

FSC Business Encounter in Libreville - Gabon

19th June 2018

PRACTICAL INFORMATIONS

GETTING IN LIBREVILLE– SPECIAL CASE OF REPUBLIC OF GABON – E-VISA

A visa or a derogation letter and a passport valid are usually required to enter Gabon.

IMPORTANT – IMPORTANT:

Gabon has simplified the issuance of visa.

Each visitor can now apply to get an e-visa by Internet here:

<https://evisa.dgdi.ga/#/apply>

You'll have to provide the name of a contact person in Gabon, you can provide the following name;

LE MERIDIEN RE-NDAMA

Phone number: 01 79 32 00

You will receive confirmation of the issuance of your e-visa 7 after. You'll print this confirmation and will be allowed to travel/

At your arrival at Libreville International Airport, FSC Congo Basin Office will welcome you at the airport (at the Frontier Police) – under the reserve that you sent your flight schedule information by advance.

For the attendants subsidized by FSC, FSC Congo Basin office will pay for your visa upon their arrivals.

For the attendants who pay their accommodation and travels costs, the visa costs 55.000 XAF (payable also in Euro currency, not by Visa Card).

A **book of international health vaccination against Yellow Fever** is required upon arrival at the Gabonese territory. If you don't present your international certificate: you'll have to be inoculated a second time by sanitarian authorities and will be charged for it.

There are several embassies in Gabon: USA, France, Belgium, China, Germany, Italia, Cameroon, Sénégal, Mali, Ghana...

TRANSPORTATION

From Paris Charles-de-Gaulle, **Air France** connects Libreville once a day (Flight AF 976).

Departure from Paris at 10:35 arrival in Brazzaville at 17:25 + 1 hour for formalities (Temperature screening, yellow fever vaccination checking and boundaries police control)
Departure from Libreville at 23:45 arrival in Paris at 06:50.

From Asia-Pacific Region, the easiest way to get in Gabon is to pass via Nairobi (KQ) or Addis Ababa (Ethiopian Airlines). Be careful, routing possibilities could require to arrive several days before to attend the meeting and change all the time.



Upon arrival at Libreville International Airport, a shuttle from the hotel will pick you up to transport you to **Re-Ndama Le Méridien Hotel** where you are booked (**20 minutes from the Airport**). The address and telephone number of the hotel are: **+241 79 32 00**. FSC Congo Basin Office will also welcome you at the airport.

LOCATION VENUE:

LE MERIDIEN - RE-NDAMA

Quartier Glass Centre-ville, Libreville, Gabon

Libreville – République du Gabon

Website. <http://www.limeridienrendama.com/>

All the logistics will be supervised by FSC Congo Basin Office.

An agent mandated for the event will welcome the attendants at the [Libreville airport](#).

SAFETY AND LOCAL TRANSPORTATION



Libreville is a generally a safe city during the day. Tourists can walk around all day. At night, it is strongly recommended to use taxis from a place to another and to avoid walking along the streets.

Taxis are available at any time, and cost EUR 5 to 10 for a single trip except from and to the airport (EUR 12,00). You will have to negotiate the price before. Usually, taxis don't issue any receipt.

ACCOMMODATION



FSC will host the Gabonese events at [Hotel Re-Ndama Méridien](#) located downtown. It's a five stars hotel (SPG Group), with all the facilities (swimming pool, tennis, fitness center, spa, high debit internet connection, business center, bar and restaurant). Conference rooms will be available for close meetings and formal events.

Contact person for booking: Amie Sophie Itoua Obiang – Commercial Assistant 1
+241 01 74 29 24 - amie.itoua@limeridien.com

Negotiated price:

- 1 Room Queen size bed breakfast included for 01 pers): 74.000 XAF (113 €)

Your booking shall be confirmed by Visa or Mastercard.

MEETING AND CONFERENCE ROOM



Work will take place in the Conference Rooms of Méridien Hotel following the program adopted.

Good audio conference systems + translation English-french available (including loudspeakers), enabling staff presentations which are often held via internet or telephone. Technical and service staff available to help with technical problems, photocopying, or other business functions, etc.

Drinking water, tea and coffee (caffeinated & decaf) provided during the meetings. Possibilities to go outside during breaks.

COFFEE BREAK & LUNCH



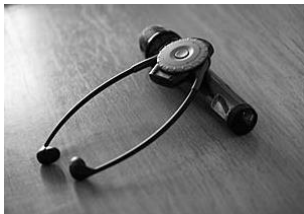
FSC will organize coffee/tea breaks and lunches at **Hotel Re-Ndama Meridien**.

Dinners (informal) could be held, simply suggest and we'll plan!



CELL PHONES

Roaming works with most of international cellular networks providers, Local SIM cards could be bought at Libreville International Airport (cheaper also to call abroad than using roaming). 4G network is available.



LANGUAGES

The official language in **Republic of Gabon** is **French**, and only very few people speak English.

The working languages of the conference will be English and French with Governments and others stakeholders.

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided during stakeholder day.



COST OF LIVING

Cost of living is almost the same than in a European cities (20-30 EUR for a meal) except in local restaurant (10-15 EUR for a meal). Tips are common and not fixed.



ELECTRICITY

In Gabon, the standard voltage is 220 volts AC. 50Hz and plugs type E (European Standards sockets) are used.

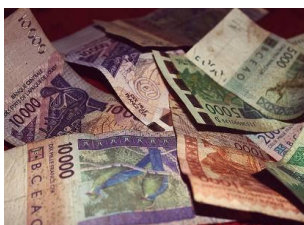
Participants from countries using 110V- volt AC will need an adapter to use their electrical equipment.



WEATHER AND TIME ZONE

In June, average temperatures range from a maximum of 34°C and a minimum of 22°C. November is in the middle of the second raining season of the year.

Local time zone : GMT+01 – West Central Africa.



CURRENCY

The currency (change) of Gabon is the CFA franc (francs of the financial cooperation of Africa). It is also the currency of the zone CEMAC including Congo, Cameroon, Gabon, Chad, Equatorial Guinea and Central African Republic.

On March 15th 2016, the exchange rate was:

1 € = 655,957 FCFA (Fixed rate)



CREDIT CARD

The most accepted credit card is **VISA or Mastercard**. Identification (passport) is required for signature payment. However, it is strongly recommended to have at any time small amounts of cash itself. In generaly, payments are made in cash only.

There is an ATM at the ground floor of the airport (arrival desk), delivering Francs CFA.

Hotel Méridien could also manage for you to exchange EURO or USD with Francs CFA.

HEALTH & MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

EBOLA

EBOLA: Gabon is not concerned by recent epidemic outbreaks of EBOLA virus.

MALARIA AND VACCINATION REQUIRED



Travelers should start the day before travelling (or in the airplane) a prophylactic treatment (MALARONE or DOXYCICLINE preferably). A Center for Tropical Diseases will give travelers relevant advices and prescription.

Insect repellent and lotions are needed (specification: highly infested countries / tropical areas).

Yellow Fever vaccination is mandatory to enter in Republic of Gabon.

Hostpitals and Clinics :

Clinique El Rapha +241 01 74 31 40 Open 24h/24

[Site Web](#)

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- **CABINET DE GROUPE**. Montagne Sainte + 241 01 74 31 31 / +241 01 74 32 32



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