

TRAVEL INFORMATION FOR DELEGATES TO THE MWIA NEAR CONFERENCE, ABUJA, 2021



It is with great pleasure we welcome you to Abuja, the Federal Capital Territory of Nigeria (fondly known as the Centre of Unity) for the MWIA Regional Near East and Africa Conference holding from 24 March to 27 March, 2021 at the International Conference Centre, Abuja FCT, Nigeria. You can be assured we have a fully loaded package to educate, inform and entertain you.

We would like you to note these important details to ensure a smooth arrival and stay.

The conference venue

The International Conference Centre (ICC), Abuja, is located at Central Area, Area 11, 900 Herbert Macaulay Way, Abuja. It was built in 1980 and has been the venue of many national and international summits, conferences, religious meetings and programs. It has its own lovely garden filled with historic shady pine trees and a well paved driveway.

Important Dates:

- 24 March, 2021: Arrival/
Preconference workshops (Day 1)
- 25 March, 2021: Opening Ceremony
(Day 2)
- 26 March, 2021: AGM 1 (Day 3)
- 27 March, 2021: AGM 2/ Closing
ceremony (Day 4)
- 28 March, 2021: Departure (Day 5)



Conference Registration:

Members	Dates	International Delegates	Nigerian Delegates
		Fees	Fees
Early bird	Ends 5 March, 2021	300 USD	165 USD
Late/ Onsite	March 6 till conference	400 USD	195 USD
Medical students			
Early bird	Ends 5 March, 2021	200 USD	50 USD
Late/ Onsite	March 6 till conference	250 USD	85 USD
Accompanying Persons			
Early bird	Ends 5 March, 2021	200 USD	60 USD
Late/ Onsite	March 6 till conference	300 USD	100 USD
Daily Registration	Onsite	200 USD	180 USD

Payment of registration fees entitles you to:

- A conference bag
- A conference program
- A book of conference abstracts
- A writing pad and a pen
- Delegates badge
- Attendance to all open sessions of the conference
- Tea break and lunch which will be served with drinks on Days 2, 3 and 4.
- Attendance and refreshments at social events
- Daily registration entitles you to the above for the day paid for

Travel Advice

Nigeria currently has 6 international airports with connecting flights to Abuja. **We advise that you fly directly to Abuja through the Namdi Azikiwe International Airport.** Otherwise, you can come in via the Murtala Muhammed International Airport, Lagos the second busiest airport which has about 15 to 20 daily connecting flights to Abuja. There will be an arrival/ welcome desk at the Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport on the 24th and 25th March, 2021 to facilitate your smooth ride to your hotels in Abuja city as transport will be provided at no extra cost to you. Kindly send your name, arrival time and name of airline via email to mwiaabuja2020@gmail.com and copy enopie@yahoo.com to help facilitate your transport into Abuja town from the airport. **Do note that the Akanu Ibiam International Airport is closed for repairs.**

Accommodation Advice

It is expected that delegates would have booked their hotel accommodation prior to traveling. It is advised that you stay in the conference hotel, Nicon Luxury Hotel. Transport will only be provided from this hotel to and fro conference activities and the airport. The hotel is a 5 minute walking distance from the conference venue. Kindly, make your reservations and send to us via email at mwiaabuja2020@gmail.com.

About Nigeria

Location: Nigeria is situated in the West African region and has a land mass of 923,768 sq.km. It is bordered the Republics of Niger, Chad, Benin.

Population: Estimated at 200 million people

Climate: Temperatures across the country is relatively high with a very narrow variation in seasonal and diurnal ranges (22-36t). There are two basic seasons; wet or rainy season which lasts from April to October; and the dry season, from November till March. The dry season starts with the Harmattan, a dry, chilly and dusty spell that lasts till February. The second half of the dry season, February - March, is the hottest period of the year with temperatures ranging from 33 to 38 degrees centigrade.

Languages and ethnic groups: There are 3 main languages and tribes in Nigeria: Hausa, Yoruba and Igbo. However, there are several others including large groups such as Tiv, Ibibio, Ijaw, Kanuri, Nupe, Gwari, Igala, Jukun, Idoma, Fulani, Edo, Urhobo and Ijaw. The main spoken language is English.

Currency: Naira (N) and Kobo (K) where N1.00 = 100k (one naira = hundred kobo)

Electric voltage: Nigeria uses a current of 220/ 240 AC 50Hz electrical sockets which accept the 3-pin plug. Delegates can easily get adapters though in Abuja for other types of plugs.

Religion: The main religions are Christianity, Islam and Traditional.

