



# **NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY**

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## **GENERAL COUNTRY INFORMATION BULLETIN**

### **ITU/R&S Workshop on "SPECTRUM MONITORING AND QUALITY OF SERVICE"**

**Accra, Ghana, 16-20 March 2020**

#### **1. SITE OF THE TRAINING**

The meeting will be held at the NCA Head Office at No. 6 Airport City, Airport By-Pass Rd, Kotoka International Airport, Accra.

#### **2. LANGUAGE**

- The mode of communications for the course and for any technical equipment in use will be in English.

#### **3. VISA**

- While all travelers arriving in Ghana should have a valid passport, entry visas are not required for nationals from Economic Community of the West African States (ECOWAS) states and some other countries.
- Participants are therefore advised to ascertain whether or not they are exempted from visa requirements at their respective Ghana Embassies.
- Participants from other countries who have Embassies of Ghana in their countries should apply for visas well in advance to be issued upon presentation of documentation.
- Visa on arrival fee is US\$150.00.

#### **4. HEALTH**

- Participants must ensure they take along travel insurance (including health) from their home country for the duration of their stay in Ghana. Presentation of a yellow fever vaccination certificate at the point of entry is required of all Participants.

## 5. ACCOMMODATION

- Attached to this is a list of some proposed hotels for participants to consider. You are advised to book directly with the hotel.
- The NCA has made arrangements to pick participants up from the following hotels:
  - Holiday Inn, Frankies Hotel, Airport View Hotel, UDS Guest House

## 6. INTERNET ACCESS

- Internet access will be available and free at the course centre. Participants are advised to purchase local SIM cards to make calls and access the internet outside course hours.
- Most hotels also make internet available to guests.

## 7. TRANSPORT

- Kotoka International Airports is situated 10km (20 minutes' drive) from the city centre, Taxi Fares from the airport to the city centre are between GH¢40.00 and GH¢50.00.
- Transport apps; Uber and Bolt, are available in Ghana, but to use them you will need internet.
- Participants who are staying in NCA recommended hotels will be picked up each morning and dropped at their respective hotels. Practical arrangements for such transportation will be finalized after participant's arrival and registration.

## 8. WEATHER AND LOCAL TIME INFORMATION

- Below is the general information on the Weather pattern in Accra for the month of March:

○ Average Rainfall Amount	-	67.8mm
○ No. of Rainy Days	-	8
○ Average Maximum Temperature	-	32°C (90°F)
○ Average Minimum Temperature	-	24°C (75°F)
○ Average (Monthly) Temperature	-	28°C (82°F)
○ Number of Wet Days (probability of daily rain)	-	5 (16%)
○ Average Sunlight per day	-	7:11
○ Average Daylight per day	-	12:05
- The average temperature in Accra in March is very hot at 28 °C (82.4 °F). Afternoons can be very hot with average high temperatures reaching 32 °C (89.6 °F). Overnight temperatures are generally fairly hot with an average low of 24 °C (75.2 °F). The variation/range of daily average temperatures in March is 8 °C (14.4 °F). The weather in March is somewhat dry with occasional rain.

- Participants will do well to pack light weight clothing.
- The local time is the Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) which is the same time zone as Universal Time Coordinate (UTC).

## 9. LOCAL CURRENCY AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE

- The basic unit of currency is the cedi; there are coins of 1 pesewa, 5 pesewas, 10 pesewas, 20 pesewas, 50 pesewas, one cedi and two cedis. Notes are issued in the denomination of GH¢1.00, GH¢2.00, GH¢5.00, GH¢10.00, GH¢20.00, GH¢50.00, GH¢100.00 and GH¢200.00. (GH¢ -Ghana Cedi). The major Foreign Exchange Rates are as follows:

Currency	Buying	Selling
U.S Dollar	5.30	5.47
Pound Sterling	6.84	7.10
Swiss Franc	5.70	5.70
South African Rand	0.351	0.373
Euro	5.85	6.07
BCEAO/CFA	90.26	1.0.72
<i>Source: Bank of Ghana Daily Interbank FX Rates as at January, 2020</i>		

- There is a limit to the amount of foreign currency or traveler’s cheques which visitors may bring into Ghana.
- Commercial banks provide exchange facilities. Most banks open between 0830 UTC and close at 1530 UTC from Monday to Friday.

## 10. HOURS OF WORK

- The working week in Ghana runs from Monday to Friday (08:00UTC to 17:00UTC).

## 11. ELECTRICITY SUPPLY

- Local voltage is 220/240V, 50 Hz with British type 2 pin/ 3pin sockets.

## 12. SECURITY

- While Ghana is a relatively safe country, participants are advised to be cautious and not to display and carry huge sums of money and foreign currency around.
- It will be safer for participants to go out in pairs and to ensure that registration numbers of commercial vehicles used are sent to another participant.

### **13. NCA CONTACTS FOR ASSISTANCE**

For assistance, participants may call:

- Gloria Boateng on +233 54-174-9783 and on email at [gloria.boateng@nca.org.gh](mailto:gloria.boateng@nca.org.gh) with a copy to
- Sarah Lamptey on +233 24-811-6429 and on email at [sarah.lamptey@nca.org.gh](mailto:sarah.lamptey@nca.org.gh)

## Hotel Information

*Please note that these are Guides only and National Communications Authority will not be held responsible for changes in Hotel Rates*

