



PIDA WEEK

Accelerating Infrastructure Implementation for Africa's Integration

VENUE:

**AFDB Head Office
CCIA Building
Avenue Jean Paul II
Abidjan Plateau
Cote d' Ivorie**

INFORMATION NOTE

We look forward to welcoming you to the inaugural PIDA Week from 13th -17th of November 2015 in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire!

The Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA), developed by the African Union Commission (AUC), NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency (NEPAD Agency), African Development Bank (AFDB), United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) and Regional Economic Communities (RECs), aims at promoting regional economic integration by bridging Africa's infrastructure gap that severely hampers Africa's competitiveness.

PIDA Week will help in preparing and formulating measures that needs to be undertaken, by the African Heads of States and Governments, to bring high-level political decisions particularly on infrastructure projects that are facing barriers at government level. Among other issues, will also address the private sector contribution to the project implementation as well as challenges and recommendations issuing from implementing agencies on the ground. There will be engaging and informative panel session exploring important themes linked to regional infrastructure in Africa.

Visa Requirements:

Please make sure that you obtain a visa to Côte d'Ivoire accessible online as below:

- Please submit an application online via <http://www.snedai.com> It is a quick process.

Please note that there may be an application fee applicable.

Vaccination:

Your Yellow fever vaccination should be up to date. The vaccination certificate is requested upon arrival at the airport. Please make sure you have it with you.

Hotel Booking:

Arrangements for the Hotels is as follows:

- *The PIDA Week logistical team will make direct hotel bookings for only the sponsored participants, upon receipt of their travel itinerary sent to email: pidaweek@nepad.org and copied to email: MarthaY@africa-union.org*
- *All other participants are required to arrange for their hotel accommodation by making direct bookings from the below recommended list of hotels (selected for proximity to meeting venue)*
 - **Hotel Tiama**, <http://www.hotel.tiama.ci/>
 - **Pullman Hotel**, <http://www.pullmanhotels.com/gb/hotel-1146-pullman-abidjan/index.shtml>
 - **Hotel Ivoire Sofitel**, <http://www.sofitel.com/gb/hotel-8844-sofitel-abidjan-hotel-ivoire/index.shtml>
 - **Golf Hotel**, <http://hedengolfhotel.com/en>
 - **Hotel Novotel**, <http://www.novotel.com/gb/hotel-0481-novotel-abidjan/index.shtml>

We strongly recommend that all participants arrange to stay in these selected hotels due to close proximity to the venue of the meeting (CCIA Building). Transportation during the week with a chartered shuttle service will be arranged to run from these hotels to the meeting venue. .

- The Hotels with the negotiated rate are as follows: (Reference 'PIDA Week')

Hotel	Category	Area	Tel	Email	Room Type	ADB Rate	Breakfast
HOTEL TIAMA	XXXXX	Plateau	(225) 20 31 33 33	reservation.tiama@gmail.com	Classic	105 000	14000
					Superior	125 000	14000
					Junior suite	185 000	14000
					Executive Suite	285 000	14000
HOTEL PULLMAN	XXXX	Plateau	(225)20318008	abidjan.reservation@accor.com	City View	107970	included
					View on the lagoon	116497	included
HOTEL NOVOTEL	XXX	Plateau	(225)20318008	abidjan.reservation@accor.com	City View	85995	included
					View on the logoon	96032	included



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Airport Transfers on arrival and departure

- All participants are requested to make arrangements with the hotel of their choice for an airport transfer. This should be offered as a complimentary service provided arrival details are received on time at the hotel.

Transportation during the week.

- From the above listed hotels there will be daily transfers to the AFDB. There will be two transfers from the hotel to the AFDB and three transfers from the AFDB to the hotels. On arrival, details on the timings will be available in the hotel area or from the information/reception area. (see contact details below)

Venue of the meeting:

The meetings will take place in the premises of the African development Bank in the AFDB Head Office, CCIA Building, Avenue Jean Paul II, Abidjan Plateau, Cote d' Ivoire

Access to the AFDB premises

To facilitate access to the AFDB premises at the Security gate, Visitor passes will be organized for each delegate to PIDA week. These will be handed out either at the hotel of your residence or on your entry to the shuttle buses. Please keep the badges with you as instructed to ensure your entry into the premises during this week. For more information see contact details below.

Registration

Registration desk will open on the morning of 13th November at the AFDB Head Office At CCIA Building, Avenue Jean Paul II, Abidjan Plateau. There will be directions and signage in the premises.

Translation facilities:

There will be simultaneous interpretation (French, English) during the meetings.

Lunch: Kindly refer to the programme. Lunch will be offered during the week as indicated in the programme. For dinner meals you are requested to arrange for this independently.

Networking: There will be networking opportunities during the week as well as during the cocktail events slotted in the programme.

Banking and currency

There are currency exchange office at Felix Houphouet Boigny Airport as well as in the proposed hotels. Credit cards are usually accepted and the local currency is:

1 Franc Cfa Beac (XAF) = ,00171 Dollars Americains (USD)

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1 Eur = 655,957 Franc Cfa XAF

Weather:

In mid- November, the temperatures are generally between 24 and 31 degrees.

Other information:

Please visit the below websites for more information:

<http://pidaweek.org>

<http://vpic.au-pida.org/>

www.au-pida.org

Further information will be provided during the events on matters arising. There will also be resource persons (hosts/hostesses) and an Information Centre on location at PIDA week to furnish you with updates.

Contact for logistical arrangements:

NPCA: Mrs. Toussainte Nadjé on email: pidaweek@nepad.org

Events Manager: Mrs. Fatimata Diarra on email: commercial2@dialprod.com;

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