Time zone: +1 UMT

Conference tours:

Abuja is a beautiful city and we would like you to appreciate it when you visit. We have organised exciting tours for your pleasure. More details will be available at arrival.

Finding your way around the city

Local transportation ranges between N500 to N3,000 but could be more expensive depending on the location and distance. Ubers, Bolt and yellow taxis are quite popular in Abuja for local transport.

Visa requirements

A tourist visa is generally required to travel to Nigeria and there is provision for visa on arrival. Delegates from members ECOWAS countries do not require a visa but a travel certificate. Information about visa/certificate process and requirements can be found on the Nigeria Immigration Service website at <https://portal.immigration.gov.ng/pages/visaguidelines>

Vaccines

A Yellow Fever vaccination certificate/card is required on arrival from all travellers 9 months of age and older. This is valid 10 days after vaccination.

Medical/Health Coverage

Delegates are advised to obtain travel health insurance prior to travelling. There will be ambulances stationed at the conference venue to convey delegates to their preferred health facility in case an emergency occurs but delegates will be required to pay for health services received at the health facility. Mild ailments such as headaches which can be attended to at conference venue clinic will be addressed by the conference organisers.

Abuja FCT Police Emergency numbers and Security Advisory.

07057337653, 08061581938 and 08032003913.

Updates on security situations and briefings will be provided. The security of delegates is our utmost concern.

Hospitals and Health Centres

Abuja hosts an array of well-equipped hospitals (public and private). Delegates can be assured that if a need arises, they will be well attended to. A list of health facilities and their contact will be made available on arrival.

COVID-19 PROTOCOLS:

Delegates are expected to adhere to these instructions:

- Face masks (with or without face shields) must be worn AT ALL TIMES while in the conference halls. A “No mask, no entry” and “No mask, no service” rule will be strictly adhered to.
- Walk through the sterilizing unit provided at the entrance to the conference venue.
- Use of non-physical greetings.
- Maintain at least 2 metres (6 feet) physical distance between yourself and anyone. Large conference halls and vehicles will be used to ensure physical distancing is maintained.
- Wash hands regularly with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer. Provisions will be made for these.

TRAVELLERS TO NIGERIA

The Presidential Task Force on COVID-19 released a provisional quarantine protocol for all return travellers to Nigeria, effective from the 10th January 2021 as summarised below:

- Passengers must test negative by polymerase chain reaction (PCR) from the country of exit 4 days (96 hours) before departure. Tests done more than 96 hours before departure are not valid.
- Prior to boarding, passengers are requested to upload their COVID-19 PCR NEGATIVE results on to the national payment portal and have an electronic or hard copy for presentation at the airport.

- All intending passengers are required to register via – <http://nitp.ncdc.gov.ng> and pay for a repeat (second) PCR test to be done upon arrival in Nigeria.
- Passengers must fill in an online Health Declaration/Self-Reporting Form located on the Nigeria International Travel Portal which must be submitted online or printed for presentation on arrival. Information provided must be verifiable.
- At the time of boarding, all travellers will undergo temperature screening and questioned for COVID-19 symptoms. Passengers with COVID-19 related signs and symptoms will not be allowed to board the flight.

ON ARRIVAL IN NIGERIA

- Return passengers must show evidence of payment/appointment for a repeat PCR test, in-country.
- Passengers will be cleared through the Nigeria Immigration System's Migrants Identification Data Analysis System (MIDAS). Passenger's biodata page and picture will be forwarded to all COVID-19 PCR Sample Collection Centers to enable proper identification before sample collection.
- Return passengers must proceed on a 7-day self-isolation as per protocol and present at the designated sample collection sites on the 7th day of arrival.
- Positive cases will be managed based on National Guidelines for COVID-19 treatment.
- Passengers who test negative after 7 days will end self-isolation on the 8th day.

Ref: <https://covid19.ncdc.gov.ng/advisory/>

More information can be obtained from the links below.

COVID-19 RESPONSE: PROVISIONAL QUARANTINE PROTOCOL FOR TRAVELLERS ARRIVING IN NIGERIA FROM ANY COUNTRY available at:

https://covid19.ncdc.gov.ng/media/files/COVID19_Provisional_Quarantine_Protocol_for-Air_Travel-SA-Ako-CI_RXWxy4C.pdf

COVID-19 RESPONSE: PROVISIONAL QUARANTINE PROTOCOL FOR TRAVELLERS ARRIVING IN NIGERIA FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM AND SOUTH AFRICA available at:

https://covid19.ncdc.gov.ng/media/files/COVID19_Provisional_Quarantine_Protocol_for_UK_SA_Air_Travel_v4_Ako.pdf

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