

**49TH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE AFRICAN COMMISSION ON
HUMAN & PEOPLES' RIGHTS (ACHPR)
28TH APRIL - 12TH MAY 2011
KAIRABA BEACH HOTEL REPUBLIC OF THE GAMBIA**

INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

A. General

The 49th Ordinary Session of the ACHPR will be held at the *Kairaba Beach* Hotel, The Gambia from the 28th April to 12th May, 2011.

B. Credentials

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

C. Registration and identification badges

Participants are advised to register and obtain identification badges in the main lobby area outside the Conference Hall, prior to the opening of the Session.

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

D. Immigration requirements

Every participant arriving in The Gambia should have a valid Passport and visa. Entry visas can be obtained at any Diplomatic and Consular Mission of The Gambia. 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.

For participants who do not have The Gambian diplomatic representations in their countries, visas will be given on arrival at Banjul International Airport, upon presentation of their Letters of Invitation to the Session.

Participants are also to kindly note that each traveler is required to pay an Airport Development Tax on departure from the Banjul International Airport. The amount is twenty (20) Euros.

E. Health requirement

Participants must ensure that they have taken the necessary vaccinations and that they travel with their Vaccination Cards, **as these are required before admission to the country.**

F. Health facilities

Participants are kindly advised to obtain International health insurance to cover any emergency, or in case they are taken ill during the period of the Session.

G. Weather

Participants are advised to travel with appropriate clothing, as the weather is expected to be warm and dry during the day and a bit cooler during the night and early morning, in the months of April/May.

H. Foreign exchange and Banks

Most major convertible currencies and Travellers' Cheques can be exchanged in The Gambia. The local currency is the *Dalasi*. The exchange rates as at 21st March 2011 were as follows:

\$USD:

Buying: D26.50 to \$1

Selling: D27.50 to \$1

£GBP:

Buying: D43.20 to 1£

Selling: D45.60 to 1£

€EURO:

Buying: D37.50 to 1€

Selling: D39.10 to 1€

WEST AFRICAN CFA

Buying: D0.0560 to 1CFA

Selling: D0.0590 to 1CFA

SWISS FRANC:

Buying: D29.20 to 1CHF

Selling: D30.60 to 1CHF

SWEDISH KRONER:

Buying: D3.80 to 1SEK

Selling: D4.50 to 1SEK

NORWEGIAN KRONER:

Buying: D4.60 to 1NOK

Selling: D5.10 to 1NOK

DANISH KRONER:

Buying: D4.80 to 1DKK

Selling: D5.20 to 1DKK

CANADIAN DOLLAR:

Buying: D27.20 to 1CAD

Selling: D28.50 to 1CAD

JAPANESE YEN:

Buying: D0.3205 to 1 Yen

Selling: D0.3410 to 1 Yen

Please note that exchange rates fluctuate, and vary in various banks and exchange bureaux.

There are a number of international ATMs (with 24 hour access) that accept Visa and ATM cards in The Gambia, and are located at the Banks, some of which are: Standard Chartered Bank, ECOBANK, Access Bank, and Guarantee Trust Bank.

Exchange operations could be done at the airport, Bureau de change, banks or at the hotels. Most Banks are open to the public from Mondays to Fridays, from 8:00hrs to 16:00hrs, (GMT); and a few on Saturdays from 9:00hrs to 13:00hrs.

Please note that at the banks, you will be required to present your Passport/Identity documents, during exchange operations.

Travellers Cheques can be cashed in Dalasi. **Western Union Transfers are also available.**

I. Airlines

A number of international airlines operate to and from Banjul. Working hours of the main travel agencies are from 8.00am to 5.00pm.

The following are the main travel agents and airlines operating in The Gambia:

1.	SN BRUSSELS Airlines tel: (00220) 4494687 / 4496309 / 4496300 / 4496301 / 4496302 / 4496303; fax: (00220) 4496299	7.	Globe Travel Agency tel : (00220) 4224490 / 4224970
2.	Banjul Travel Agency tel: (00220) 4225833 / 4228473 / 42284371; Fax: (00220) 42255833	8.	Gambia International Airlines tel : (00220) 4472757 / 4223703 / 4223700; Fax: (00220) 4472750; Email: gia-gambia@gamtel.gm
3.	Continental Travels tel: (00220) 4224058 / 4224059; Fax: (00220) 4224118 / 4223871	9.	Elysian airlines 27 Kairaba Avenue Midway Centre Tel.: 439 9078/ 439 9080 798 1671 / 721 7683 Website: www.elysianairlines.com
4.	Skyzone Travel Agency Tel.: 439 6055 / 439 6121 Fax: 439 6059	10.	Air Nigeria Bakau New Town Garba Jahumpa Road tel: (+220) 77 00 960 / 4495540 fax: (+220) 449 5354 E-mail : dendadiatravels@yahoo.com
5.	Bendavia Travels Tel.: 4497 204/5 Fax: 4495 354	11.	AL VERENGA Tel.: 4222 944
6.	Easy Travel Agency Tel.: 702 3710	12.	Satguru Travels & Tours Services Kairaba Avenue Tel.: 4375 590/43 E-mail: sttsbjl@yahoo.com

J. Courier Services

DHL World Express

Mamadi Manjang Highway
Tel.: 439 6658 / 439 7529

K. Mobile-phone Sim Card Providers:

AFRICELL
COMMIUM
GAMCEL
QCELL

L. Electricity:

The voltage in The Gambia is 220V AC, accessible with three pins normal plug.

