Welcome to Dakar!

Dakar, the capital of Senegal, in West Africa, is a cosmopolitan, African and European city with more than 2.5 million inhabitants. Dakar is a multicultural, diverse city with vibrant arts and traditions. In markets, you can find assorted crafts, foods, jewelry, fabrics and wood and metal goods presented by residents from various ethnic groups. The city has also many museums, mosques, cliff walks, restaurants and beaches to enjoy.
HOTEL ACCOMMODATION
All participants are recommended to stay at the Terrou-Bi hotel, which is also the venue of the conference. All participants are requested to confirm their participation by filling in the registration form.

* Terrou-Bi

Boulevard Martin Luther King
Dakar - Senegal
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Alternative accommodation options near the venue Please find here alternative hotels in the area.

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REGISTRATION AND IDENTIFICATION BADGE
Participants are required to register and obtain identification badges before entering the conference room. For identification and security reasons, all participants must wear their badges at all times and throughout the conference.

ENTRY VISA
Participants are required to check the requirements for their national passport, and indicate in the registration form whether they will need a visa. Based on the need, please kindly get in touch with the GIIF organizers (giif2017@worldbankgroups.org), who will coordinate with colleagues in the WBG local office to issue invitation letters.

Please note that it is the participants’ responsibility to take care of their own visa processes. It should be noted that travelers of certain nationalities who arrive without a visa are prohibited from entering and are forced to take the next available flight. Therefore, the World Bank office in Dakar recommends that participants make all necessary arrangements for entry visa applications. UNLP (United Nations Laissez Passer) holders do not need a visa to enter Senegal.

TRANSPORT SHUTTLE
Terrou-Bi will provide transport shuttles from and to the airport -- free of charge -- to participants staying at the hotel. Participants will be met at the airport according to the respective arrivals. Taxi and car rental services are also available on site. Please contact the reception of the Terrou-Bi Hotel to register for this transfer.

WITHIN CITY TRANSPORTATION
The people are extremely friendly and helpful; but like everywhere else, pay attention to scams and pickpockets. For taxis, they are economical and safe everywhere. All taxi fares are negotiated in advance and will require negotiations. If you are not from Senegal, it is best to check with locals beforehand to get an idea of how much they pay. Leave tips when you feel the service was good.

CLIMATE
December in Dakar - is generally pleasantly warm with daily temperatures around 24-27 ° C (75-81 ° F). The nights during this time of year are comfortable, between 17 and 20 ° C (63-68 ° F). Light clothing is appropriate with warmer clothes for cooler nights.
CURRENCY
The official currency of Senegal is the “franc de la Communauté Financière Africaine” (FCFA XOF). Major credit cards are accepted in most hotels, shops and restaurants.

ELECTRICITY
In Senegal, the power sockets are of type C, D, E and K. The standard voltage is 230 V and the standard frequency is 50 Hz. You can use your electric appliances in Senegal, if the standard voltage in your country is in between 220 - 240 V (as is in the UK, Europe, Australia and most of Asia and Africa). Manufacturers take these small deviations into account. If the standard voltage in your country is in the range of 100 V - 127 V (as is in the US, Canada and most South American countries), you need a voltage converter in Senegal.

RESTAURANTS
Dakar offers plenty of restaurant choices serving traditional dishes and western flavors. From morning until night, good food is available on street corners. Restaurant prices in Dakar are similar to those in European cities, but the large portions and fresh local fare offer far better value.

SHOPPING
There are various shopping opportunities in Dakar. Some of the most common places are: Marché Sandaga, Marché HLM, Marché Kermel, Village Artisanal de Soumbédioune, and the Sea Plaza Mall.

TAX/TIPPING
Tipping is optional, but usually 5-15% is customary in taxis, restaurants and bars.

DIALING CODE
The International Dialing Code for Senegal is +221.

MEDICAL ALERT
Yellow fever: A yellow fever vaccination certificate is required for travelers over 1 year of age from all countries.
Malaria: Malaria risk exists throughout the year in the whole country.

COUNTRY RISKS AND SECURITY THREATS
The situation is calm in the country, however; crime is still ever present with street crime being fairly common. Petty crime is on the rise, people are more likely to fall victim of opportunity crimes (pickpocketing, purse snatching, and theft of valuables from vehicles, assaults, and residential burglaries). Aggressive vendors, panhandlers, and street children often attempt to divert the victim’s attention while an accomplice carries out the crime.
Senegal has been spared any direct terrorist attacks but does remain vulnerable due to porous borders, increased regional instability, and the increased terror activities of terrorist groups. The conflict in Mali has increased that concerns.
Places to avoid

- Corniche Ouest during the hours of darkness, particularly in the Ouakam, Fenêtre Mermoz and Fann areas that see attacks with knives and machetes with increasing frequency.
- Keep a low profile
- Avoid non-essential movement after night at isolated and dark areas

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