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The ACRIS logo features the word 'ACRIS' in a bold, teal, sans-serif font. To the right of the text is a graphic icon composed of three overlapping diamond shapes: a yellow one at the bottom, a teal one in the middle, and an orange one at the top.

Africa Climate Resilient Infrastructure Summit

**27-29 April 2015
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia**

Information Note



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VENUES

Africa Climate Resilient Infrastructure Summit (ACRIS) will be held on the premises of the African Union Conference Centre in Addis Ababa.

African Union Conference Centre

Location: near Old Airport

Address: PO Box 3243 Roosevelt Street, W21K19
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Telephone: +251 115 517 700

Email: info@africa-union.org

Internet: www.au.int

Map: see [link](#) & below



African Union Conference Centre (AUCC)

(photo from [Wikipedia](#))



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The **participant registration and handling of badges** will be held at the **Ghion Hotel** on Sunday, 16th of April, 2015, between 12:00 am and 19:00 pm.

Ghion Hotel

Location: Stadium around Meskel Square

Address: 1643 Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Web: www.ghionhotel.com.et

E-mail: ghion@ethionet.et

Telephone: +251 115 513 222

Map: see [link](#) & below



(photo from tripadvisor.co.uk)



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Please ensure that you register for the event **THE DAY BEFORE** the summit to ensure that your security has been processed and that you will be allowed on the AUCC premises. Please note that we may not be in a position to assist you on site.

VIP attendees can have a representative of their embassy register them provided they present an official letter from the embassy to that effect.



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VISA

According to the [website](#) of the Ethiopian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA) travellers who "are coming to participate and conduct workshops, seminars and other similar activities for a short period of time but do not have employer-labor contractual relation and are not obliged to get resident and work permit" require a **Business Visa** issued prior to arrival by one of Ethiopia's consular services abroad. Please see [here](#) the MoFA's list of missions. Please note that the Ethiopian mission legally entitled to issue your visa may be located in a different country than the one in which you reside or in which your main office may be located.

In certain cases there may be an option to acquire the visa at the border control in the airport in Addis. However, we don't advise you to rely on this option but get your visa well in advance. In the case you do want to take the route of obtaining your visa at the airport on arrival, please consider the extra time you may have to spend queuing, additional documents you may need to provide and payments you may need to make. Should you require assistance with your visa, please contact your [country's diplomatic mission](#) in Addis Ababa.

Please note that, for security and other reasons imposed by the Ethiopian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ethiopian border authorities, we are not entitled to enquire on your behalf or perform any action whatsoever in relation to obtaining your visa. However, should you require a letter from us to assist you in obtaining your visa, please email us your full name as shown in passport, your job title and a copy of your passport's main page at mp@grvevents.com.

FLIGHTS

Addis Ababa serves as a main stop-over for routes to and from the African continent and many airlines, including EgyptAir, Emirates, Ethiopian Airlines, flydubai, Kenya Airways, Lufthansa, Qatar Airways, Saudia, Sudan Airways, Turkish Airlines, Yemenia, fly direct to Bole International Airport (ADD) from major capitals in Africa, Europe Middle East and worldwide. Please check with your travel agent or [online](#) well in advance for best deals on packages that may include tickets and accommodation for your travel to Addis.

In order for you to benefit fully from ACRIS, we advise you to schedule your travel so that you arrive in Addis **the day before the registration** takes place for your intended participation in ACRIS and take the time to obtain relief from any jet-lag you may have and to adjust to the climate in Addis.

Similarly, we advise that you book your return or the next leg of your journey no earlier than **the day after** your attendance at ACRIS and **NOT in the last day** of your participation as this may interfere with your ability to attend all your desired sessions and meetings.

Please note that we have arranged the following **discounts** with **Ethiopian Airlines**

- **12%** on your **business class** travel and a
- **10%** on your **economy class** travel



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Please follow this [link](#) to obtain a letter from us you need to submit to Ethiopian Airlines in order to obtain your discount.

ABOUT ADDIS ABABA



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Climate & Health

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia's capital is the country's largest city and home of many international organisations, including the [Commission of the African Union](#), ACRIS' main co-host.

Addis has a high geographic elevation of 2,355m above sea level with a fairly constant temperature throughout the year. April, when ACRIS takes place, is the dry season and the temperatures expected for the day time are usually not more than 23°C while the nights can be significantly colder.

Please **check with your medical general practitioner medic** to obtain any pre-travel vaccinations you may need. Also please ensure that you have a valid **health and accident insurance policy** before you travel.

Currency

Ethiopia's official currency is **Birr (ETB)** and **most payments** to hotels, taxis and shops **must be made in this currency**, or converted at point of pay into this currency with change usually given in Birr too.



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There are many exchange bureaus who accept US dollars and others currencies but the **rates** they use and commissions they may apply can **vary significantly**. Please [check the rates](#) before exchanging your money.

Local Travel

The easiest way to travel locally in Addis, is by **taxi** with the most common being the [blue & white](#) ones.

At Bole International Airport there are several options for booking your taxi; usually the hotel that you are staying in may have a **booth** where you can book your taxi or may have a shuttle service departing regularly from the airport.

Please exercise usual caution when booking and using taxis in Addis.

Maps

Due to recent work in Addis some of the old names of streets and places may have changed so we advise you to acquire an updated map.

Please note that relying on your mobile device for maps and travel guidance may incur additional charges on your bill and may not be available straightforwardly.



Click map above to go to the original online

Phones

Ethiopia's international calling code is +251. Local code for **fixed / land lines** in Addis is 1. Therefore phone numbers to Addis Ababa should start as follows: [+251 1 ...](#) and should have nine (9) digits following the international calling code.

Mobile telephony in Ethiopia can be either through your operator's **roaming** services – which usually need to be activated / purchased **before** you leave your country – or through the acquisition of a local SIM card and a voice package.

The most prominent mobile telephony operator in Ethiopia is [Ethio-Telecom](#). The number should start with 9 after the international calling code and also have nine (9) digits following the international calling code, including the first 9. Ethio-Telecom has a [website](#) in English where visitors can obtain [information about their pre-paid packages](#) but cannot, as of yet, purchase SIM cards or packages.

Please check at concierge of your hotel for the availability of WiFi.

Ghion Hotel offers WiFi packages for 195 Birr (approx. USD10 / £5.8) for 24 hours.



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WiFi is available at the African Union Conference Centre. Please ask a member of Entico team on site for details.

HOTELS IN ADDIS

There are [many hotels in Addis](#), well accustomed with international visitors. Most of them can be booked via their website, commercial booking websites or by phone. Please make sure you book your stay in Addis to include the registration day.

Please note that the registration takes place at the **Ghion Hotel**. Please see information above for details.

PLEASE NOTE THAT WE HAVE ARRANGED WITH THE FOLLOWING HOTELS TO OFFER YOU THE AUC PREFERENTIAL RATES:

Sheraton Addis

Tel: +251 115 171 717

Email: reservations.addisethiopia@luxurycollection.com

Radisson Blu Hotel

Contact: Hiermela HAGOS

Tel: +251 115 157 600

Mob: +251 921 467 702

Email: Hiermela.Hagos@RadissonBLU.com

Intercontinental Addis Hotel

Contact: Kelayat AKILU

Tel: +251 115 505 066

Email: kelayat.aklilu@intercontinentaladdis.com
reservation@intercontinentaladdis.com

Hilton Addis Ababa

Contact: Ato Gugsa KUMA

Tel: +251 115 170 000

Mob: +251 911-68 92 98

Email: Sales_Addis-Ababa@Hilton.com

Dreamliner

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Washington Hotel



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