

## ICA Ministerial Conference Abuja - Nigeria 2nd - 7th Sept. 2018

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### GENERAL INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

**Background Information:** Nigeria, a republic in western Africa, shares land borders with the Republic of Benin in the west, Chad and Cameroon in the east, and Niger in the north. Its coast lies on the Gulf\_of\_Guinea in the south and it borders Lake\_Chad to the northeast. Noted geographical features in Nigeria include the Adamawa\_highlands, Mambilla\_Plateau, Jos\_Plateau, Obudu\_Plateau, the Niger River, River\_Benue and Niger\_Delta.

Nigeria is located in the Tropics, where the climate is seasonally damp and very humid. Nigeria is affected by four climate types; these climate types are distinguishable, as one moves from the southern\_part\_of\_Nigeria to the northern\_part\_of\_Nigeria through Nigeria's middle\_belt with a coast along the Atlantic Ocean on the Gulf of Guinea. Most of Nigeria consists of a low plateau cut by rivers, especially the Niger and its largest tributary, the Benue. The country takes its name from its chief river. The Nigerian capital was changed from Lagos City in 1991 to Abuja, Federal Capital Territory (FCT).

**Nigeria is by far the most populous country in Africa with more than one-seventh of the continent's population. The Cooperative sector plays major roles in the economy of Nigeria, with a huge investment opportunity spread across board.**

The current population of **Nigeria** is **195,258,110 million**. Nigeria's population is equivalent to **2.57%** of the total world population. Nigeria ranks number **7** in the list of countries (and dependencies) by population.



❖ **Arrival at the Abuja International Airport:**

Sunday September 2<sup>nd</sup> 2018 is the expected arrival at Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport Abuja or Murtala Mohammed International Airport, Lagos - Nigeria.

❖ **Arrival at the Murtala International Airport Lagos:**

Participants arriving Nigeria via Lagos would need to take domestic flight from Lagos to Abuja at a cost of ranging from N28,000 – N42,000 (\$80 - \$117USD) depending on the airline. We recommend that participants fly Arik air or Air peace from Lagos to Abuja. This will require participants to take airport taxi from the Murtala Mohammed International Airport to the MM1 or MM2 domestic airport, Ikeja.

We have organized a transport company to meet/arrange airport taxi for participant arriving through Lagos while shuttle services will be available in Abuja Airport, to pick delegates at the exit of the arrival terminal. Please be on a look-out for our officials or sign stickers “**ICA Abuja 2018**”, at the terminal exit for the shuttle cab official to pick you to any hotel accommodation of your choice. To facilitate arrangement for discount, intending participants are expected to indicate in advance their preferred hotels by completing the **hotel reservation form** in conference Facebook site: ([www.facebook.com/ministerial.icanigeria](http://www.facebook.com/ministerial.icanigeria)).

In case of any delay (late flight or lost luggage), please inform us immediately. There are two ways to get in touch with us:

1. Call or send an SMS, Whatsapp to one of the following help-line mobile numbers:

**Mr. Bumba Shatami**  
08125351105

**Mr. Bunmi Bakare**  
07050507747

**Mr. Adams Tanko**  
09081801575

2. For further detail or information send an e-mail to: **toye\_akintola@yahoo.com** or **fdccoops@ymail.com** or **ministerial.icanigeria@gmail.com**

**Languages of Nigeria:**

English is the official language of Nigeria. In case of language translation challenges, multilingual personnel will be available at the Conference help-desk in the airport or by contacting our help-lines. Translating equipment will also be available at all meeting rooms.

**Time in Nigeria:**

The Nigerian Standard Time is 1 hour ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT+1) (<https://greenwichmeantime.com/time-zone/africa/nigeria/time-nigeria/>).



### **Currency in Nigeria:**

The **Naira** is the currency in use in Nigeria and quite unstable against the US Dollar. Its conversion rate is 1USD = ₦360 NG and in case you want to do any conversion. Dollar cash is the most welcome foreign currency at the Airport upon arrival or in any Bank or Forex Bureaus in the city. Check ([www.oanda.com/currency/converter](http://www.oanda.com/currency/converter)).

