

PAC | 11th PAN AFRICAN CONFERENCE ON ILLICIT FINANCIAL FLOWS AND TAXATION

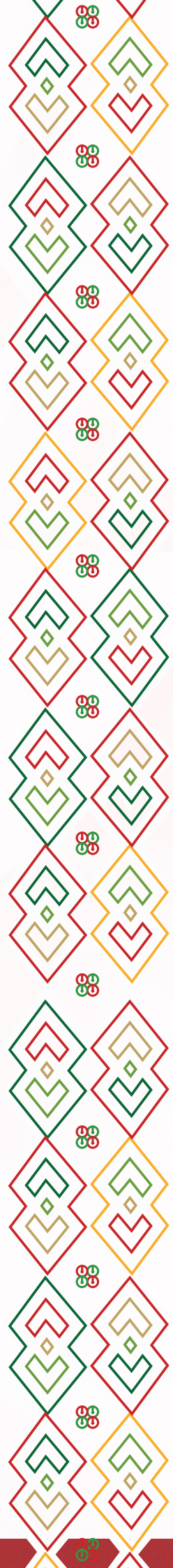
22 - 24 November 2023 ★ Accra ★ Ghana

Make Global Tax Governance Work for Africa

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About PAC

The Tax Justice Network Africa (TJNA) and the African Tax Administration Forum (ATAF) are announcing the 11th Pan-African Conference on Illicit Financial Flows and Taxation (PAC 2023), to be held in Accra, Ghana from the 22nd to the 24th of November 2023. The theme is "Making Global Tax Governance Work for Africa."

PAC 2023 will bring together tax justice stakeholders, civil society organisations (CSOs), and policymakers. The objective is to explore how African countries can lead international discussions that directly impact domestic resource mobilisation and the fight against illicit financial flows from the continent.

Registration and Accreditation

All participants attending in person or virtually must confirm their participation in PAC 2023 and complete the online registration form [here](#). Participants attending in person should complete the registration form for the accreditation process and the issuance of badges.





About Ghana

Ghana is a country located in West Africa. It is known for its rich history, diverse culture, and natural beauty. Ghana is situated on the Gulf of Guinea and is bordered by Cote d'Ivoire to the west, Burkina Faso to the north, and Togo to the east. It has a coastline along the Atlantic Ocean to the south.

English is the official language of Ghana, which is a legacy of its colonial history. However, there are numerous indigenous languages spoken throughout the country, including Akan, Mole-Dagbon, Ewe, and Ga-Dangme. Ghana is known for its vibrant and diverse culture. It has a rich tradition of music, dance, and art. The country is famous for its colorful kente cloth, traditional festivals, and cultural practices. Ghana's food is diverse and includes dishes like jollof rice, fufu, and banku.

Ghana offers a range of tourist attractions. Visitors can explore historical sites like Cape Coast Castle and Elmina Castle, which played a significant role in the transatlantic slave trade. The country also boasts national parks and wildlife reserves, such as Mole National Park, and beautiful beaches along its coastline.

Climate in Ghana

The months of October, November, and December are generally dry seasons in Ghana. In Accra, the weather tends to be warm with temperatures ranging between 25 and 34.2 degrees centigrade. Early morning and late evenings however tend to be cooler periods of the day. During this season, participants are advised to carry light jackets and other necessary clothes for the meeting.





Conference and Accommodation

The 11th Pan African Conference On Illicit Financial Flows will be held at Ghana's premier City Hotel called Alisa Hotel which is situated in the heart of the Capital City, of Ghana- Accra. The Alisa Hotels is approximately (6.4 km) 20 minutes from the Kotoka International Airport and approximately 5 minutes from the Central Business District of Accra. The hotel will offer full conference facilities for all delegates during their stay in Accra.

Delegate Accommodation

For self-sponsored delegates, special negotiated rates have been set for a limited number of rooms with the Alisa Hotel on bed and breakfast basis under Group Code: PAC23. This offer is valid until 15th November 2023. The rooms are subject to availability and will be allocated on a first-come, first-serve basis. Please send your booking to Grace Adam at g.adams@alisahotels.com

It is recommended that you start accommodation bookings as early as possible. The following hotels are also near the Conference venue; a credit card is usually required for reservation.

- Ambassador Movenpick
- Fiesta Hotel
- Best Western Premier
- Labadi Beach Hotel

Conference Hotel Facilities

Alisa Hotel North Ridge is an air-conditioned hotel with an outdoor swimming pool in its garden and a sun terrace. There is a fitness centre on site. The rooms and suites at Alisa Hotel North Ridge are air-conditioned and have a flat-screen TV with satellite channels. The bathroom is fitted with a bathtub or a shower.

