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GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT ETHIOPIA AND A LIST OF RECOMMENDED HOTELS IN PREPARATION FOR THE 1ST ORDINARY SESSION OF THE AFRICAN UNION SPECIALIZED TECHNICAL COMMITTEE (STC) ON COMMUNICATION AND ICT, ADDIS ABABA (ETHIOPIA), 31 AUGUST – 4 SEPTEMBER 2015.

1.0 CLIMATE

Addis Ababa has a Subtropical highland climate. Temperature and rain are as follows:

	Average temperature (°C)	Average Precipitation (mm)	Number of wet day
August	15	269	28
September	16	117	23

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2.0 LANGUAGE

The predominant language spoken in Addis Ababa is Amharic, but English is widely understood as well.

3.0 CREDIT CARDS

Credit and charge cards are accepted in major hotels and banks. Travelers' cheques are also widely accepted and exchanged.

4.0 ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Visas are required for all visitors/conference delegates travelling to Ethiopia, except for nationals of Djibouti and Kenya. The Government of Ethiopia requires that Visitors/conference delegates from countries in which there is an Ethiopian Diplomatic Mission secure their visas from those missions. These travellers include holders of diplomatic and service/official passports as well as the United Nations Laissez-Passer (LP).

If there is no Ethiopian Diplomatic Mission in the participant's country of origin, AUC will assist in obtaining a business visa on arrival, provided the following particulars are received two weeks in advance: full name, nationality, passport details -(number, date of issue and expiry); and flight details (arrival and departure).

The Ethiopian Immigration Authority requires that an official letter of invitation be presented at the Airport Immigration Desk, for securing a business visa on arrival.

Please note that an Ethiopian visa costs \$US50.00 per person and payment must be made in US Dollars at the time of visa issue on arrival at the Airport Immigration Desk. Holders of Diplomatic and Service/Official passports as well as United Nations LPs will receive visas free of charge.

Bank receipts for money changed must be kept securely as they may be requested upon departure.

If you carry more than \$US3, 000 in cash, you are required to declare that amount upon arrival with the airport authorities.

In any case, you are kindly requested to have the invitation letter on you.

5.0 TRANSPORT

There are several flights that fly into Ethiopia through Bole International Airport like Ethiopian Airways, South African Airlines, Kenya Airways, Egypt Air, Emirates, Qatar Airways among others. Please check with your travel agent to find out which flight will be most suitable for you. Most flights can also be booked online.

6.0 VENUE OF MEETING

Please note that the meeting will be held at the African Union Headquarters at Roosevelt Street, Old Airport.

Delegates will be accessing to the AU Headquarters premises through gate 1.

7.0 HOTELS

See Annex

8.0 CONTACT DETAILS

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