M. Documents

Participants are advised to seek **written authorization from the Executive Secretary for the distribution of their documents at the conference area.** Kindly note that no documents will be circulated without the written authorization of the Secretary to the Commission.

N. Hotel accommodation

Participants are advised to make their hotel reservations on time, directly with the hotel. Kairaba Hotel rates for the period of the Session are indicated below.

	Room category	Price
1.	Single Room occupancy (B&B)	US\$90.00
2.	Single Room, double occupancy (B&B)	US\$120.00

Note:

- *B & B means Bed and Breakfast*
- *Kairaba Beach Hotel is a five star hotel*
- *WIFI could be assessed in the conference room and surrounding area*
- *Down payment on checking- in is required, and final payment not latter than the last day of stay.*

For reservations, contact:

The Kairaba Beach Hotel Reservations
P.M.B.390 Serrekunda, The Gambia, West Africa.
Tel: (+220) 4462940 /1 /2; Fax: (+220) 4462947
E-mail: reservations1@kairabahotel.com
Website: www.kairabahotel.com

The list of other hotels and guest houses are also indicated below.

LIST OF HOTELS / GUEST HOUSES

1.	OCEAN BAY HOTEL	<p>195 rooms. Satellite TV channels. Refrigerator. Multi-functional kitchen. AC. Bar and restaurant. Swimming pool. Sophisticated fitness centre. Library. Mini bar. Electronic safe. Internet and direct dialling telephone facilities.</p>	<p>P.O.Box 4065 Bakau, Cape Point Banjul, The Gambia. Tel: (00220) 4494265 Fax:(00220) 4494268 Email: oceanbay@gamtel.gm Website: www.oceanbayhotel.com</p>
2.	SUNBEACH HOTEL	<p>184 rooms. Satellite TV. chennels. Refrigerator. AC. Bar and restaurant. Two swimming pools. Wellness centre. Telephone and internet cafe.</p>	<p>Koffi Annan Street Cape Point, Bakau The Gambia. Tel: (00220) 4497190 Fax: (00220) 4497193 Email:info@sunbeachhotel.com Website: www.sunbeachhotel.com</p>
3.	CAPE POINT HOTEL	<p>74 rooms. AC. Satellite TV. Room service. Telephone with IDD facilities. Safe. Swimming pool. Bar and restaurant and business centre.</p>	<p>Cape St. Mary P.O.Box 2294 Serrekunda, The Gambia Tel: (00220) 4494697 / 4495005 Fax: (00220) 4495375 Email: capepointhotel@qanet.gm</p>
4.	ROC HEIGHTS LODGE	<p>18 rooms. Air condition. Mini-bar. Restaurant. Satellite TV. Beach view. Telephone. Internet. Meeting room. Conference hall,</p>	<p>Samba Breku Road Cape Point, KSMD The Gambia. Tel:(00220) 4495428 9918727 Email: enquiries@rocheightslogde.com Website: www.rocheightslodge.com</p>
5.	SENEGAMBIA BEACH	<p>325 rooms. Swimming pool. Bar and restaurant.</p>	<p>P.O.Box 2373 Serrekunda</p>

	HOTEL	Volley ball, squash and tennis court. Nine hole mini golf. Night club, four restaurants and satellite channels.	The Gambia Tel: (00220) 4462717 / 4462718 / 4462719 Fax: (00220) 4461839 Email: senegambia@gamtel.com
6.	SAGE HOTEL (formally TAFBEL)	90 standard rooms with multi-channels TV. Air condition. Direct dialing telephone facilities. Swimming pools. Safe deposit box. Bar and restaurant.	P.O.Box 121 Banjul, The Gambia Tel: (00220) 4460510 / 4460511 / 4460512 / 4460514 Fax: (00220) 4460515 E-mail: info@tafgambia.com or tafbel@qanet.gm Web: www.tafgambia.com
7.	TAFBEL ANNEX	14 self-catering rooms. AC. Garden. 24 hour security and reception service. Satellite TV. Direct dialling telephone facility	P.O.Box 121 Banjul, The Gambia Tel: (00220) 4461024 / 4461035 Fax: (00220) 4461904 Email: tafannex@yahoo.co.uk
8.	PARADISE SUITES HOTEL	45 rooms. Self catering AC. TV. IDD and internet facilities. Message parlour. Room service. Swimming pool. Bar and restaurant. Conference hall	Badala Park Highway Kololi, K.S.M.D. P.O.Box 802, Banjul Tel: (00220) 4463429 / 4463439 Fax: (00220) 4463451 Email: info@paradisесuites.gm
9.	BUNGALOW BEACH HOTEL	110 rooms. Swimming pool. TV. AC. Cocktail terrace. Bar with sea view. Business centre. Restaurant.	P.O.Box 2637 Serrekunda, The Gambia Tel: (00220) 4465288 / 4465623 / 4460316. Fax: (00220) 4466180 Email: info@bbhotel.gm
10.	KOMBO BEACH HOTEL	250 Rooms. Satellite T.V. Refrigerator. Hair dryer. AC. Sitting room. Safe. Terrace. Swimming pool and sea view.	P.O.Box 694 Banjul, The Gambia. Tel: (00220) 4465466 Fax: (00220) 4465490 Email: info@kombobeachhotel.gm
11.	BADALA PARK HOTEL	Rooms with Satellite T.V Refrigerator. Mini Market. Bar and restaurant. Swimming pool. Wellness centre. Internet Cafe.	P.M.B 467 Kotu Stream, Serrekunda, The Gambia Tel: (00220) 4460400 Fax: (00220) 4460402 Email: badalaparkhotel@hotmail.com

