



PIDA WEEK 2019

Positioning Africa to deliver on Agenda 2063 and economic integration through multi- sectoral approaches to infrastructure development

November 25 -29, 2019 | Cairo, Egypt



Dear Esteemed Delegate,

We look forward to welcoming you to Cairo for the 5th Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA) Week taking place from 25 – 29 November 2019. This year's PIDA Week will be hosted by the Government of Egypt, under the auspices of the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA). The theme of the Conference is "Positioning Africa to deliver on Agenda 2063 and economic integration through multi-sectoral approaches to infrastructure development".

Meeting Venue:

All session will be held at the Grand Nile Tower Hotel, Cairo. <https://grandniletower.com/>

Contacts: Telephone +202 2365 1234 : Email: info@grandniletower.com

Wi-Fi:

Wi-Fi facilities will be available in all meeting rooms. You will be able to connect to the network by using the password that will be made available during the conference.

Registration and Documentation:

Registration will commence on 25 November 2019 from 09:00 – 14:00. A registration desk will be set at the entrance of the main meeting room/at the registration centre. Please register at the desk in order to enable the organisers to issue badges. AUDA- NEPAD Agency will avail all related documentation for this meeting.

Language:

The language for the meeting is English, French and Arabic

Interpretation:

Interpretation will be provided in English, French and Arabic. Infrared receivers will be made available.

Dress Code:

The dress code for the conference is formal and smart casual.

Social media:

The PIDA Week is an interactive event, with outreach supported by a number of social media initiatives. Delegates are encouraged to share their ideas, views and insights through the following social networking sites using the hashtag #... For further media related information contact...

Coffee and lunch:

Coffee, light beverages and pastries will be available during the coffee breaks. Lunch will be offered to all participants on all meetings dates, from 1.00 pm to 2 pm. Dinner is at the cost of the delegates and they are welcome to visit restaurants within walking distance of the hotel at their personal expenses.

Visa Requirements:

Please note that No Visas will be issued on arrival. The Government of Egypt has advised all their Diplomatic Representations to facilitate the visa application process for all delegates attending the PIDA Week. All delegations that require Visas are therefore expected to apply for at their respective countries prior to travel. All delegates are expected to present relevant visa application documents, including the receipt issued from the online registration. Please note that citizens from the following African countries require a pre-approve from Cairo before visas can be issued.

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| 1. Libya | 11. Ethiopia |
| 2. Algeria | 12. Burundi |
| 3. Morocco | 13. Rwanda |
| 4. Tunis | 14. Liberia |
| 5. Mauritania | 15. Nigeria |
| 6. Comoros Islands | 16. Ghana |
| 7. Sudan | 17. Sierra Leone |
| 8. South Sudan | 18. Mali |
| 9. Somalia | 19. Niger |
| 10. Eritrea | 20. Chad |

Delegates from these nationalities are urged to apply for their visas in good time. All other African Citizens of African Countries also need visas but not pre-approval from Cairo.

Kindly visit your local Egyptian Embassy for Visa application as soon as possible. You may the link below for your specific country Egyptian Mission Representatives.

<https://www.embassy-worldwide.com/country/egypt/>

All delegates are require to confirm participation, please RSVP and register online using this link:

<https://pidaweek.app.rsvpify.com>

Once you receive your invitation letter and register online, please print your receipt and invitation letter and take it to the nearest Egyptian embassy.

Vaccination:

There is no risk of yellow fever in Egypt. The government of Egypt however requires proof of yellow fever vaccination only if you are arriving from a country with risk of yellow fever.

Hotel Booking:

The organisers will security accommodation bookings for all Sponsored Delegates. No advance reservations have been made for self-sponsored attending the Conference. These delegates are advised to make their own hotel reservations as soon as possible. AUDA-NEPAD and organisers have negotiated a special rate of US\$90 at the Grand Nile Tower Hotel. Alternatively, delegates may secure bookings at any of the following hotels which are conveniently located near the conference venue as follows.

No	Hotel	Contacts	Rate
1	Conrad Hotel	http://bit.ly/PIDAWEEK2019_ConradCairo Mr. Yousri Saleh Deputy Director of Sales at Conrad, Cairo if you have any challenges Yousri.Saleh@conradhotels.com	\$120
2	Marriot Hotel	T: +202.2728.3000 & +202.27351090 Sherif.Mostafa@marriott.com	\$150
3	Steigenberger Hotel El Tahrir	Tel.: +20 2 2575 0777. Fax: +20 2 2574 4333 Cairo.eltahrir@steigenberger.com www.eltahrir.steigenberger.com	\$110 and \$120

Transportation:

- The organisers have arranged for Airport shuttles to and from the airport to the Grand Nile Tower Hotel
- Should you Kindly fill out a form by clicking on the link PIDA Week 2019 - Travel Information and provide us with your travel information. We look forward to receiving the information by noon 21 November 2019.
- Should you be accommodated at an alternative hotel, kindly arrange airport directly with the hotel during reservations.

Getting into Cairo

The following are airlines fly directly into Cairo Airport:

- <https://www.skyscanner.net/flights-to/cai/airlines-that-fly-to-cairo-airport.html>
- <https://www.wego.co.za/airlines-to/cai/airlines-flying-to-cairo>
- South African Airways also has a direct flights to Cairo

The distance from the Cairo International Airport to the Grand Nile Tower Hotel is 20 km.

Weather

The weather in Cairo during November is at an average high temperatures ranging from 22°C - 25°C (71.60°F - 77°F)

Banking, currency and Pay-points:

The currency in Egypt is the Egyptian pound (LE). It is advisable not to change your money into Egyptian pounds before you travel to Egypt. You will get a better rate for dollars etc. in Egypt. Euros, dollars and sterling notes are accepted. However, your money will go much further if you change it to Egyptian pounds rather than spend your foreign currency on purchases. The best places to exchange money are the currency exchange shops or the banks, and there are many of these in all Egyptian cities. It is not a good idea to change foreign currency at reception desks in hotels or when paying in restaurants or shops as you will not get the bank rate.

Credit Cards -

Visa and Mastercard are accepted in most hotels and restaurants but because of the high fees charged for processing the cards most businesses prefer to be paid in cash. American Express is not as widely accepted. Where cards are accepted it is normal for the customer to pay the bank processing fee, which

can average around 3%. Since there is a culture of price competitiveness and bargaining in Egypt, shops, hotels, restaurants etc do not factor in credit card charges to the prices they quote.

ATM -

ATM machines are in all the major hotels and outside banks in the major towns in Egypt. Putting your money into your credit/debit card before you come and drawing it out at the ATM's is a good idea if you are worried about losing it.

Egyptian Currency

The Egyptian Currency comes in the following notes -

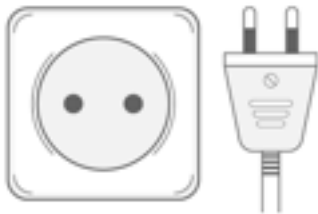
200 Le note	5 Le note
100 Le note	1 Le COIN
50 Le note	50 piastres coin = half of 1 Le
20 Le note	25 piastres coin = quarter of 1 Le
10 Le note	

Power plugs and electricity

In Egypt the power sockets are of type C and F



The following are alternative plugs:



Emergency telephone numbers in Cairo

- Medical emergencies and ambulance
- General emergencies/police
- Fire service

Further tips on how to get the best from your Egypt trip can be found at Egypt Travel Guide.

Contact for logistical arrangements:

For any enquires about the Meeting logistics, please contact FloreK@nepad.org or pidaweek@nepad.org.

We wish you safe travels and look forward to hosting you in Cairo and to your participation.

