High Level Meeting for Ministers of Gender on Implementation and Monitoring of the Women, Peace and Security Commitments in the Great Lakes

Protea Hotel by Marriott Entebbe 36-40 Sebugwawo Drive, Entebbe Road Entebbe, Uganda 21- 23 November 2018

Logistics Note

Meeting Location:

The High-Level Meeting for Ministers of Gender will take place at *Protea Hotel by Marriott* Entebbe. This luxurious 4-star resort hotel is ideally located on the glistening shores of Lake Victoria and a convenient 1km from the Entebbe airport. (see map below). Lunch will be served on all days. Coffee and tea breaks will also be served throughout our proceedings.

Meeting Times:

- 21 to 22 November 2018, <u>Technical Level Meeting</u> 8:30AM 5:00PM Protea Hotel by Marriott Entebbe
- 23 November 2018, <u>Meeting of Ministers of Gender</u> 8:30AM 5:00PM Protea Hotel by Marriott Entebbe

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided during the meeting in the following languages; English, Arabic, French and Portuguese.

Travel:

It is the responsibility of participants to ensure that they are in possession of all necessary visas and transit visas for your travel to and from Uganda. Participants who are nationals of or have permanent residence permit in one of the eligible countries can apply for e-Visa. Please check the following official visa website to see the eligibility and requirements and apply online via https://visas.immigration.go.ug

Those who do not require visas: Kindly note that the following COMESA and East African Community countries do not require visas: Angola, Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania and Zambia, Tanzania. Visas will be gratis for those in possession of diplomatic IDs.

Yellow fever vaccination: Visitors coming into Uganda must possess valid yellow fever vaccination certificates. In the country, itself, precautions are needed against malaria fever, which is common in some places.

Hotel:

OSESG has blocked off several rooms as per below; *Protea Entebbe*: Heads of Delegation and VIPs *Best Western Hotel Entebbe*: Secretariat, Grantees, 12 Regional Women's Forum members and 12 Country experts.

Lake Heights Entebbe: Translation team and non-governmental organisations Reservations will be sent directly to the participants from the various hotels.



Airport Transports:

Each hotel will provide airport transfers for participants. Participants should share their itineraries with Catherine Njeru (catherine.njeru@un.org) to enable pick up by the hotel. Best Western Hotel Entebbe and Lake Heights Entebbe will provide a daily shuttle service to the meeting venue, Protea Hotel by Marriott Entebbe.

Meals:

Breakfasts will be included in your hotel reservation. During the meeting, morning and afternoon coffee breaks and a full lunch will be provided. For dinner, there are several options at a walking distance from the hotel.

Weather:

November is relatively warm. Temperatures range from 18°C at night to 28°C during the day Delegates are advised to plan their wardrobes accordingly.



Language: The official languages are English and Swahili

Time Zone: Standard Time in Uganda is three hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT +3) hours throughout the year.

Currency: The local currency is the Uganda shilling (UGX.). The current average exchange rates are (approximately)UGX 3700 = US\$ 1. Bureau de change facilities are widely available. Credit cards are not widely used in Uganda. There is however no restriction on the amount of foreign currency that may be brought into the country.

Voltage: The Uganda power grid uses 240 volts AC 50 Hertz. Wall sockets rectangular three pronged. Electricity suppl. Delegates are advised to bring adapters.

Banking hours: Are from 0900hrs to 1600hrs on weekdays and from 0330hrs to 1300hrs on Saturdays.

Communications: The following Ugandan mobile telephone service providers are available; MTN, Airtel, Afri cell and UTL. Mobile telephone service providers also provide gateway to internet using GPRS or 3G. Cell phone sim cards are widely available. However, every sim card user in Uganda is expected by law to be registered for activation. The sim card can be registered at the point of purchase, passport is required for sim card activation

Further program questions:

If you have any further questions on the program, please contact;

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