



# Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals

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## Workshop on Sustainable Land Use in West Africa: National and International Policy Responses that Deliver for Migratory Birds and People

Abuja, Nigeria; 24 – 26 November 2016

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### FACT SHEET FOR PARTICIPANTS

#### Meeting dates and venue

The Workshop on Sustainable Land Use in West Africa: National and International Policy Responses that Deliver for Migratory Birds and People will take place from 24-26 November 2016 at the Hotel de Bently, Abuja, Nigeria.

#### Venue address

Hotel De Bently,  
892 Ngozi Okonjo Iweala Way  
Utako  
Abuja  
[www.hoteldebently.com](http://www.hoteldebently.com)

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> and Friday 25<sup>th</sup> will be dedicated to the working sessions and Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> to a field trip.

Working sessions will start at 09:00 and end at approximately 18:00.

#### Language

The working language will be English

#### Field Trip

The Ministry of Environment of Nigeria is organizing an excursion. Information concerning the meeting point and transportation will be given to participants during the working sessions.

Remember to wear the right clothes and shoes (a rain jacket, long and light trousers and hiking shoes). It would be advisable to take a mosquito repellent and a bottle of water.

#### Requirements for Travel

**Visa:** Nationals of all countries except member countries of ECOWAS (Economic Community of West African States) require entry visas.

The link to request visa online is here: <https://portal.immigration.gov.ng>

Please consult the above link to collect and present the requested documents for visa application.

Participants that need a Note Verbale letter to support visa application should contact [ximena.cancino@cms.int](mailto:ximena.cancino@cms.int)

**Passport validity:** Six months remaining validity upon entry.

**Vaccinations:** Proof of yellow fever vaccination will be required at the Nigerian airport of arrival. Yellow fever, malaria, hepatitis A and typhoid are a risk in Nigeria, so please obtain the travel vaccines and medicines accordingly.

### Accommodation

**All participants are kindly requested to make their own hotel booking.** Rooms with a negotiated rate have been blocked in the hotel, where the meeting is taking place: Hotel de Bently. Because of security reasons, we strongly recommend our meeting participants to stay in the hotel of the meeting venue.

### HOTEL DE BENTLY

892 Ngozi Okonjo Iweala Way, Utako Abuja

[www.hoteldebently.com](http://www.hoteldebently.com)

Single Room (Deluxe Room) including breakfast: US\$70.-

Telephone: 234- 9 - 290 7185

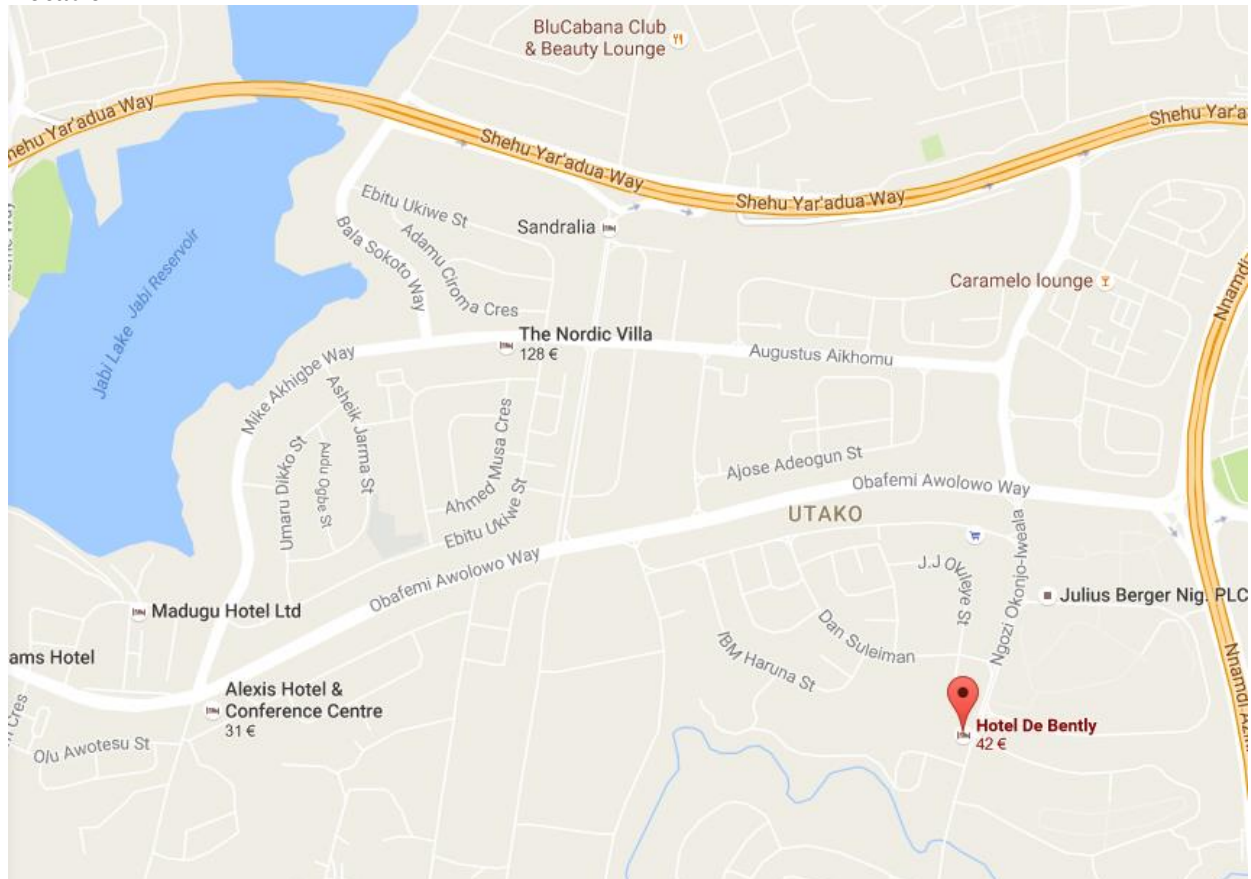
Email: [reservation@hoteldebently.com](mailto:reservation@hoteldebently.com); [info@hoteldebently.com](mailto:info@hoteldebently.com)

