



**AFRICA TELECOMMUNICATIONS UNION (ATU)
7TH CONFERENCE OF PLENIPOTENTIARIES**

COUNTRY INFORMATION



SUMMARY

The Nigerian Administration is honoured to host the Africa Telecommunication Union's (ATU) Seventh Conference of Plenipotentiaries (7th CPL) in Abuja, bringing together Ministers, Heads of Regulators, industry leaders and key stakeholders from across the continent. The Conference of Plenipotentiaries is the supreme decision-making body of the Africa Telecommunication Union (ATU), where Member States set strategic priorities, review progress and shape the future of Africa's digital and telecommunications landscape. The 7th session will provide a platform for high-level dialogue, collaboration and decision-making on critical issues including digital infrastructure, connectivity, innovation, and regional cooperation.

As the host country, Nigeria looks forward to welcoming delegates to Abuja for a productive and impactful conference.

VENUE OF THE EVENT

The Conference will take place at;

Bola Ahmed Tinubu International Conference Centre (BATICC)

The Bola Ahmed Tinubu International Conference Centre (BATICC) will serve as one of the official venues for the 7th CPL activities. Located in Abuja, the Centre is a purpose-built facility designed to host high-level international conferences, meetings, and exhibitions. The Address of the Conference Centre is:

**1, Central Area,
900 Herbert
Macaulay Way,
Abuja,**

The venue offers modern conference halls, meeting rooms, and supporting facilities suitable for plenary sessions, bilateral engagements, and side events. Its central location ensures easy accessibility for delegates and proximity to key government institutions, hotels, and diplomatic missions.

COUNTRY INFORMATION

Nigeria is bounded in the West by the Republic of Benin and the Niger Republic; in the East by the Republic of Cameroon; on the North by Niger and Chad Republic, and the South by the Gulf of Guinea and covers an area of 924 000 sq. km. (356 700 sq. mi.). Nigeria, which comprises of 36 states and the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), Abuja, is Africa's most populous country, with Hausa, Igbo and Yoruba as the three largest ethnic groups.

Nigeria is made up of mostly Christians and Muslims, with a very small minority who practice traditional and other religions. English is the official language, and Hausa, Yoruba, Igbo (Ibo), Fulani, as well as over 450 additional indigenous languages are spoken. It is a diverse nation with over 250 ethnic groups, each with its unique culture, languages, and traditions. It has a vibrant arts and entertainment scene, known for its literature, music (including Afrobeat), and film industry (Nollywood) which has gained international recognition. Nigeria is a major player in the continent's political, economic, and cultural landscape and continues to strive for stability, development and unity while celebrating its rich heritage.

REGISTRATION

Participants are expected to complete their event registration online at a link provided on the event website.

VISA AND ENTRY INFORMATION FOR NIGERIA

To enter Nigeria, a valid passport with at least six months of validity remaining from the intended exit date is required, with a blank page for the visa stamp. It is important that passports close to expiry are renewed before arrival.

Participants requiring a visa are advised to apply through Nigeria's electronic visa (e-Visa) platform via the official portal:

<https://evisa.immigration.gov.ng/>

Delegates attending the Conference should apply under the F4A Visa Class.

To complete the visa application process, applicants will be required to provide the following documents:

- Passport data page
- Letter of Invitation from the Ministry
- Bank statement showing sufficient funds
- Evidence of hotel reservation
- Official gazette that established the Ministry (Also upload letter of invitation)

To obtain an official Letter of Invitation, delegates are required to complete the following form:

<https://b.link/ATU-VisaInvitationLetterRequestForm>

Upon submission and verification, the Letter of Invitation will be issued by the Federal Ministry of Communications, Innovation and Digital Economy and can be used to support the visa application.

Applicants are encouraged to complete their visa application well in advance of travel to allow sufficient time for processing.

Upon submission of the application, applicants are requested to send an email to atucpl26@fmcide.gov.ng with the subject line: "Visa Application – [Full Name]" and attach a copy of their passport data page. This will help us track applications and provide any necessary follow-up support.

Citizens of all ECOWAS countries do not require a visa to enter Nigeria; however, they must be in possession of a Travel certificate. If unsure as to whether you need a visa or not, please visit your nearest Nigerian embassy for further guidance. You can also visit the website of the Nigerian Immigration Service at <https://immigration.gov.ng/>

TRANSPORTATION

The location of the summit is Abuja, Nigeria. Since there are multiple flights available to Nigeria, it is recommended that you check with your travel agent to determine the most suitable flight for your needs, ensuring that your booked flight terminates in Abuja. The host country will make arrangements for airport pick-up and drop-off and transportation for any scheduled trips within the meeting program. Transportation will also be provided to and from the meeting venue each day for delegates who choose to stay in any of the recommended hotels. A list of recommended hotels and their discounted rates is provided below.

The host will have liaison officers to help coordinate the arrival of delegates at Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport Abuja. Delegates are advised to forward their itinerary to logisticscpl@ncc.gov.ng and atucpl26@fmcide.gov.ng as soon as possible.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

Yellow fever vaccination certificate is not mandatory for entry into Nigeria. The health authorities have confirmed that this is no longer a prerequisite.

However, we advise participants to bring along any vaccination documents they may have handy for ease of travel, should they be requested by other authorities en route.