A continental breakfast is provided every morning. Guests can also sample a local or international dish on site. Other facilities include a tour desk and free Wi-Fi access in all areas. Speaking English and French, the staff at the 24-hour front desk are willing to help all guests with their queries.

The hotel is situated a 18-minute drive from Achimota Golf Course and a 24-minute drive from the city of Madina. There is a free, private car park on site which does not require reservation.

Check-in is from 03:00 pm, and check-out is until 12:00 noon. For more information, please visit the hotel website.





Airport Transfers

Alisa Hotel will arrange for airport transfers for guests staying at the hotel – you may carpool at a given time if you all arrive at the same time. After completing the immigration procedures and retrieving your luggage at the airport, participants will be met by Alisa Hotel coordinator with a sign labeled ALISA HOTEL Please look out for the LOGO SIGN



Delegates staying at other hotels are requested to confirm the airport transfers with their respective hotels.

Conference Badges

For security reasons, in-person participants must **show a valid conference badge** to access the Conference venue and meeting rooms. Conference badges, which must always be worn, will be issued at the registration desk. The loss of a badge should be reported immediately to the registration counter.





Visas and Airport Transfers

All delegates are responsible for ensuring they have the correct documentation before departing to Ghana. A guide to those countries that require visas to enter Ghana is published on this website. Delegates are requested to crosscheck the accuracy of this information and respective visa fees with respective embassies or travel agents.

The Republic of Ghana is part of several visa waiver programs for many African and non-African countries. Participants are advised to check with their respective embassies on the visa bilateral agreement between the two countries. Citizens and residents of the ECOWAS community do not need visas for entry into Ghana.

Visa Documents

Organizers will provide the participants with all required travel documents for the smooth application of visas. Please contact Xavier Ndalila on xndalila@taxjusticeafrica.net for invitation letters.





Medical and COVID-19 Information

Health

It is mandatory for all conference participants to present a valid Yellow Fever vaccination card at the medical checkpoint. If you do not produce or have a Yellow Fever vaccination card at the medical checkpoint, you will be required to get vaccinated at a medical facility located within the airport. The cost of this is about USD 35 and non-refundable.

COVID-19

All delegates arriving through any port of entry in Ghana shall no longer be required to show proof of either COVID-19 vaccination or a pre-departure COVID-19 test. Only delegates with flu-like symptoms will be required to take a COVID-19 antigen test at their own cost upon arrival.

Those who turn positive for antigen tests will be required to take a further COVID-19 PCR test at their own cost. Those with severe symptoms shall then be allowed to isolate as per the prevailing isolation requirements for mild, moderate, and severe disease.

Nearby Hospitals

The conference venue is within proximity of major hospitals and medical attention will be provided should there be a medical emergency case.

The hospitals are:

- Accra Medical Centre
- Gilead Medical and Dental Centre
- Eden Family Hospital

Travel Insurance

Participants are advised to make provisions for their own travel and health insurance during their stay in Accra.





Other Important Information

Currency

Cedi. \$1 is equivalent to approx. 14.43 Cedi.

Languages

The most spoken language is English. Additionally, there are over 50 indigenous languages used, of which Akan is the most widely spoken.

Socket type

Ghana uses two plug types, D and G, 230V supply voltage and 50Hz.

Time zone

Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).

Top 3 cities to visit

Accra, Cape Coast, and Kumasi.

Top 3 landmarks/monuments

Cape Coast Castle, Mole National Park, and the Larabanga Mosque.

Safety in Ghana

Ghana is a relatively safe destination for visitors, and the government has made a great effort to promote the country as a tourist destination. However, it is important to always be vigilant for pickpockets and keep your valuables out of plain sight.

Local Transport

- Hotel taxi services; or
- Regulated taxi services such as Uber, BOLT, YANGO, and Catch Taxi whose mobile phone applications are easily downloadable.
- All above APP-enabled transport providers can be paid in local currency or dollars.
- Public transport is available; however, we advise checking with the hotel concierge desk for details.
- We recommend that participants avoid using motorcycle taxis as these are generally not safe, and unregistered taxis.

For more information about Ghana, please visit <https://www.ivisa.com/ghana>.

Disclaimer

Whilst we do our best to ensure you have a comfortable and safe stay, the conveners cannot be held liable or responsible for any injury or illness during the conference or resulting costs should participants not travel with health insurance.



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