



## National workshop related to the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes: Niger's accession process 2 – 3 March 2023 Niamey, Niger

### PRACTICAL INFORMATION



#### WORKSHOP DETAILS

##### Provisional organization of work

The **National workshop related to the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes: Niger's accession process** will start at 9 a.m. on Thursday **2 March** and will end at 4.00 p.m. on Friday **3 March** 2023. It will be held at **Radisson Blu Hotel & Conference Center** (2–3 March 2023 Niamey, Niger).

##### Format of the event and documents

All official sessions during the workshop will be organised in the form of a plenary.

##### Working language

The working language at the workshop will be French and English.

Internet access to documents will be provided during the meeting.



#### MEETING VENUE AND REGISTRATION

##### Meeting venue

The venue is: **Radisson Blu Hotel & Conference Center**, Bd. de la Republique, Niamey, Niger.

## **Registration of participants**

Welcome and registration desk will be open at Radisson Blu Hotel & Conference Center on **2 March**, from **7 a.m. to 8.30 a.m.**

At the registration desks, participants will receive their identity badges.



## **FINANCIAL SUPPORT / TRANSPORTATION (FOR NATIONAL ELIGIBLE EXPERTS)**

**Participants travelling to Niamey** will be offered financial support. This financial support will cover the transportation to Niamey, and a payment of the daily subsistence allowance (UN rate for Niamey, Niger) to cover all other costs related to your travel (accommodation, local transportation).

Kindly note that the official travel dates are as follows:

- Arrival date in Niamey: 1 March 2022
- Departure from Niamey: 3 March 2022

Any additional costs incurred for a private deviation shall be paid by the traveller.

**Participants living in Niamey** will be offered a transport allowance to ease their transportation to the venue.

Disbursement of DSAs and transport allowance will take place at the venue on day 2 (Friday 3 March). Participants will need to register each day and they will also need to share their IDs.



## **ACCOMMODATION**

Participants are responsible for booking and covering the costs of their accommodation.



## **VISA AND IMMIGRATION REQUIREMENTS**

All visitors need a valid passport to travel to the Niger. Participants should process their entry visa before travel from diplomatic and consular representations of the Niger abroad.



## **CATERING**

### **Lunch /Coffee break**

During the workshop coffee/tea breaks and lunch will be provided at the venue on both 2 and 3 March.

### **Reception (2 March 2023)**

A **reception dinner** will be held on 2 March 2023 at the workshop hotel venue.



## HEALTH CARE RESOURCES

You should ensure that your vaccinations are up to date at least four-to-six weeks before travelling to the Niger. Vaccination against yellow fever is mandatory. Please check the validity of your vaccination card and update it accordingly.

There are numerous hospitals and clinics at which participants may seek medical assistance, including the following:

<b>1. Clinique Magori</b> Dr. Ali Adda Dr. Tope (English-speaking) 80-00-30-05 89-39-57-20 20-74-12-91	<b>2. Clinique Gamkalley</b> Dr. Fentin Gbaguidi 20-73-20-33 20-73-46-39	<b>3. Clinique Olivia</b> Dr. Susan Beebout (internist) 94-98-43-54	<b>4. Tafadek Dental Clinic</b> Dr. Any Ango Dr. Corrine Mayaki Dr. Nadine Traoré Daouda Prof. Diouf Joseph 20-73-20-34
<b>5. Clinique Lumière Ophthalmology</b> Dr. Soumana Yacouba 94-34-03-88 20-36-03-88	<b>6. Hôpital National de Niamey</b> 20-72-23-26 20-72-22-53	<b>7. Centre Hospitalier Universitaire – Lamordé</b> 20-31-68-78	<b>8. Maternité Centrale Gazoby</b> 20-73-35-50 20-73-37-19

### Coronavirus disease vaccination and testing

Participants are invited to follow the recommendations issued by the World Health Organization (WHO) regarding the prevention of COVID-19. However, the conditions for entering and leaving the Niger by air have been simplified as follows:

Upon arrival	Upon departure
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For vaccinated travellers whose last dose is at least 4 weeks old, the COVID-19 PCR test is no longer required</li> <li>For travellers who have not been vaccinated or who have not provided proof of vaccination, the last dose of which dates back at least 4 weeks, the COVID-19 PCR test is required</li> <li>Participants will be required to present their proof of vaccination or COVID-19 PCR test results upon arrival at the airport.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For any traveller presenting proof of vaccination, for which the last dose dates back at least 4 weeks, the COVID-19 PCR test is no longer required</li> <li>For any traveller who has not been vaccinated or who has not provided proof of vaccination, the last dose of which dates back at least 4 weeks, the COVID-19 PCR test is required</li> </ul>

If you show symptoms of COVID-19 (fever, cough, headache, muscle pain), you must isolate yourself as soon as possible in your hotel room and notify the organizers, who will inform the health authorities.



