

PRELIMINARY INFORMATION Local Arrangements Committee

2nd Symposium of the ICTM Study Group on African Musics
August 9 – 13, University of Ghana, Legon

<http://afmusgroup.beaconpros.com>; <https://ictmusic.org/group/african-musics>

- **Currency / Exchange Rates***

1 Euro = GHc 5.42

1 USD = GHc 4.53

*The exchange rate may change so kindly be updated before making any transaction (<http://xe.com>)

- **Symposium registration fees****

International delegates \$100

Local delegate GHc 80

**Students will be offered a discounted registration fee of 50% across board.

Registration fees include the cost of symposium materials, coffee breaks and lunch

- **Travel information:**

Entry requirements and Visa information for Immigration requirement

Persons entering Ghana must possess a valid passport or Travel document that establishes their identity. Delegates who require visa to enter Ghana should contact the respective Ghanaian Consulate in their countries with the exception of **ECOWAS, Kenya, Tanzania and Singaporean nationals who can obtain visa on arrival**. Kindly note that delegates may be refused entry on a passport that is due to expire within six months of departure date. Also ensure you have all the documentation you require to travel when applying for a Ghanaian visa:

- A valid passport with expiry date of at least six (6) months from date of travel
- Application forms (in quadruplicate) fully completed in BLOCK CAPITALS
- Four (4) recent passport size photographs
- An international certificate of vaccination for yellow fever
- A return ticket or flight confirmation from a travel agency
- An invitation letter with a copy of a photo ID

If applying for visa at the Ghana diplomatic mission abroad, you can quote the reference of the LAC chair

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- **Arrival**

Delegates are advised to plan for Kotoka International Airport (KIA, **airport code is ACC**) in Accra to be their arrival and departure destination. Taxi services are available at the arrival section of the airport to accommodation (duration, 15 – 30 minutes depending on traffic situation). Taxi to accommodation cost approximately GHc 20-40 per trip.

Local transportation – the Department of Music is housed in the School of Performing Arts, which is located next to the old main entrance of the university. (Direct drivers/taxis to find this entrance by mentioning “opposite the Legon Police Station”) The venue of the symposium is within walking distance (10-15 minutes) from accommodation on campus. However there are campus taxi services (GHc 5-8 per trip). Taxi service from hotels around campus cost approximately GHc 10-20 per trip depending on the distance.

- **Accommodation**

There are two options. Delegates can either stay on or around the university campus. On campus, there are two guesthouses as well as affordable students hostels either to share or single occupancy. Delegates who opt to stay off campus may choose from an array of hotels and guesthouses around Legon. Delegates are responsible for securing their own accommodation for the symposium.

We suggest accommodations with a range of prices:

On campus

- **University of Ghana Guest Center**

- Approximately 7 minutes drive and about 25 minutes walk from the main symposium venue – School of Performing Arts. It has WIFI.
 - Flats (two beds in a room with a sitting room area)
 - New Flats
 - Single occupancy – GHc 320 per night
 - Double occupancy – GHc 360 per night
 - Bed Sitters (two beds in a room)
 - Single occupancy – GHc 240 per night
 - Double occupancy – GHc 280 per night
 - Mode of payment is cash on arrival. Kindly note that the university of Ghana Guest Center does not accept foreign currency for payment. It accepts only Ghana Cedis. Please check rate of exchange of your currency to Ghana Cedis at an exchange service at the time of reservation. Tel. +233 289500184, +233 288512513, Email: guestcentre@gmail.com

- **Yiri Lodge**

- Approximately 7 minutes drive and about 25 minutes walk from the main symposium venue – School of Performing Arts. It has cable Internet access in rooms.
 - Old site
 - Single occupancy - \$50 per night
 - Double occupancy (twin beds) - \$80 per night
 - New site
 - Single occupancy - \$70 per night
 - Double occupancy - \$100 per night
 - Executive suite - \$120 per night
 - Mode of payment is by cash, bank transfer or company cheque (personal cheques and credit card payments are not accepted). Tel. +233 302513386/7, Email: yirilodge@gmail.com

- **Volta Hall**

- On campus Guest Rooms – 5 rooms in all with double bed and opened to sharing.
 - GHC 100 – per night
- Mode of payment is by cash on arrival. Contact Salomey +233 24 3585334

Off campus

- **Erata hotel**

- Located at Okponglo, East Legon and approximately 12 minutes drive from the main symposium venue – the School of Performing Arts (SPA). It is a 3 star hotel and has Internet wireless access.
 - Single occupancy - \$110/120 per night
 - Double occupancy - \$130/140 per night
- Mode of payment is either by cash or Visa, Master & American Express credit cards. Tel. +233 544336761, +233 302505119, Email: info@eratahotel.com, www.eratahotel.com

- **Mensvic Grand hotel**

- Located at East Legon and approximately 15 minutes drive from the main symposium venue – the School of Performing Arts (SPA). It is a 3-star hotel and has Internet wireless access.
 - Single occupancy - \$140
 - Double occupancy - \$180
 - Twin (two separate beds) - \$220
- Mode of payment is either by cash or Visa, Master & American Express credit cards (all cards attract 6% bank charge). Tel. +233 302521634, +233 201617807, Email: info@mensvichotels.com, www.mensvichotels.com

- **Ghana Registered Nurses Association (GRNA) Hostel**

- Located about 2 miles south of Legon Campus, near Ghana Standards Board – Gulf house and adjacent to G.S. Plaza Hotel.
 - Single – GHC 141
 - Double – GHC 177
 - E mail: info@ghananurses.org; Web: <http://www.ghananurses.org>
- **It is possible for two to share a single room. Contact front desk - +233 302 500068**

- **Highbridge Guest House**

The Highbridge Guest Lodge is a charming two star lodging facility nestled in the suburbs of East Legon, Accra, Ghana. It is conveniently located 10 minutes from the Kotoka International Airport, 5 minutes from the University of Ghana and from the bars, restaurants and shopping areas of East Legon.

The Lodge, offers boutique accommodation/hospitality services with either individual rooms or fully furnished three bedroom apartments for overnight, short or long-term stay. It comprises twelve rooms in four apartments. Each apartment has two standard bedrooms and an executive room, all of which are elegantly furnished and named after distinctive features of the landscape and cultures of Africa.

Rates: Standard: \$ 81

Queen: \$ 94

Email: highbridge.guestlodge@gmail.com

Tel: +233 561 111 170/+233 30 254 0516

Attractions

AKWAABA, an expression you will hear several times as you experience Accra and other parts of the country. Welcome to the vibrant and cosmopolitan city of Accra, the nation's capital and an interesting city of contrasts where the old blends with the new and where tradition blends with foreign cultures. Situated on the shores of the Gulf of Guinea (Atlantic ocean) and almost on the Greenwich meridian, Accra is a haven that combines the charms of a tropical beach idyll with a fascinating historical heritage, rich cultural variety, and some interesting wildlife. The city provides visitors a unique taste of experiences from every aspect of the Ghanaian culture as a result of its cosmopolitan nature. Several leisure and entertainment activities will capture your heart forever whether you are here for business or for leisure. Places of interest you might want to visit include Centre for National Culture (Arts Centre), National Museum, Kwame Nkrumah Memorial Park, WEB Du Bois Centre for Pan-African Culture, Osu Castle etc. The University of Ghana Legon campus itself houses interesting historical, architectural, botanical, and unique research sites such as the Noguchi Memorial Institute for Medical Research [<http://www.noguchimedres.org/>] For others, visit <http://www.ghana.travel>

Please visit the symposium websites for updates.

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