

AFRICA LEATHER AND LEATHER PRODUCTS INSTITUTE (ALLPI)

ALLPI 14th Annual Regional Stakeholders Consultative Forum 2020

16th – 18th December 2020 Hawassa, Ethiopia

INFORMATION CIRCULAR

1. Venue

The Forum will take place at Haile Resort Hawassa, Ethiopia

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2. Registration

Registration for all participants will start on Tuesday 15th December 2020.

3. Transport

All delegates will be provided with airport transfer transport to the hotel. Please, kindly bring with you the original Boarding Pass Stub.

4. Accommodation

All delegates who are sponsored by ALLPI will be accommodated at the Conference Venue.

5. Catering Services

Lunch will be served and sponsored by ALLPI while dinner will be covered by participants.

6. Banking Facilities and Currency

- a. Banking hours are from 08:00 to 17:00 from Monday to Saturday.
- b. Most banks have cash dispensing machines accepting **Visa and Master Card**. Use any bank to make exchanges.
- c. All Branch Banks in Hawassa will provide you support and information.
- d. The Ethiopian Currency is Birr (ETB). The exchange rate against 1 US\$ = ETB 37.87).

7. Passport and Visa Requirements

All delegates are expected to carry a national passport that has a minimum of 6 month validity, as well as an entry visa.

Visa can be applied through the online application at https://www.evisa.gov.et/.

For ALLPI sponsored participants, if you pay for visa, the Institute will refund based on the receipt which will be presented. In addition, you have to bring your boarding pass in order to collect your DSA on arrival.

8. Entry Restrictions to Ethiopia

Ethiopia entry requirement in relation to covid-19 effective 23rd September 2020:

- All passengers traveling to Ethiopia MUST present a negative RT PCR test certificate for COVID-19 before boarding a flight. The certificate validity shouldn't exceed 120 hours on arrival from the date sample is given.
- Children less than or equal to 12 years of age are exempted from the RT PCR test certificate requirement.
- There shall be no COVID-19 test to be done on arrival at Addis Ababa.
- A Rapid diagnostic test (RDT antibody test) will not be accepted for this purpose.
- All Diplomatic and Service (including United Nations and African Union)
 passport holders, including their immediate families, are advised but not
 required to have a certificate of negative PCR-COVID-19 test before arrival to
 Ethiopia. However, anyone (diplomatic and service passport holder including
 their immediate families) who come to Ethiopia without negative PCR COVID19 test result, is required to stay in quarantine for fourteen (14) days at home.

9. Other Health Requirements

Please take note that on arrival, you will be requested to show your **International Certificate of Vaccination (Yellow Fever)** by the Ministry of Health Representative).

For more information kindly the attached ALLPI Health and Safety Advisory Manual on 2020 Covid-19 crisis.

10. Medical Facilities

Delegates are encouraged to obtain medical travel insurance. Emergency and primary health care services will be available at the venue.

11. Other Useful Information

1.1. Climate: Hawassa enjoy a fairly warm season during the month of November. Temperatures during may range between 10-26°C. (https://www.worldweatheronline.com/hawassa-weather/et.aspx).

- **1.2. Dress**: Light casual clothing is recommended for outdoors.
- **1.3. Electricity**: The mains voltage is 220 volts AC 50HZ.
- **1.4.** Time: The time in Ethiopia is 3 hours ahead of GMT.
- **1.5.** <u>Security</u>: Hawassa, and Addis Ababa, like any other large city in the world, safety is not guaranteed; therefore, you should avoid walking alone at night and keep your valuables secure at all times.

10.1 **Contacts Persons**

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"ALLPI wishes our esteemed delegates safe flight and fruitful deliberations"