Preparing for the 2012 United Nations Development Cooperation Forum
Mali High-level Symposium

Thursday and Friday, 5-6 May 2011 – Bamako, Mali

GEARING DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION TOWARDS THE MDGs:
EFFECTIVENESS AND RESULTS

LOGISTICAL INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

Opening Date and Venue of the Symposium

The Symposium will be held on 5 and 6 May 2011 in the conference facilities (Salle Union Africaine) of the Laico L’Amitie Hotel in Bamako. The address of the hotel is Avenue de la Marne, Bamako/Mali, Switchboard phone number: +223 20 21 43 21, Fax: +223 20 21 43 85, Reservation: +223 44 97 53 00, Email: reservations@laico-lamitie.com. Homepage: http://www.laicohotels.com/en/hotel/mali/bamako/laico-lamitie.html.

A pre-booking has been made for all participants at the Laico L’Amitie Hotel. The rate for a standard room is 68,500 FCFA /night including tax (approximately 150 US$). Cost for the breakfast buffet is 12,000 FCFA (approximately 27 US$) plus tax.

You are requested to BOOK ACCOMODATION DIRECTLY WITH THE HOTEL. Please quote “UN DCF Symposium” to be granted a preferential room rate. Irrespective of funding arrangements, all participants are obliged to pay for their hotel room.

Registration for the Meeting

Participants are required to confirm participation by submitting one registration form per participant to the Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, UNDESA, no later than 13 April 2011. PLEASE EMAIL/FAX REGISTRATION FORM (LAST PAGE OF THIS NOTE) TO KEMP@UN.ORG CC: BOEHLER@UN.ORG OR +1 212 963 2812. YOU WILL RECEIVE A CONFIRMATION EMAIL.

In case your travel is funded by UNDESA (as mentioned in your invitation letter) the organizers will provide an e-ticket for travel to Bamako, Mali. You will be entitled to a round-trip ticket in economy class from the airport of departure in your home country to Bamako, Mali, via the most direct and economic route. The authorized date of arrival in Bamako will be Wednesday, 4 May 2011 – the day before the Symposium. The official date of departure is 6 May 2011 following the conclusion of the Symposium, depending on the availability of connecting flights. Any increase in the ticket cost, resulting from a change in travel itinerary or travel dates for personal reasons, must be borne by the participant.

If your travel is not funded, please inform DESA in New York of the date/time of arrival and departure to/from Bamako (KEMP@UN.ORG CC: BOEHLER@UN.ORG).

VISA Requirements

ECOWAS members (Benin, Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Cote d’Ivoire, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, and Togo) as well as Algeria, Cameroon, Andorra, Monaco,
Chad, Gambia, Marocco, Mauritania and Tunisia require a valid identity card or passport. **TRAVELLERS FROM ALL OTHER COUNTRIES REQUIRE A VALID PASSPORT AND AN ENTRY VISA.**

If you require a visa, please contact the Embassy responsible for your country of citizenship as soon as possible to obtain detailed information on application procedures. (see: [http://www.diplomatie.gouv.ml/contenu_page.aspx?pa=30](http://www.diplomatie.gouv.ml/contenu_page.aspx?pa=30))


Please also check whether you need a **visa for countries in which you may have to transfer** during your trip to/from Bamako.

Participants who could not obtain entry visas from their countries of residence can obtain them from the Immigration Services at the airport on presentation of a valid Passport or United Nations Laissez-passer, **accompanied by 4 passport-size photographs** and an amount of 15 000 CFA francs (US$ 30 or EUR 23).

**Upon Arrival in Bamako**

Once you have passed immigration at Bamako-Senou International Airport, you will be greeted and picked up at the airport and a shuttle service will bring you to the Laico L’Amitie Hotel, if you have communicated your arrival details to the Office in New York. Contact phone number upon arrival: **(+223) 71.14.52.26**

As a Member of ECOWAS, the currency used in Mali is the Franc CFA (Franc de la Communauté Financière Africaine). VISA cards are the most frequently used credit cards to withdraw money from local ATMs in Bamako. **The use of Mastercard is impossible and American Express limited.**

Registration for the symposium will take place in the lobby of the Hotel on 5 May from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. and on 4 May from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Participants will be requested to present a valid photo ID and arrive early to ensure a smooth registration process and punctual start of the Symposium.
Travel information

All travelers must have international vaccination cards and proof of a current yellow fever immunization. In case you need to see a doctor while in Bamako, please contact Docteur Mahmoud Mafidi at (+223) 20 22 37 14 or at (+223) 76 40 83 83. Other medical services include:

Hôpital Gabriel Touré Centre ville
Tel. 20 22 27 12
- Hôpital du Point G Tel.20 22 50 02/20 22 50 03
- Centre Socio-Sanitaire de l’Ambassade de France Tel. 20 22 50 72
- Polyclinique Pasteur Tel.20 29 10 10
- Polyclinique Lac Télè Tel : 20 29 24 74
- Polyclinique Hilal, Croissant Rouge Iranien D’icoroni – Para
  - Tel. 20 22 47 99
- Clinique Filany Tel.20 23 28 44
- Clinique Kabala Tel. 20 29 06 72
- Clinique Farako Tel : 20 22 53 87

Before Departure from Bamako

During the conference, conference officers will be assisting in the confirmation of your return flight. You may also want to get in touch with your airline directly:

- Air France tél : 20 70 03 30
- Ghana Airways tel : 20 23 95 59
- Air Sénégal tel : 20 21 92 10
- Air Mauritanie tel : 20 23 87 38 /20 23 87 40
- Royal Air Maroc tél : 20 21 81 05 /20 21 82 87
- Air Burkina tel : 20 21 07 74 /20 29 27 87
- Ethiopian Airlines tel : 20 20 46 04 /20 22 20 88
- Tunis Air tél : 20 21 86 42

Irrespective of funding arrangements, all participants are obliged to pay for their hotel room. Shuttle buses will be available for transfer to the airport in time for your departure.

Documents and other Contact Information

For questions pertaining documents and logistical queries, please contact:

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Submitting this form confirms my participation.

Please return a registration form for *each* member of the delegation to:
Mrs. Margo Kemp at [kemp@un.org](mailto:kemp@un.org) fax: +1(212) 963-2812.