### **Nigeria's International Dialing Code:**

The International Dialing Code for Nigeria is +234 followed by the mobile number. Mobile phone service providers have good connections and with valid travel documents, you can purchase a local SIM card. We have four (4) telecommunications companies (**Glo, MTN, Airtel** and **Etisalat**).

### **Climatic Condition:**

Nigeria has a tropical climate with sharp regional variances depending on rainfall. Nigerian seasons are governed by the movement of the inter-tropical discontinuity, a zone where warm, moist air from the Atlantic converges with hot, dry, and often dust-laden air from the Sahara known locally as the *harmattan*. During the summer, the zone of inter-tropical discontinuity follows the Sun northward. Thus, much of the country experiences a rainy season during summer. As summer wanes, the zone shifts southward, bringing an end to the rainy season. Temperatures are high throughout the year, averaging from 25° to 28°C (77° to 82°F). In the higher elevations of the Jos Plateau, temperatures average 22°C (72°F). Northern Nigeria typically experiences greater temperature extremes than the south.

Rainfall varies widely over short distances and from year to year. Most of the country's middle belt Abuja inclusive, where the rainy season starts in April or May and runs through September or October. Average rainfall ranges from 1,000 to 1,500mm (40 to 60in). Within this region, the Jos Plateau receives somewhat more rain, due to its higher elevation.

**Weather forecast;**<https://www.timeanddate.com/weather/nigeria/abuja>

### **Venue for ICA:**

Nicon Luxury International Hotel is ideally located for accommodation and commercial business, which is a stone throw distance from the International Conference Centre Abuja. The security around the conference centre and hotels is excellent as the Military Headquarters and Defence College are close by. This hotel is the ideal choice for discerning conference participants, ambassadors, senators, ministers, business travelers and will provide the meeting rooms for the

syndicate groups during the ICA Ministerial Conference Abuja 2018, while the opening ceremony will take place at the **International Conference Centre Abuja** next door to the hotel.

The hotel is about 30-minutes' drive from Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport Abuja.

**□Electricity in Nigeria:**

Is usually 240Volts, 50-60Hz. Wall sockets uses 3-pin and 2-pin fused plug, which necessitates the use of travel adapters for people with different specifications.

**□Food:**

Our Hotels provide guests with opportunity to choose African or Continental, vegetarian or non – vegetarian foods. During the Conference, we will provide vegetarian and non-vegetarian food and we will need advance confirmation when delegates are proceeding with the on-line registration / confirmation of their availability to attend the Conference in Abuja-Nigeria. [www.facebook.com/ministerial.icanigeria](http://www.facebook.com/ministerial.icanigeria) will provide information concerning all meals and drinks in the conference.

**□Accommodation:**

We have organized some good Hotels accommodation, you just need to choose based on your preference as listed below:

