

# GENERAL COUNTRY INFORMATION BULLETIN

## Summary

This is a training program organised by the National Communications Authority on the Conformance and Interoperability (C&I): Regulatory framework and practical SAR, RF, DTT and EMF tests including the Creation of Basic lab facilities.

Below is the information for participants:

### 1. Venue for training

The training will be held at the NCA Type Approval and Conformance Lab at the Greater Accra Regional office, Cantonments.

### 2. Coordinators for the Training Programme

- Mr. Isaac Boateng - [Isaac.boateng@nca.org.gh](mailto:Isaac.boateng@nca.org.gh)
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### 3. Hotel Reservations

- A list of the Authority's recommended hotels and their routing would be reserved before the participants arrive.

### 4. Recommended Hotels

- A list of Hotels recommended would be attached in the appendix

### 5. Visa Procedure

- All travellers arriving for the Training Program should have a valid passport, entry visas are not required for nationals from Economic Community of the West African States (ECOWAS) states.
- Participants are advised to enquire whether or not they are exempted from visa requirements at the Ghana Embassies in their countries.
- Participants who have Embassies of Ghana in their country are advised to apply for visas in advance to be issued before they travel.
- Visa on arrival fee is \$150.00

### 6. Transportation for Participants

- Transportation to the various hotels could be via Uber, Bolt or Yango depending on their preference.
- Participants would be picked up hotels to the Training Program.

### 7. Currency

- The basic unit of currency is the cedi; there are coins of 1 pesewa, 5 pesewas, 10 pesewas, 20 pesewas. 50 pesewas and 1 cedi. Notes are issues in the denominations of GH¢1.00, GH¢2.00, GH¢5.00, GH¢10.00, GH¢20.00, GH¢50.00. (GH¢- Ghana Cedi). The major foreign exchange rates are as below:

| <b>Currency</b>  | <b>Buying</b> | <b>Selling</b> |
|--|---------------|----------------|
| U.S Dollar   | 5.2574        | 5.2626         |
| Pound Sterling   | 6.6648        | 6.6740         |
| Swiss Franc  | 5.3922        | 5.3962         |
| Euro   | 5.9806        | 5.9878         |
| South African Rand   | 0.3687        | 0.3691         |
| BCEAO/CFA  | 109.55        | 109.68         |
| <i>Source: Bank of Ghana Daily Interbank FX Rates as at 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2019</i> |               |                |

- There is a limit to the amount of foreign currency or traveller's cheques which visitors may bring into the country.
- Commercial banks provide exchange rate facilities. Most banks open between 8:30 to 15:30 UTC from Monday to Friday.

## **8. Climate**

- Below is the general information on the weather pattern in Accra for the month of September:
  - Average Amount of Rainfall - 67.8mm
  - No. of Rainy Days -8
  - Average Maximum Temperature -29.1 deg. Celsius
  - Average Minimum Temperature -22.4 deg. Celsius
  - Average (Monthly) Temperature -25.8 deg. Celsius
  - Average Rel. Humidity (RH) at 0600 hrs -94%
  - Average Rel. Humidity (RH) at 1500 hrs -72%

The weather for Accra in September is cloudiness interspersed with sunshine and occasional rain and thunderstorm accompanied by strong winds.

## **9. Security**

- General security would be provided at the Airport, Hotels and at the NCA Accra, Regional office.

## **10. Electricity and Standard Plugs**

- Local Voltage is 220|240v, 50Hz with British type 2pin/ 3pin sockets.

## **11. Services Available to participants during the training**

- There would be internet provided for participants.
- Coffee and lunch breaks
- A folder with stationary to take notes
- A copy of a group picture
- Certificates.

## **12. Telephone calls**

- There are four (4) mobile networks companies in Ghana; MTN, Vodafone, AirtelTigo, Glo.
- Participants are advised to buy their SIM cards, register with a valid ID card and ensure that they do not purchase preregistered SIM cards.

### 13. Health

- Participants must ensure they take along travel insurance including health insurance from their home country for the duration of their stay in Ghana. Presentation of a yellow fever vaccination certificate at the point of entry is required of all Participants.

### 14. General Country Information

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| Government        | The Republic of Ghana  |
| President         | H.E Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo                                  |
| Population        | 30.42 million (2019)<br><i>source: worldpopulationreview.com</i> |
| Capital           | Greater - Accra  |
| Official Language | English  |
| Country Code      | 233?   |
| Time Zone         | GMT  |