Experts reflection meeting on the state of conservation of World Heritage properties: Information Note

Dear Participant,

For your convenience, please note the following information, prior to your arrival in Senegal.

Venue
The Experts reflection meeting on the state of conservation of World Heritage properties will be hosted at the Meridien Président Hotel in Dakar, Senegal from 13 to 15 April 2011.

Accommodation
International participants will be accommodated on a bed and breakfast basis at:
Le Méridien Président Hotel
Pointe des Almadies
BP 8181
Dakar, Senegal
TEL: +221 33 8696969
FAX: +221 33 8696924
Website: http://www.lemeridienpresidentdakar.com/

Visa, Airport Arrival and Transfer
Participants who require entry visas to Senegal will receive a letter signed by the authorities of Senegal and will get their visas at the Dakar International airport. The visa costs will be reimbursed upon submission of your original visa receipt at the meeting registration desk.

Upon arrival at the Leopold Sedar Senghor Airport in Dakar, you will be met by a representative of the hotel who will take you to the hotel. Please look out for a sign that reads “World Heritage SOC Reflection meeting”. Drop-off on the day of departure from Dakar has been arranged.

Registration and other details
A registration desk will be opened on Wednesday 13th April between 7:30am – 8:45am at the Méridien Président Hotel; the opening ceremony will begin shortly after at 9:00am. Please inquire on its location at the Hotel reception. Lunch meals are included in the conference package. Upon registration, you will receive your name tag and an allowance of US$40 (in local currency) per day of the meeting (3 days). For those who will arrive earlier than 13 April 2011 or depart later than 15 April 2011, complementary meals will also be provided.

Personal security
Each participant should be vigilant in protecting their belongings during their stay.

Weather conditions
The weather condition in the general area is presently fair. The temperature’s mean is 23°C in the daytime and is slightly cool in the evening.

Transits
Participants with additional costs of inevitable overnight stays upon transit should come along with original hotel receipts as these will be directly reimbursed. The procedure for similar post-meeting expenditure will be outlined during the meeting.

Meeting working documents
The working documents of the meeting are available at the following weblink: http://whc.unesco.org/en/events/740/
Please consult the page regularly to avail yourself of the documents and prepare ahead for the meeting.

Useful phone numbers
M. Hamady Bocoum (Director of Cultural Heritage)  Cell phone : +221 33 821 74 38
Meridien President Hotel  +221 33 869 69 69
M. Dame Dieng (UNESCO Office in Dakar)  +221 33 849 23 23-33/ Mobile +221 766930795

We wish you a pleasant journey, and look forward to welcoming you in Dakar!

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UNESCO World Heritage Centre

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