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9TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOPS ON QUALITY ASSURANCE IN HIGHER EDUCATION IN AFRICA
GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE AFRICAN QUALITY ASSURANCE NETWORK (AfriQAN)

And
SYMPOSIUM OF RECTORS, VICE-CHANCELLORS AND PRESIDENTS OF UNIVERSITIES

September 18-22, 2017
Venue: AAU Headquarters, Accra

CONFERENCE THEME:
QUALITY HIGHER EDUCATION, HARMONISATION AND ATTAINMENT OF THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS IN AFRICA

GENERAL INFORMATION

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EVENTS VENUE

The 9th ICQAHEA will be held at the **AAU Secretariat, East Legon, Accra, Ghana.**

REGISTRATION

On-site registration will be done at the AAU Secretariat on Monday, 18th September 2017 by 4.00pm and on Tuesday, 19th September 2017 at 8a.m.

WORKING LANGUAGES

The working languages of the Meeting and Workshop will be English and French. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided during all plenary sessions of the workshop.

TRANSPORT

Daily transfer of participants will be provided from designated hotels to the conference venue (AAU Secretariat) and back.

AIRPORT TRANSFERS

Please make sure you give the hotels you have booked to stay in your flight details to enable them pick you up on arrival at the airport.

WEATHER AND CLIMATE

The month of September is characterized by gradually rising daily high temperatures, with daily highs increasing *essentially* by 3°F, from 83°F to 85°F over the course of the month, and rarely exceeding 88°F or dropping below 80°F.

TIME

Standard time in the Republic of Ghana is GMT.

CURRENCY

The monetary unit is the Ghana Cedis. 1 USD = **4.35** GHS (approximate rate as at 1 August 2017). Assistance with currency conversions can be found on the following websites: <http://www.xe.com/> or <http://themoneyconverter.com/USD/GHS.aspx>. Some hotels and shops accept credit cards, but the use of credit cards is relatively limited with small shops.

BANKING & BUSINESS HOURS

Banks: Monday to Friday: 08:00 am - to 4:00 pm / Saturdays 08:00 am – to 2: 00 pm (for some banks).

Shops: Monday to Saturday: 0800 – 9:00 pm.

BUSINESS SERVICES CENTRE

The business service centres of the hotels have facilities for photocopying, sending faxes as well as Internet facilities. These services will be at the participants' own cost. Please consult the front desk of the hotel to make the necessary arrangements.

ELECTRICITY

For the most part, there are two types of electrical sockets (outlets) used in Ghana: the "Type G" British BS-1363 and the "Type D" Indian (old British BS-546 5 amp "small") sockets. If your appliance's plug does not match the shape of these sockets, you will need a travel plug adapter in order to plug in. Travel plug adapters simply change the shape of your appliance's plug to match whatever type of socket you need to plug into. If it's crucial to be able to plug in no matter what, bring an adapter for both types. If your appliance is already compatible with 220-240 volt electrical input, one or more of the following travel plug adapters (depending on which type of outlet is installed in any given specific building) will allow you to plug in.

ROADS

Major part of the road network is good but it is advised to check on the state of the road you intend to take before going out. Traffic keeps to the right!

SAFETY AND SECURITY

Visitors to Ghana are at risk of crimes such as pickpocketing and purse snatching, especially in busy tourist areas such as the beaches, markets, parks and attractions, and more violent crimes against tourists, such as armed robbery, are on the rise. Safety precautions include traveling in a group, avoiding street demonstrations and nighttime travel, and limiting your display of jewelry and money. Visitors should also keep a watchful eye on luggage and personal items, and put travel documents in a secure place to prevent theft. Limiting your credit card use reduces risk of credit card fraud, another growing problem in Ghana.

TOURISM

Ghana is and has always been known for its wide range of tourist attractions and facilities. For the traveler, Ghana is that latter-day unknown, unexplored and certainly an unexploited destination which abounds in an unbelievable array of striking attractions, distinctive and peculiar to each of the ten regions in Ghana. There are some nice beaches in and around Accra, with Labadi Beach, Coco Beach and Bojo Beach being the most visited beaches in Accra. **Kwame Nkrumah Mausoleum (Kwame Nkrumah Memorial Park (KNMP))** – is the last resting place of the first President of Ghana, Osagyefo Dr. Kwame Nkrumah. It is dedicated to him for his outstanding campaign to liberate Ghana (*by then Gold Coast*) from colonial rule on 6th March, 1957.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

A YELLOW FEVER VACCINATION CERTIFICATE is required from participants coming from infected areas. It should be pointed out that the Vaccination Certificate for Yellow Fever is valid ten (10) days after the date of vaccination or in case of re-vaccination as from the date of re-vaccination.

You may wish to consult your doctor before travelling and also take a travel or medical insurance.

Please take along with you your normal prescribed medication.

ACCOMMODATION

The Organising Committee has negotiated good rates with the following hotels located in close proximity to the conference venue with shuttle facilities.

Mensvic Grand Hotel

5 minutes' drive from conference venue

Room rate: US\$110 (bed and breakfast)

Airport shuttle available

Contact: info@mensvichotels.com (Belinda or Foster)

Tel: +233 201617807

MJ Grand Hotel

5 minutes' drive from conference venue
Room rate: US\$100 (bed and breakfast)
Airport shuttle available
Contact: mkt@mjgrandhotelghana.com (Mr. Akuffo) and
mj@mjgrandhotelghana.com (Mr. Ali)
Tel +233 570178708; +233 277516181; +233 554517251

AH Hotel

10 minutes' drive from conference venue
Room rate: US\$100 (bed and breakfast)
Airport shuttle available
Contact: reservation.ahhotel@gmail.com or info.ahhotel@gmail.com (Elsie)
Tel: +233 208391083

Tomreik Hotel

6 minutes' drive from conference venue
Room rate: US\$100 (bed and breakfast)
Airport shuttle available
Contact: fom@tomreikhotel.com (Stephen)
Tel: +233 244286915 / +233 501577820

AngeHill Hotel

7 minutes' drive from conference venue
Room rate: US\$ 90 (Single, bed and breakfast)
US\$120 (Double occupancy, bed and breakfast)
Airport shuttle available
Contact: angehillhotel@yahoo.com (Abraham)
Tel: +233 302 517270 / +233 243405125

Erata Hotel

7 minutes' drive from conference venue
Room rate: US\$90 (bed and breakfast)
Airport shuttle available
Contact: eratahotel@hotmail.com or info@eratahotel.com (Afua)
Tel: +233544336761

INDEMNITY

The Local Organising Committee, the Association of African Universities, and the World Bank and other service providers related to this conference will not be held responsible for any physical loss or damage in respect of any liability, loss, claim or proceedings whatsoever, whether these claims arise in common law or by statute, consequent on personal injuries to or the death of any person whatsoever arising out of, or in the course of, any action or caused by any acts of the above mentioned parties or their staff members. Delegates are advised to make their own insurance arrangements.