12.	SUNSET BEACH HOTEL	97 rooms. Cable TV. channels. AC. Bar and restaurant. Internet Electronic safe. salon. Mini-market. Swimming pool.	Kotu Stream Road P.M.B. 541, Serrekunda The Gambia. Tel: (00220) 4466397 / 4463876 Fax: (00220) 4463874 Email: info@sunsetbeachhotel.com Website: www.sunsetbeachhotel.com
13.	HOLIDAY SUITES	14 rooms with air-conditioning. Multi-channel TV. Bar and restaurant. Refrigerators. Telephone with IDD facilities.	Kololi The Gambia Tel: (00220)4461075 Fax: (00220)4461077
14	PALMA RIMA HOTEL	152 rooms with air-conditioning. TV. Bar and restaurant. Refrigerators.	Tel: 4460001,4460002 446 3380
15	BAKADAJI HOTEL	Bungalows (for 2 & 5 people) kitchen, salon, terrace, fan and refrigerator	Email : lnbn@qanet.gm Tel: 220 4462307 /
16	BIJILO BEACH HOTEL		Tel: +220 446 2701 /06 /07 Box 4061, Bakau – www.bijiloBeachHotel.com
17	MANSEA BEACH HOTEL	135 rooms. TV. AC, Restaurant, Telephone, conference hall	Tel: +220 4 461 177 Fax: +220 4 461 188 Post Box 4068, Bakau The Gambia, Email: mansea@manseabeachhotel.com
18	SEAVIEW GARDENS HOTEL	27 rooms. TV. AC, swimming pool, pool bar & Restaurant. Salon, massage centre. Free internet facilities.	Tel : 4466660
19	GOLDEN BEACH HOTEL	Rooms with TV and AC, shuttle service to/from the conference centre.	Tel 220-446 5111 Mob 220-776 3856 Fax 220-446 3722 www.goldenbeachhotel.gm

20	FRIENDSHIP HOSTEL	110 rooms. TV. AC, swimming pool, pool bar & Restaurant. Breakfast included.	Tel: 4495830
21.	OMAKAN HOTEL	Rooms with AC Bed and Breakfast	E-mail: omakanhotel@qanet.gm
22.	LEMON CREEK HOTEL RESORT	All rates include Breakfast. Conference room facilities for 20 to 25 people; 40 luxurious en suite rooms, with sea view terraces, traditional massage, pedicure and manicure, etc.	Kombo Airport Highroad, Bijilo Elton Petrol Station junction Tel.: 220 6611800; 6611200; 6611 500 Mail: lemon.creek@hotmail.com info@lemoncreek.net www.lemoncreek.net
23.	LUGIS COMPLEX	All rooms are air-conditioned. All rates are breakfast inclusive, except for self catering apartments. Restaurant also available.	E-mail:Tel 4460 282 luigiscomplex@gmail.com
24.	GAMBIA PASTORAL INSTITUTE (GPI)	Note: 10% deposit must be made when booking is confirmed.	P.M.B. 296, Serekunda. Tel.: 439 4847
25.	RIYAN APARTMENTS	Nice homely design, garden, and swimming pool. 5 minutes away from the beach, and 2 minutes drive away from Senegambia and Kairaba hotels; 30 minutes away from the airport. Note: <i>The rates exclude electricity.</i>	Bertil – Harding Highway P. O. Box 2032, Kololi Village, The Gambia Tel/Fax.:446 37 34 E-mail : info@riyanapartments.gm Website : gambiarriyanapartments.blog.com
26.	COCONUT RESIDENCE 5 star hotel	Business Centre, wifi connectivity in rooms, restaurant, etc.	Tel.: 446 3377 / 446 3399 Fax: 446 1835 E-mail: info@coconutresidence.com
27.	SHERATON 5 star hotel		Tel.: 441 0889 / 441 0897/94/95/96 Fax: 441 0879 E-mail: reservations.gambia@sheraton.com Website : www.sheraton.com/gambia