

General information for participants: IPW 2017 in Tamale, Ghana

The city of Tamale

Tamale is the capital city of the Northern Region of Ghana with an estimated population of 360, 579 according to the 2010 population census and covering an estimated area of 750km². Tamale is reputed to be one of the fastest growing cities in West Africa. Due to its central location, Tamale serves as a hub for all administrative and commercial activities in the Northern Region.



Regional map of Ghana

Key:  City of interest

Climate

Tamale features a tropical wet and dry climate and experiences one rainy season from April to October with a peak in July and August. By May, the period of the IPW, daily mean temperature is estimated to be about 28.6 degrees Celsius. It is generally warm in Tamale during May, with average day temperature as 34 DegCelcius, whilst night temperature is 23 Degree Celcius

Visa and Immigration Requirements

All foreigners seeking permission to enter Ghana require Ghana entry Visa unless otherwise exempted. For instance, members of ECOWAS countries do not require Visa to enter Ghana. Entry visas are obtained from any Ghana Embassy, High Commission or Consulate abroad. Where Ghana has no Consular or Diplomatic representation, entry may be issues on arrival, if the Director of Immigration has prior notification from travellers. For further information, please check the Ghana Immigration Service website: www.ghanaimmigration.org/visa_infor.html

ACDEP will obtain the necessary letters from Ghana Immigration Service for those participants who need to get a visa on arrival.

Health requirements

The Government of Ghana requires proof of Yellow fever vaccination for all travellers to Ghana. Be sure to receive your immunization at least ten (10) days before entering the country. Furthermore, hepatitis A and typhoid vaccinations are strongly recommended as well as Malaria prevention medication.

International Flights

Participants are expected to make their own international flight arrangements to Kotoka International airport in Accra. Kotoka International airport consists of two passenger terminals, labelled as Terminal 1 and Terminal 2. Terminal 1 serves primarily domestic and regional operations, while Terminal 2 serves primarily international operations. The terminals are connected by an internal walkway. Please, contact the grounds staff for advice if you need assistance to navigate. Depending on the flight time of participants, you may have to make arrangement for overnight sleepover in Accra because there are no domestic flights from Accra to Tamale beyond 15:00. Where necessary, you may need to contact: +23324777442/267773377 or mcpervarah@acdep.org/mcpervarah@yahoo.com to arrange hotel booking and airport shuttle. Accommodation rates, with breakfast inclusive, at YiriLodge, located in the University of Ghana in Legon, are as follows:

Accommodation	Rate (GHc)
suite	350.00
Double Room	280.00
Twin Room(double occupancy)	250.00
Twin Room (single occupancy)	140.00
Single Room	210.00

Domestic Flights

Accra – Tamale –Accra (**Return Ticket**)

Airline	Fare	Flight Schedules	
		Accra – Tamale : Dep	Tamale – Accra : Dep
African World	GHC 770.00 – 1,000	6:30 am	8:00 am
		11:30 am	1:00 pm
		3:40 pm	5:10 pm
Starbow		8:45 am	10:30 am
		1:15 pm	3:00 pm

ACDEP will dispatch a vehicle to pick up participants upon arrival at the Tamale airport to the University for Development Studies (UDS) Conference Centre. Please watch out for PROLINNOVA welcoming sign outside the airport terminal. Please, contact +23324777442/267773377 if you are unable to locate the driver assigned to pick you.

Currency

The currency of Ghana is cedis. There are paper notes and coins. The paper denominations include 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, and 50 cedis, while the coin denominations are 5, 10, 20, 50, and 1 cedis. The exchange rates against major currencies are:

Currency	Buying (GHc)	Selling (GHc)
CFA	-	0.0072
EURO	4.5085	4.7290
Pound sterling	5.2155	5.4700
US DOLLAS	4.2000	4.4050

There are a number of commercial Banks in the city of Tamale. Notable among them include Stanbic Bank, Standard Chartered Bank, Barclays Bank, Ecobank, SocieteGenrale,etc. All of these banks operate ATM which accepts VISA, Electron, and Master Cards.

Accommodation

Accommodation is arranged for participants at the UDS Conference Centre. The hotel has the following facilities: air condition, ceiling fans, individual water heater, writing desk, table top fridge, Television (DSTV), wireless internet connectivity, and telephone. The hotel is about 6km from the central business centre of Tamale. The hotel rates including bed and breakfast are as follows:

Accommodation	Rate (GHc)
Presidential suite	300.00
Executive Suite	150.00
Executive Standard	120.00
Standard Room	90.00
Standard Twin (two occupancy)	135.00
Room for the physically challenged	120.00

If you wish to upgrade this at your own cost, please let us know.

Meeting Venue

The 2017 IPW will be held at the University for Development International Conference Centre in Tamale, Ghana. Two conference halls have been booked for the event. The big hall is slated for the opening session and market place, while the second conference hall is earmarked for the technical sessions.

Meals

Meals (lunch & dinner) and snacks will be provided during the meetings, as well as water. ACDEP has booked a package with UDS for GhC 100 per participant per day for the duration of the IPW. The package comprise of: two (2) snack breaks (i.e. with one cocktail item – tea, coffee, mineral or fruit juice); water (i.e. 2 small size bottles per person); buffet lunch with small size water per person; buffet dinner with small size water per person; and Conference logistics (i.e. pen, notepad, marker, flipchart, and internet service). **Self-financed participants** will make payment to ACDEP and receive a receipt.

Please let us know if you require specific dietary requirements, as this may require prior arrangement.

Dinner outside the UDS Conference Centre is possible but has to be arranged by participants themselves.

Other expense

No per diems will be paid to participants: you will have to cover any other costs yourself.

Field visit

An optional field trip is planned to visit PROLI-FaNS project site to interact with innovators. The cost is estimated at Euro 25.00 per participant who wishes to join the trip. This cost includes water, snack and transport.

Electricity

Electricity supply is 220 volt AC 50 Hz. Bring an adapter for the proper plug configuration. Both round 2-pronged and rectangular 3-pronged plug sockets are in use.

Mobile communication

There are a number of mobile communication networks operating in the city of Tamale. These include Vodafone, MTN, Airtel, and Tigo.

Medical services

There are many private and government medical centres where you can get medical services whenever needed. At any time, the IPW organising committee and the hotel can make arrangements, including a vehicle. Simply can one of the organisers (phone number given above) or go to the reception of the centre. The costs of medical help would have to be borne by the participants themselves.