## OTHER PRACTICAL INFORMATION

### Internet access

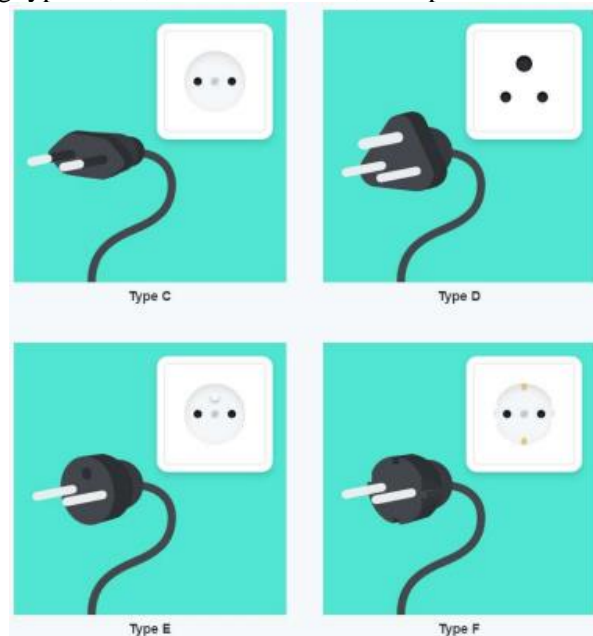
WiFi is available at the venue Hotel. The access code will be provided at venue.

### Currency

The official currency in the Niger is the West African CFA franc. One United States dollar is equal to approximately 615.50 CFA. Credit and debit cards, such as American Express, Diners Club, MasterCard and Visa, are accepted in the Niger. ATMs are also available.

### Electricity supply and voltage

The electricity supply in Niger is 230 V with a frequency of 50 Hz and alternating current (AC). The sockets have 13-amp breakers. Plug types C, D, E and F are used, as depicted below.



## SECURITY ADVISORY

Niamey is a relatively safe city for travelers. All hotels and meeting venues will be monitored by the local police. Having said that, visitors are **advised to remain cautious and to adhere to the following guidelines:**

- Maintain a low profile
- Stay alert and vigilant
- Do not go anywhere alone to the extent possible
- Do not go out at night
- Do not be at the wrong place at the wrong time

**While you are at the meeting venues, please adhere to the following guidelines:**

- Wear your conference badge visibly and show it to any authorized person who asks to see it
- Do not leave bags and parcels unattended, as they may be confiscated and destroyed
- Do not bring unauthorized individuals (including children) into the meeting venues
- Look after your valuables
- Check that you have all your documents and personal items before you leave the conference halls and meeting rooms

**When you are in your hotel, please follow the safety advice below:**

- Upon entering and leaving your room, make sure that you have locked the door
- Before leaving the room, make sure that no money, jewelry, cameras or other valuables are visible
- Deposit valuables or portable items at the reception desk and obtain a receipt, or secure your valuables in your hotel room safe



## **ABOUT NIAMEY, NIGER**

### **General information**

Niamey is the capital and largest city of the Niger. It is primarily situated on the east bank of the Niger River. In a country with the world's highest fertility rate, the city's population has grown rapidly, caused in part by an influx of people seeking employment or fleeing drought in rural areas. Owing to population trends, a majority of the city's residents are young people. The city is located in the country's pearl millet growing region, while manufacturing features the production of bricks, ceramics, cement and woven goods.

A major attraction in the city is the National Boubou Hama Museum, which includes a zoo, a museum of vernacular architecture and dress, a craft center, and exhibits featuring dinosaur skeletons and the remains of the Tree of Ténéré. Other places of interest include the American, French and Nigerien cultural centers, seven major markets (including the Niamey Grand Market), a traditional wrestling arena, and a horse racing track. Most of the colorful pottery sold in Niamey is hand-made in the nearby village of Boubon.

### **Climate**

The climate of Niamey is hot and semi-arid, with an annual expected rainfall of between 500 mm and 750 mm. Most of the rainfall occurs between late June and mid-September. There is practically no rain from October to April. Niamey is remarkably hot throughout the year. In fact, it is one of the hottest major cities on the planet. Average monthly high temperatures reach 38 °C (100 °F) four months out of the year, and in no month do average high temperatures fall below 32 °C (90 °F). During the dry season, in particularly from November through February, nights are generally cool.

### **Time zone**

The time zone is **UTC+2** all year long.

### **National languages**

The official language of the Niger is French. Hausa, which is spoken by half the country's population, is the most widely spoken national language. The Niger has nine other officially recognized national languages, namely, Arabic, Buduma, Fulfulde, Gourmanchéma, Kanuri, Zarma/Songhai, Tamasheq, Tassawaq and Tebu.



## CONTACTS

### Contact person:

#### **Water Convention Secretariat**

Mr. Komlan Sangbana, Legal Officer, Secretariat of the Water Convention, UNECE.

Mobile: +33787631619 (WhatsApp only)

Email: [komlan.sangbana@un.org](mailto:komlan.sangbana@un.org)

Ministry of Hydraulics and Sanitation

M. Chaibou Tankari

Mobile: + 227 92 56 18 20

Email: [chaiboutan@yahoo.fr](mailto:chaiboutan@yahoo.fr)

M. Rabe Sanoussi

Mobile: + 227 9659 2204

Email: [rsanoussi2001@yahoo.fr](mailto:rsanoussi2001@yahoo.fr)