**HOTELS ACCOMMODATION & CHARGES**

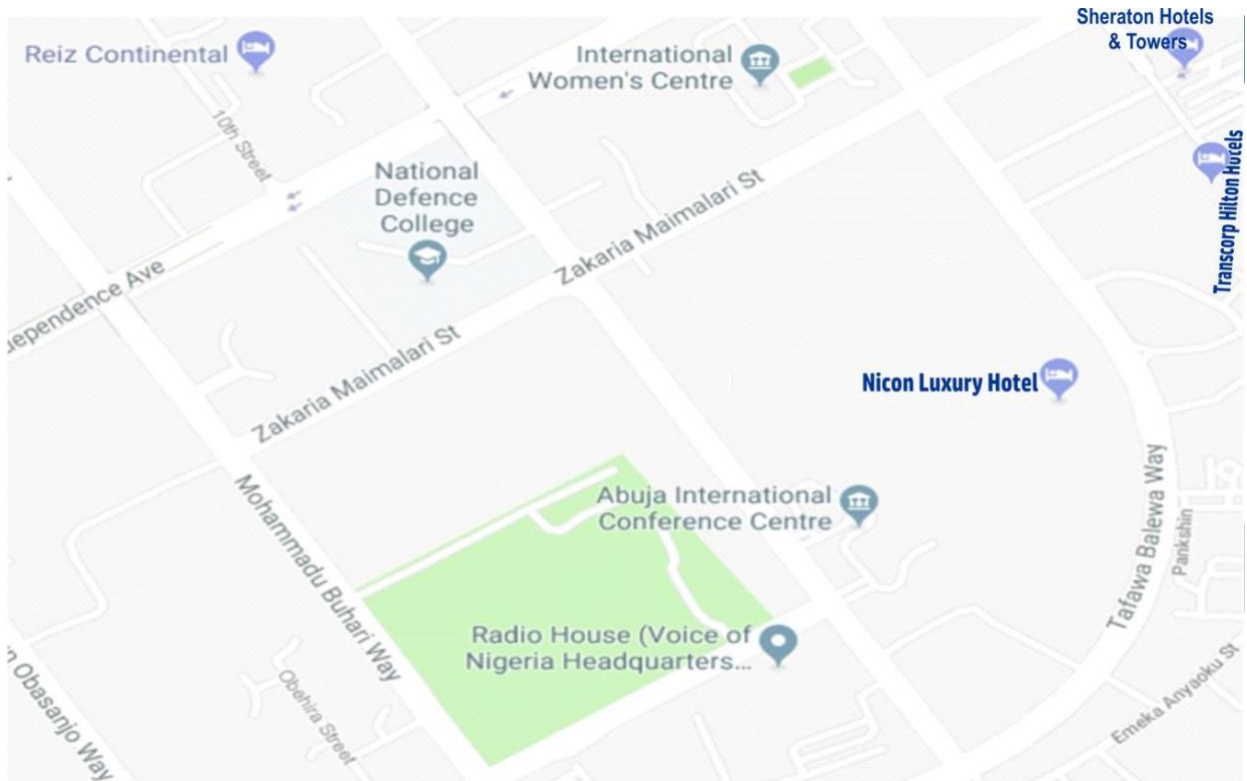
S/N	Name of Hotel	Room Prices From - To	Location	Contact
01	Transcorp Hilton	\$212-\$350 USD Nightly	Maitama Abuja	+234(0)7080603000 <a href="http://www3.hilton.com/en/hotels/nigeria/transcorp-hilton-abuja">http://www3.hilton.com/en/hotels/nigeria/transcorp-hilton-abuja</a>
02	Sheraton Abuja Hotel	\$183-\$320 USD Nightly	Wuse Zone 4 Abuja	+234(0)94612000 <a href="http://www.sheratonabuja.com">http://www.sheratonabuja.com</a>
03	Nicon Luxury Hotel	\$115-\$350 USD Nightly	Area 11 Abuja	+234(0)2036844828 <a href="http://www.niconluxury.com">http://www.niconluxury.com</a>
04	Reiz Continental	\$90-\$150 USD Nightly	Central Area Abuja	+234(0)8073190331, 094619110 <a href="http://www.reizcontinentalhotels.com">http://www.reizcontinentalhotels.com</a>

- Some discount in hotel rates will be available by conference time depending on level of bulk booking of pre-registered guests.

**ROAD MAP FROM NNAMDI AZIKIWE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT ABUJA TO THE CONFERENCE CENTRE/HOTEL**



**ROAD MAP OF INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTRE AND HOTELS ACCOMMODATION IN ABUJA**



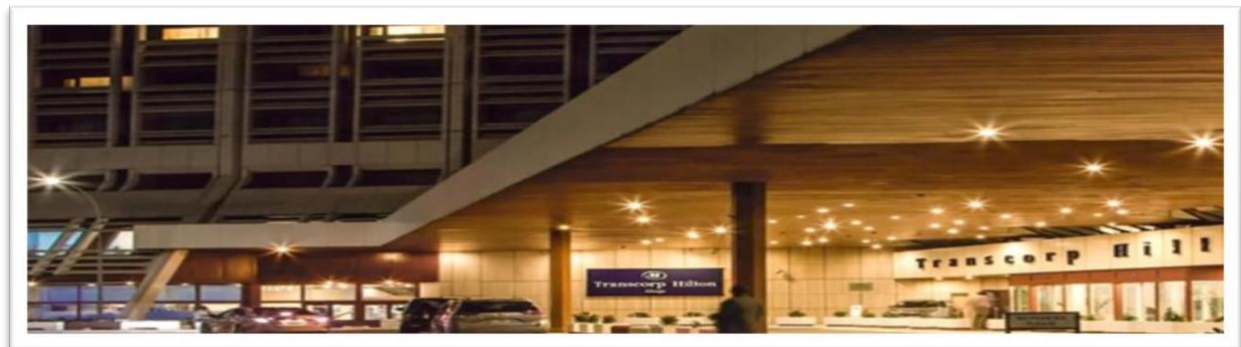
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**TRANSCORP HILTON ABUJA**



