

The role of parliaments in the implementation of international and regional human rights instruments

Seminar for members and staff of parliament in French-speaking African countries organized jointly by the inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) in collaboration with the National Assembly of Burkina Faso

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The Seminar will be held at the "Ouaga 2000" Conference Centre in Ouagadougou from 1 to 3 October 2007.

1. REGISTRATION

Invited parliaments are kindly requested to indicate the composition of their delegation as soon as possible and no later than 8 September 2007, by completing and returning the attached registration form to the following addresses:

Mr. Prosper Vokouma
Secretary General
National Assembly
BP 6482
Ouagadougou 01
Burkina Faso
Tel: +226 50 31 46 85
Fax: +226 50 31 45 90
E-mail: an.assemblee.gov.bf

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Union
Chemin du Pommier, 5
CP 330
1218 Grand-Saconnex
Geneva, Switzerland
Tel: +41 22 919 41 50
Fax: +41 22 919 41 60
E-mail: postbox@mail.ipu.org

2. ACCOMMODATION

Provisional reservations have been made by the National Assembly of Burkina Faso at the following hotels. Participants are kindly requested to complete the hotel reservation form and return it at their earliest convenience and no later than 8 September 2007.

Reservations received after this date cannot be guaranteed and will depend on availability. Requests for hotel reservations will be treated on a first-come-first-serve basis. Participants must settle their hotel bills directly with the hotel.

Room rate in CFA Francs

Hotel	Category	Standard	Double/ Suite	Taxes		Breakfast
				Tourist	Communal	
Sofitel Ouaga 2000 (Libya Hotel)	* * * * *	74,800	118,800	1,000/p.p./night	2,500/séjour/pers	9,000
Mercure Silmandé	* * * *	52,500	84,000	1,000/p.p./night	2,000/stay/p.p.	5,500/8,500
Splendid Hotel	* * * *	56,000	116,000	1,180/p.p./night	1,770/stay/p.p.	Included
Hôtel Palm Beach	* * *	35,000	80,000	1,180/p.p./night	1,770/stay/p.p.	Included
Pacific Hotel	* * *	47,000	85,000	1,000/p.p./night	1,500/stay/p.p.	
Yibi Hotel	* *	20,000	31,000	700/p.p./night	1,000/stay/p.p.	4,000/7,000

3. AIRLINE COMPANY

Several airline companies operate in Ouagadougou. To obtain further information, delegates may wish to contact their main office or a travel agency in their own country.

Airline	Telephone no.	Airline	Telephone no.
Air Burkina	50492323/50315325	Air Ivoire	50300450 / 50300451
Air France	50306365	Air Sénégal	50312890
Royal Air Maroc	50305081	Air Algérie	50332101

4. ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE

In order to facilitate your welcome at Ouagadougou International Airport, all participants are kindly requested to provide details of their arrival and departure (date, time, flight) on the hotel reservation form.

A welcoming service will be in place at the Ouagadougou International Airport from 30 September to 5 October 2007. This service will also provide assistance with formalities and transfers from the airport to the hotels. It will also take care of transfers from the hotels to the airport at the end of the Seminar.

5. VISA

Participants from ECOWAS Member States do not require a visa for Burkina Faso.

All other participants are requested to contact the closest Burkina Faso diplomatic mission where a courtesy visa will be issued to them. In the exceptional case where participants are unable to obtain a visa in their country, a visa will be issued to them upon their arrival at the Ouagadougou International Airport. These participants are invited to send a copy of their passport to the National Assembly of Burkina Faso and to indicate the date and time of their arrival as well as their flight number. They will also be required to produce two (2) passport-size photographs and the sum of ten thousand (10,000) CFA francs or sixteen Euros (€16).

6. VACCINATIONS AND HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

Immunization against yellow fever is compulsory. All persons entering the country will be requested to produce a vaccination certificate. Furthermore, visitors are advised to take the necessary precautions against malaria. Please consult your physician about immunization against certain diseases.