Hotel Name & Star Class	Room rates including tax and service charge (\$)				Breakfast	Airport Shuttle	Internet	Cancellation Charges	Check In/Check Out Time	Contact +233	Distance from Airport	E-Mail/Website
	Suite	Double/Twin	Standard	Single								
Mövenpick 4.5 Star	\$450 USD	\$370	\$330	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	1day for flexible	In: 3pm Out: 11am	0302665588 0302611000	7 min drive	<a href="mailto:hotel.accra@moevenpick-hotels.com">hotel.accra@moevenpick-hotels.com</a>
Golden Tulip 4.3 Star	\$350 USD/JS \$650 USD/DS	\$250 USD	\$220 USD	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	3pm/12	0302775360 0302213161	1½ km	<a href="mailto:info@gt-accra.com">info@gt-accra.com</a>
Holiday Inn 4.3 Star	\$450 USD \$300 USD/Delax \$280 USD/premium	\$260 USD	\$230 USD	\$230 USD	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	In:2pm Out: 11-12pm	0302740930 0302740930	400m	<a href="mailto:Reservations1@holidayinnaccraairport.com">Reservations1@holidayinnaccraairport.com</a>
Frankies Hotel 4.0 Star	\$140 USD	\$125 USD	\$95 USD	\$ 95 USD	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	12	302-773567	15 Min Drive	<a href="mailto:frankies@frankiesghana.com">frankies@frankiesghana.com</a>
Best Western Premier 4.2 Star	\$280 USD \$350 USD/SP	\$230 USD	\$200 USD	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	2/12 Noon	302 216570	1km	<a href="mailto:reservations@bestwesternpremier.com.gh">reservations@bestwesternpremier.com.gh</a>
Alisa	\$200 USD	\$180 USD	\$150 USD	\$150 USD	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	In: 3pm Out: 12 Noon	302214233	2 km	<a href="mailto:reservations@alisahotelsaccra.com">reservations@alisahotelsaccra.com</a>
La Palm Royal Beach	\$ 570 USD	\$320 USD	\$280 USD	\$280 USD	Yes	Yes	Yes	24hrs Consult	2pm/10am	302- 215111	N/A	<a href="http://www.gbghghana.net">www.gbghghana.net</a>
Blue Royal 3.2 Star	¢736 GHC/Delax ¢555 GHC/Executive	¢508 GHC	¢394 GHC	¢394 GHC	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	In: Anytime Out: 12:00:00	302-783075	15 Min Drive	<a href="mailto:blueroyal@yahoo.com">blueroyal@yahoo.com</a>
Airport View 4.0 Star	\$280 USD	\$150 USD	\$140 USD	\$140 USD	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	In: 12 Out: 2	0302780341 0202252244	2 Min Drive	<a href="mailto:reservations@airportviewhotel.net">reservations@airportviewhotel.net</a>
Deon Hotel 3.6 Star	N/A	N/A	¢300GHC ¢600 USD/Executive	¢300GHC	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	In: 10am Out: 12pm	312298010	2km	<a href="mailto:info@deonhotel.com">info@deonhotel.com</a>
Accra City Hotel 4.2 Star	\$380 USD	\$220 USD	\$199 USD	\$186 USD	Yes	Yes	Yes	24 hrs	In: 2pm/12 Noon	302633863	5 km	<a href="mailto:reservations@accrahotel.com.gh">reservations@accrahotel.com.gh</a>
Coconut Grove Regency 4.1 Star	¢1130 GHC/SO ¢1190 GHC/DO	¢891 GHC	¢783 GHC	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	5prior	2pm/12	302-2225155, 0244333282	10 Minutes	<a href="http://coconut@africaonline.com.gh">coconut@africaonline.com.gh</a>
Urbano Hotel 4.0 Star	\$175 USD	\$130 USD	\$130 USD	\$100 USD	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	In: 2pm/Out: 12 Noon	0540122362/ 027 88 999	2km	<a href="mailto:info@urbanohotelghana.com">info@urbanohotelghana.com</a>
Manjaro Suites	\$140 USD/Premium \$160 USD/Executive	160USD	120USD	100USD	Yes	Yes	Yes	Within 24hrs	Checkout 1100	302264338	4 km	<a href="mailto:reservation@manjarosuites.com">reservation@manjarosuites.com</a>
Pink Hostel 3.4 Star	N/A	¢ 210 GHC	N/A	¢180 GHC	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	2pm/12	302-256710	N/A	<a href="mailto:bookings@pinkhostel.com.gh">bookings@pinkhostel.com.gh</a>
UDS Guest House	GHC 350	N/A	GHC 300	GHC 280	Yes	N/A	Yes	N/A	N/A	302-783717	N/A	<a href="mailto:uds.guesthouse@uds.edu.gh">uds.guesthouse@uds.edu.gh</a>
Highgate Hotel	¢1,080 GHC	¢540 GHC	¢486 GHC	¢486 GHC	N/A	N/A	Yes	Yes	2pm/12 Noon	0302 233 315	5-10 Min Drive	<a href="mailto:info@highgatehotelghana.com">info@highgatehotelghana.com</a>
Prestige Suites	¢667 GHC/Delax ¢841 GHC/Executive	¢580 GHC	¢493 GHC	¢493 GHC	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	In: 12:00 Out: 12:00	030 292 3796 057 770 0317	15-20 Min Drive	<a href="http://www.prestigesuiteshotel.com">www.prestigesuiteshotel.com</a>
Apaade Lodge	¢320 GHC/Kings size	¢260 GHC	N/A	¢200 GHC	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	In: 12:00 Out: 12:00	302 235 864 243 449 065/6	30 Mins	<a href="mailto:bookings@apaadelodge.com">bookings@apaadelodge.com</a>
Greenfield Hotel	¢400 GHC	¢300 GHC	¢260 GHC	¢260 GHC	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	In: Anytime Out: 12:00:00	0302 264 360 0202 2886590	16-20 Min	<a href="mailto:info@greenfieldghana.com">info@greenfieldghana.com</a>