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**SIXTH CONFERENCE OF AFRICAN MINISTERS IN CHARGE OF INTEGRATION  
(COMAI VI)  
15-19 April 2013  
Port Louis, Mauritius**

**INFORMATION NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS**

Dear participants,

Welcome to Mauritius and to the Sixth Conference of African Ministers in Charge of Integration (COMAI VI). Please find below some general information on meeting arrangements which you may find useful.

**1. DATE AND VENUE**

The Conference will be held at the Inter-Continental Hotel Conference Centre, in Mauritius on 15-19 April 2013. The experts meeting will be on 15-16 April 2013 and the Ministerial Conference on 18-19 April 2013. A Consultation meeting on the second bloc of RECs will take place on 17 April 2013.

**2. REGISTRATION FOR PARTICIPANTS**

The registration desk will be located in the main entrance hall the Inter-Continental Conference Center and will open starting from 14 April 2013, at 06 pm and during the Conference daily from 8.30 am. All delegates and participants are encouraged to register as soon as possible upon arrival in Mauritius. Each delegate or participant will be given a badge for the purpose of identification during the period of the Conference.

**3. VISA AND IMMIGRATION REQUIREMENTS**

In order to enter Mauritius, every participant/traveller must obtain an entry visa from a Mauritius diplomatic mission and have a full valid passport with at least six months to expiry on entry. Participants coming from countries where there is no Mauritius diplomatic mission may obtain an entry visa at the Airport upon arrival, upon presentation of their official letter of invitation to the Conference. In such cases, participants should inform the conference coordinators well in advance, before their arrival in Mauritius, providing their full passport details.

**4. HEALTH AND HEALTHCARE REQUIREMENTS**



In addition to visa and passport requirements, an international health certificate showing current yellow fever immunization is required for entry into Mauritius. Without it, the traveller may be required to submit to vaccination at entry before clearing immigration at a fee. Contact numbers of the Ministry of Health and Quality of Life are the following:

*Tel: +230 2012739 and Fax: +230 2013185*

#### **5. MEDICAL SERVICE**

Medical services will be available during the Conference period at the Inter- Continental Hotel.

#### **6. INFORMATION AND PROTOCOL DESK**

The host country, in collaboration with the AUC Conference Coordination Team, will provide any information required by the participants. A protocol desk will be available at Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam International Airport to facilitate entry and departure formalities for delegates. On arrival, delegates are required to contact the protocol desk for transport facilitation.

#### **7. LOCAL TRANSPORT**

The Government of Mauritius will provide transport for delegates from the airport to the hotels and between the hotels and the conference venue.

#### **8. HOTEL ACCOMMODATION**

All participants are advised to stay in Inter-Continental Hotel. Participants must pay for their hotel accommodation, and will be responsible for making their own booking with the hotel of their choice. You may also make an online booking with the hotel concerned through its website, or by directly contacting the hotel. Payment can be made in rupee, the Mauritius currency and preferably in cash, even though some hotels accept Visa credit cards. A list of preferential rates obtained by the Organizing Committee in all selected hotels, room types and rates appears below. Participants staying far from Inter-Continental hotel may take in charge their transportation arrangements.

*Sponsored participants by the African Union Commission should stay in Inter-Continental Hotel. The names of sponsored participants and copies of their passports should be sent to the African Union Commission as soon as possible. Please be informed that sponsored participants not staying in Inter-Continental Hotel will not be refunded since block booking was made there.*

#### **9. FLIGHTS AVAILABLE TO AND FROM MAURITIUS**

The international airlines operating in Mauritius and currently flying to and from Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam International Airport are as follows: Air Mauritius, Emirates, South African Airlines, Air France, British airways and Kenya Airlines. Please be informed that Air Mauritius has accepted to provide a promotional rate for participants travelling to Mauritius in the framework of the Conference.

#### **10. ELECTRIC SUPPLY**



Electricity supply in Mauritius is 220V or 125V 50Hz. Plugs are with two circular metal pins and/or plug with two flat blades and one flat grounding blade

### 11. SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETATION

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in English, French, Arabic and Portuguese. Details of the full language regimen and the relevant channels will be made available on the day of the conference.

### 12. DOCUMENTS

Working documents will be regularly updated on the African Union website (<http://au.int/en/content/sixth-conference-african-ministers-charge-integration-15-19-april-2013-port-louis-mauritius>) and the Mauritius Ministry of Foreign Affairs website (<http://foreign.gov.mu/English/COMAI%20VI/Pages/default.aspx>). Final versions will be provided upon registration at the Conference venue.

### 13. WEATHER

Now is the summer season in Mauritius and the weather during the month of April is between 26°C to 32°C.

### 14. CONTACTS FOR MORE INFORMATION

To confirm your participation, and for any request for information pertaining to logistics coordination, please contact:

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### 15. LIST OF HOTELS AND THEIR CONTACTS (attached)