This four-star hotel is within close proximity of National Hospital Abuja and Nigerian National Mosque.

**The hotel offers transfers from the Airport:** Guests must contact the hotel with arrival details before travel, using the contact information on the booking confirmation.

Airport shuttle fee: NGN 5,000 (US\$15) per room (one way)

### Location



### **Arrival at the Airport:**

Abuja Airport, known as Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport, is the main airport that serves the Federal Capital Territory. It is a public airport operated by Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria (FAAN).

The Abuja Airport is located about 20.2 km / 12 minutes from the Hotel de Bently.

**Services:** Abuja Airport has spacious and comfortable departure lounges both at the international terminal and at the domestic terminals. There are also several eateries within the airport. You will also find shops where you can buy books, newspapers and other minor items.

### **Taxis to and from the airport**

**AIRPORT CABS** - There are organized and registered airport cabs which can take you from the airport to the city center or any of the neighboring towns. The price for cab to the city center is between NGN3,000 (about US\$20) to NGN5,000 (about US\$30) depending on where you are going. Most taxi drivers accept US dollars.

Only take Nnamdi Azikiwe Airport taxis directly outside the arrivals hall, otherwise you could be stepping into a pirate taxi (not registered) and could be the victim of a scam.

**Transportation:** Although much less chaotic and stressful than Lagos, it is still not recommended that travelers drive themselves around Abuja. Tourists to Abuja who will be doing a great deal of travelling around the city should look into hiring a private driver along with a rental car. The pre-planned nature of the city's design and its relative compactness make certain areas easy to explore on foot, but this should not be done alone or after dark.

Private taxis in Abuja are generally safe; motorcycle taxis (okada) tend to be less so. Visitors may find that taxi drivers in Abuja are not always familiar with all parts of the city; it is a good idea to carry a good map and to point out your desired destination to your driver.

Read more: <http://www.wordtravels.com/#ixzz4LMCoRmDz>

**Prevention:** Take a basic first aid kit, protect yourself against mosquitos, only drink bottled water and avoid eating raw vegetables.

**Electricity:** Electrical current is 230 volts, 50Hz. Plug types in use are D/G



**Currency:** The official currency is the naira (NGN) and it is subdivided into 100 Kobo.

Exchange **1US\$: 300– 400NGN**  
**1€: 350 – 450 NGN**

Nigeria is mainly a cash economy although the use of credit and debit cards is increasing - especially in the larger cities. If you intend to use cash, make sure you bring enough foreign currency to cover costs. It is illegal to change money on the street and travelers' cheques are difficult to cash. Credit card fraud is common, so take care if using your card. You should take advice from your card issuer before travelling, if you intend to use your credit or debit card in Nigeria.

**Telephone communications:** The country code for Nigeria is +234 and for Abuja is 9.

**Emergency numbers:** 112 and 199 general emergency phone numbers (police, fire or ambulance).