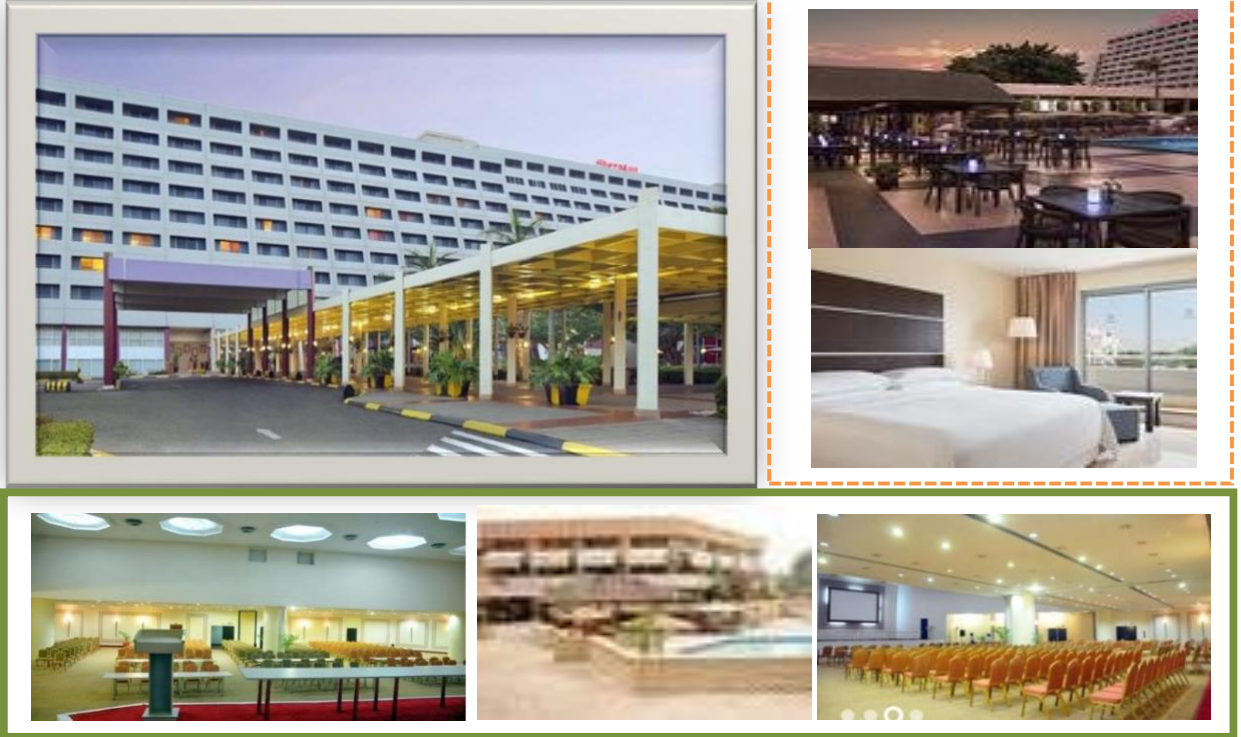
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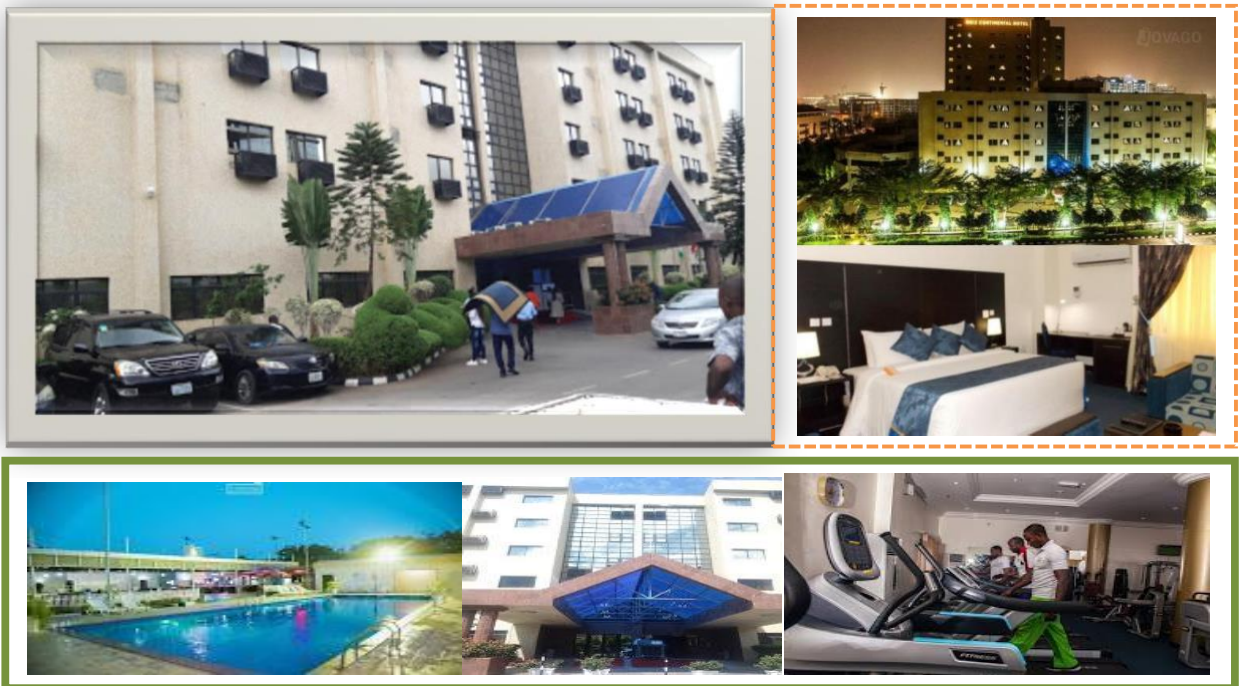
### ROOM TYPES AND RATES

