro = 650 FCFA.

**Local time:** USA (ET) -4 or France -2.

**Clothing:** Light. Note that the month of June marks the beginning of the rainy season.

**Health formalities:** A Yellow Fever International Vaccination Certificate is required from travellers coming from all countries.

***Public transportation***

Participants wishing to visit the city center may use taxi cabs (Tel.: 50 30 89 90). The taxi ride between the conference center and the city center costs about 2 500 FCFA (approximately 5 dollars US).

***Experience***

Burkina Faso has expertise in organizing international conferences, as evidenced by the following:

Date	Events
December 1996	19th Summit of Heads of State and Government of France and Africa
7 - 28 February 1998	African Nations Soccer Cup
8-10 June 1998	34th Summit of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Union
2000	Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol on Substances That Deplete the Ozone Layer (RdP-12)
3-9 September 2004	Extraordinary Summit of the African Union on employment and poverty reduction in Africa
26/27 November 2004	10th Summit of the "Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie" (OIF)
Every 2 years since 1974	Pan-African Festival Cinema and Television of Ouagadougou (FESPACO), the biggest movie festival of the continent
2006	General Assembly of the African Development Bank

## 9. Contacts

Please contact the person or organization below for any question regarding the meeting:

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***Permanent Mission of Burkina Faso to the UN in New York:***

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- E-mail: [bfapm@un.int](mailto:bfapm@un.int)
- Resource Person: Mr. Francois OUBIDA, Minister Counselor.

***Burkina Faso Steering Committee:***

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- Resource Person: Mr. SAM Sidnoma - Tel: +(226) 50 30 77 51 or as of 15 June +(226) 70 39 3051.

The people of Burkina Faso welcome you to Ouagadougou and will do everything to make you feel at home.