



A Code for Geoscientific Fieldwork in Africa:

Guidelines on Health and safety Issues in Mapping, Mineral Exploration and Geoecological Research

Conference Venue: Sheraton Abuja Hotel

The Conference Hall is located at the Sheraton Abuja Hotel, which is a 5-Star Hotel in an integral part of Nigeria's Federal Capital of Abuja. It is located 40 km from the newly refurbished Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport which receives flights from most parts of the world. You could get to the Hotel by taxi.

Location Map of Abuja can be accessed at:

<https://www.google.com.ng/maps/place/Sheraton+Abuja+Hotel/@9.0642757,7.4788506,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m5!3m4!1s0x104e0ba9806edb85:0x2625e67c71ff00c1!8m2!3d9.0642121!4d7.4815865?dcr=0>
(accessed 14.01.2018).

Recommended Hotels close to the Conference Hall at Sheraton Abuja Hotel:

- (i) Transcorp Hilton Abuja
- (ii) Chelsea Hotel, Wuse II
- (iii) Rock View Hotel Classic
- (iv) Rock View Hotel Royale

Top Hotels in Abuja are listed in approximate order of quality at:

[https://travel.jumia.com/en-gb/landing/abuja-5-star-hotels? tld redirect=com.ng&redirect=1-\(accessed 15.01.2018\).](https://travel.jumia.com/en-gb/landing/abuja-5-star-hotels? tld redirect=com.ng&redirect=1-(accessed 15.01.2018).)

For extra ambience, we recommend that participants go in for 4- or 5-star hotels.

Weather in June in Abuja

June is one of the best months of the year in terms of weather in Abuja. The weather is generally friendly with fairly high temperatures, but occasionally, light showers could be expected. Average temperature in June is between 20.6°C to 29.6°C and average rainfall, 177mm (per month, June).

Currency Exchange

Please visit <http://www.cbn.gov.ng/rates/exchratesbycurrency.asp> (accessed 15.01.2018) for the Central Bank of Nigeria rates.

Transportation

By air;

Flights to Abuja will land at *Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport (ABV)*, from where travellers can use *airport cabs*, rental taxis, buses, private transfers or a private rental car to get to Abuja. The city centre is located about 35 minutes from the airport.

Going around Abuja City

The most convenient way to move around Abuja is by taxi. There are two types: government sponsored and private. The government-sponsored taxis are green with white stripes. Private taxis can be any type of saloon car. The taxis will honk as they drive to see if customers want a ride. A wave of the hand will bring them to a stop. As prices tend to vary somewhat, it is recommended that you agree a price before entering the vehicle. *Excerpted from:* (http://www.abujacity.com/abuja_and_beyond/getting-around-abuja-city.html) (accessed 15.01.2018).

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The LOC would also organize buses to transport delegates to and from designated hotels at regular predetermined times.

Visa

Please visit (<http://www.nigeriaembassyusa.org/index.php?page=visas>) (accessed 15.01.2018) for how to obtain a Nigerian visa.

The LOC would be able to assist in visa acquisition if required, for foreign delegates who confirm their participation by 30 April, 2018.

Language

English is one of the official languages in Nigeria, and would be the principal means of communication at the Conference. However, the *lingua franca* is Pidgin, which can be understood by most participants from West Africa.

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