ROOM TYPES	RATES IN NAIRA	
Classic Room	N 43,075.20	Rates are exclusive 5% VAT & 10% Service Charge.
Superior Room	N 56,928.00	
Business Suite	N 70,636.80	
Executive Suite	N 77,601.60	
Ambassadorial Suite	N 210,950.40	
Presidential Suite	N 341,992.80	

### SHERATON HOTELS & TOWERS ABUJA



### REIZ CONTINENTAL HOTEL ABUJA







## **1. Passport Requirements:**

Original, signed passport valid for 6 months beyond stay in Nigeria, with at least one **blank passport page** available for Nigerian visa stamp. Amendment pages in the back of the passport are not suitable for Nigerian visas.

## **2. Nigeria Visa Application Form:**

One Nigeria visa application form per applicant, plus one copy. The Embassy of Nigeria has introduced a web-based visa application form and payment procedure. The Nigerian visa application form must be submitted and paid for online. Please print two copies of the completed form.

The Federal Executive Council of Nigeria has approved a new visa policy aiming at boosting the tourism sector of the country.

It's also aimed at attracting foreign investors in order to create employment opportunities for Nigerian citizens. An aspect of the new policy is the issuance of visa to visitors at the port of entry.

Other categories of visa available include, short term visas, temporary resident visas, permanent resident visas and the newly introduced investment or skill transfer visa category which allows persons having a particular level of investment to make in Nigeria that can add value to the economy of the country, to be granted these categories of visa.