RECOMMENDED HOTELS

Hotel Names	Time/Distance to BATICC (Venue)	Star Ratings	Room rates in Naira (N)	Address	Contact
Transcorp Hilton Abuja	11mins 6km	5 star	N 400,000 - N 600,000	1 Aguiyi Ironsi Way, Maitama, Abuja	www.hilton.com/ chukwudi.amadi@hilton.com http://bit.ly/3Woh3i9
The Envoy Hotel	9 mins 5km	4 star	N 150,000 - N 180,000	305 Diplomatic Drive, Abuja, Federal Capital Territory	Reservations@theenvoyabuja.ng Sales@theenvoyabuja.ng (Available on Whatsapp) +2348188009202 & +2348188009213
Abuja Cotinental Hotel	7mins 2.3km	4 star	N 228,000 - N 270,500	1 Ladi Kwali Street, Wuse Zone 4	precious.ihedioha@abujacontinental.com (Available on Whatsapp) +2349036605213 http://www.abujacontinental.com/
Fraser Suites	5mins 1.5 km	4 Star	N 350,834	Plot 294 Leventis Close, CBD, Abuja	Janet.osakwe@frasershospitality.com (Available on Whatsapp) +2348087987162 www.frasershospitality.com
Brickspoint Boutique Apartments	13mins 7km	4 star	N 235,000 - N 350,000	24 Jose Marti Street, Asokoro, Abuja	https://www.brickspoint.com/ bd@brickspoint.com bd.brickspoint@gmail.com (Also Available on Whatsapp) +2348022350327
BON Boutique Hotel	10mins 4 km	4 star	N 150,700 - N 280,000	3 Negro Crescent, Maitama, Abuja	https://bonhotels.com/hotel/abuja/ res.bonhotelabuja@outlook.com +2347086300440 Or +2348163429616
Nordic Hotel	11mins 5.3 km	5 star	N 248,000	1322 Shehu Yaradua Way, Mabushi, Abuja	Sales@thenordicabuja.com +2349162481000 https://nordichotelsnigeria.com/
Hawthorn by Wyndham	15mins 6.7 km	3 star	N 135,700- N 200,000	1 Uke Street, Garki II, Abuja	www.wyndhamhotels.com +2348065719982 reservation@hawthorn.com.ng sales2@hawthorn.com.ng
AurumOnMissouri	15mins 6.6 km	3 star	N 103,200 - N 172,000	8 Missouri Street, Maitama, Abuja	+234707707117 aurumonmissouri@gmail.com
Saafi Boutique Hotel	8mins 5.4 km	3 star	N 90,200 - N 135,000	6 Mariana Close, Off Daresalam Street, Wuse II, Abuja	+2348027777456 reservationsaafihotel@gmail.com

To ensure seamless reservations, delegates are kindly requested to contact the designated reservation contact for their preferred hotel and quote the booking code ATUCPL-26 when making reservations.

CITY INFORMATION

Nigeria has an estimated population of 225 million people, and Abuja, the capital city, has an estimated population of 3.8 million people. It became Nigeria's capital on December 12, 1991.

LOCAL TIME/TIMEZONE

Abuja is in the same time zone as most West African countries which have a UTC time offset of +1:00 or + 1 hour Greenwich Mean Time. Africa/Lagos is the time zone designation.

LANGUAGE DETAILS

The official language of Nigeria is English. English is the language of commerce and governance in Nigeria's capital city of Abuja. The Gbagyi (Gwari) are the original inhabitants of Abuja, and their language was once the dominant one in the area.

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CLIMATE

There are two distinct seasons in Abuja due to the city's tropical wet and dry climate: the harmattan season and the rainy season. The harmattan season lasts from October to April, while the rainy season lasts from April to October.

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DRIVING IN ABUJA

Traffic congestion can make navigating Abuja and the Abuja Municipal Area Council (AMAC) challenging. There are alternative routes available to avoid traffic, and it is recommended to use a GPS navigation system (Google Maps – recommended).

TIPPING IN ABUJA

Tipping is not a widespread practice in Abuja. Nevertheless, it is customary to tip hotel employees, taxi drivers, and restaurant servers for exceptional service.

WATER

It is advisable to use bottled water for drinking purposes.

ELECTRICAL POINTS IN ABUJA

It is advised that visitors bring a universal plug adapter to use their electronic devices there.

The electrical supply is 220V AC, 50Hz. plugs used in most hotels are three-pin (British Standard), although two-pin plugs (European Standard) are also used. It is advisable to come along with Global adaptors.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Nigeria has five (5) mobile phone operators. The country code is +234. SIM cards may be sold by representatives of mobile phone operators at the conference venue. Copy of ID or passport for foreign visitors is required for the purchase of SIM cards.

BANKING AND BUSINESS HOURS

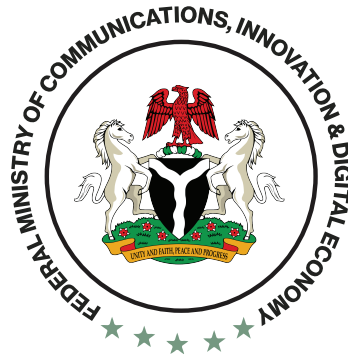
Banking hours are from Mon to Fri: 08:00 – 16.00hrs Bureau de change operators are available at the airport and throughout the country. ATMs are also widely available throughout the country.

CURRENCY

The local currency used in the country is Naira (N) of which 1,405 Naira equates to 1 dollar using the parallel market rates.

Please note that these rates are subject to change

For any enquiries or assistance relating to participation, travel, accommodation, or conference arrangements, please contact the Local Organising Committee Secretariat at **atucpl26@fmcide.gov.ng**



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