



Central Bank of Nigeria



FIRST AACB'S BUREAU MEETING FOR 2012,
FEBRUARY 27 – 29, 2012, ABUJA, NIGERIA

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INFORMATION NOTE FOR DELEGATES

Dear Delegates,

Welcome to Nigeria and to the first AACB's Bureau Meeting for 2012 hosted by the Central Bank of Nigeria. Please find below some general information on meeting arrangements which you may find useful.

1. GENERAL INFORMATION ON NIGERIA

Nigeria is a country located in West Africa and shares land borders with the Republic of Benin in the west; Chad and Cameroon in the east; and Niger in the north. Its coast in the south lies on the Gulf of Guinea on the Atlantic Ocean. The three major groups in Nigeria are the Hausa, Igbo and Yoruba. The country comprises of 36 states and the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja. Nigeria has a population of about 150 million. Lagos is the commercial capital and is situated in the south western zone. Nigeria occupies a total land area of 923,768 square kilometers and is a major oil producer and exporter. Nigeria is currently in the dry season and the weather is slightly cold and dusty. Delegates are advised to carry along light warm clothing.

2. MEETING VENUE

The Meeting will be held in Abuja, Nigeria's most beautiful city. The venue will be at the Central Bank of Nigeria, Plot 133, Tafawa Balewa Way, Central Business District, Cadastral Zone, Abuja, Nigeria. Website: www.cbn.gov.ng

3. REGISTRATION FOR DELEGATES

Registration for the Meeting would take place at the GCC Meeting Room on the 11th Floor, Wing C of the CBN Head office Building. Registration begins at 8.00 am on February 27, 2012.

4. VISA AND IMMIGRATION REQUIREMENTS

For Entry into Nigeria, all visitors must have valid visa and official or diplomatic passport with at least 3 months to expiry on entry. Visas can be obtained at Nigerian embassies abroad. *Participants who do not have a Nigerian diplomatic representation in their country are advised to send the photocopy of their passport along with their routing for entry visa arrangement.*

5. PROTOCOL AND TRANSPORTATION

The Central Bank of Nigeria will provide airport reception and protocol services for delegates at the Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport to facilitate entry and departure. The Bank will also provide transport for delegates from the airport to the hotels and between the hotels and the meeting venue.

6. HOTEL ACCOMODATION

Delegates shall pay for their accommodation in the hotels of their choice. A list of hotels and rates is hereby provided for delegates to indicate their preference for reservation. Please note also, that the rates are subject to changes by the hotel without notice. All request for hotel bookings are to be sent to the CBN not later than 20th February, 2012. Delegates may also make online bookings or directly contact the hotel if they so desire but must notify the CBN of the hotel of their choice.

7. CURRENCY

Nigeria's currency is the Naira and is freely convertible but not widely available outside the country. Delegates would be assisted to change their currency at the Bureau de Change operating in major hotels either in Abuja or Lagos. Currently US\$1.00 Dollar is equivalent to N160.85, 1 British Pound is equivalent to N250.86 and 1 European Euro is equivalent to N209.13 as at 24th January, 2012. However, since the rates are market determined, they will vary from time to time depending on the fundamentals.

8. CONTACTS FOR MORE INFORMATION

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

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Please find attached the list of selected hotels from which you can make a choice for reservation and payment on arrival.