Throughout the Seminar, a first aid medical service will be set up at the "Ouaga 2000" Conference Centre. Participants will be required to pay for all other medical services.

7. LUGGAGE TAGS AND STICKERS

A special service will be in charge of managing delegates' luggage.

8. REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION DESK

A registration and information desk will be available to all participants at the "Ouaga 2000" Conference Centre from 30 September to 3 October 2007. It will be open from 8 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 3.00 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. Participants are invited to register at this desk upon their arrival. This desk will issue them with a badge and provide information on all matters related to the Seminar, will take messages and deliver their mail.

9. SECURITY

All required security measures will be taken by the authorities of Burkina Faso. Participants are kindly requested to wear their badges in the "Ouaga 2000" Conference Centre and at all official events during the Seminar.

10. WEATHER CONDITIONS

In October, the weather in Ouagadougou is very pleasant, with average temperatures ranging between 30 and 35°C.

11. CURRENCY AND EXCHANGE

The CFA franc is the local currency in Burkina Faso. It is pegged to the Euro at a fixed rate of: 1 Euro to 655,957 CFA francs.

Participants will have access to the bureau de change at the "Ouaga 2000" Conference Centre and in commercial banks. Participants are advised to carry travellers' cheques or hard currency notes.

12. TRANSPORT

A shuttle service will be made available to participants between Ouagadougou airport and the various hotels. The service will also operate between the hotels and the "Ouaga 2000" Conference Centre and the venue of all official events.

13. PRESS

A press service will be set up at the "Ouaga 2000" Conference centre and will be responsible for relations with the media: printed press, radio and local and international television. Journalists wishing to cover Seminar must request accreditation with the National Assembly. Contact: Mr. Romain Auguste BAMBARA.

14. MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES

The following services are available to participants at the "Ouaga 2000" Conference Centre:

- Post office
- Bank/bureau de change
- Travel agency
- International telephone and fax service (costs of all communications charged to participants)
- First aid
- Restaurant, cafeteria and bar

15. MAIL AND MESSAGES FOR PARTICIPANTS

For the duration of the Seminar, mail sent to participants may be posted to the following address:

Addressee
Name of delegation
IPU-National Assembly Seminar
BP 6482
Ouagadougou 01
Burkina Faso

During the Seminar, urgent messages may be transmitted by telephone, fax or e-mail. Further details will be provided subsequently.

16. RECEPTIONS AND OFFICIAL EVENTS

The inaugural ceremony of the Seminar will take place on 1 October 2007 at the "Ouaga 2000" Conference Centre.

Invitations and the programmes of receptions and other official events will be provided along with Seminar documents.

17. SPECIALLY RECOMMENDED RESTAURANTS IN OUGADOUGOU

Speciality	Name of restaurant	Telephone no.
French cuisine	Le Vert Galant	50306760
	L'Olivier	50335871
	Le coq bleu	50300193
Asian cuisine	L'Orient	50361509
International cuisine		
African cuisine	Casbah	50360641
	Aboussouan	50342720
	Deo Gracias	50 363058
	hamanien	50303913

18. LIST OF DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIONS

Country	Telephone no.
Benin	Accra, Ghana (2332) 774860
Burundi	
Cameroon	Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire (225) 20213331 / 20212086
Cap-Vert	Dakar, Senegal (221) 8211873 / 8213936
Central African Republic	
Chad	50300979
Côte d'Ivoire	50318228 / 50313620 / 50313625
Democratic Republic of Congo	
Equatorial Guinea	
Gabon	Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire (225) 2022445154 / 2022446684
Guinea (Conakry)	Bamako, Mali (223) 222975
Guinée-Bissau	
Madagascar	Dakar, Senegal (221) 8252666
Mali	50381922 / 50381923
Niger	50305359
Republic of Congo	Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire (225) 20213331 / 20212086
Rwanda	Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire (225) 2021443831
Sao Tome and Principe	
Senegal	50311418 / 50312166
Togo	