



TRAVEL INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

DATE AND VENUE

The conference will take place from **12 – 13 May 2025**, at the [Ethiopian Skylight Hotel](#) in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The venue is located in Bole, near the Bole International Airport.

All conference guests must pick up their badges before the start of the conference. Additional information will be shared closer to the event date.

VISA

All foreign travelers to Ethiopia must secure their visas before traveling. You are strongly encouraged to apply for your conference visa online. The online application process takes 5-7 working days. Conference visas are only valid for 30 days from the expected arrival date.

After registration and confirmation of your participation, you will receive clear guidance on the application process.

AIRPORT SHUTTLE

Please arrange your airport transfer service directly with the hotel you booked. There will be no central airport shuttle service.

MOBILE PHONES

Please ensure your mobile device is unlocked to buy a local SIM card.

EthioTelecom and Safaricom sell SIM cards in the airport's arrival terminal. Each company also has retail shops in the city.

WEATHER IN ADDIS

May weather in Addis Ababa is mild, with occasional showers. While temperatures will range from 12 to 24 degrees Celsius, you should carry a jacket and an umbrella.

Addis Ababa is located at a high altitude, so expect to experience lightheadedness. Please make sure to hydrate regularly.

ELECTRICITY

Electric supply in Ethiopia is 220-240 volts, 50 cycles, AC-accessible via a 13-amp, two-pin (European) socket.





CURRENCY (ETHIOPIAN BIRR)

Ethiopian currency is denominated in “birr”.

You can exchange major currencies at official banks as well as exchange bureaus at a competitive rates. You will find banks inside the arrival terminal around the luggage carousels, in hotels and around the city.

As a growing city, many restaurants and hotels accept mainly Visa and MasterCard as forms of payment. However, many cafes and smaller restaurants only accept cash. Please check with the establishment if they accept card payments before you consume.

Many ATMs around the city accept VISA and MasterCard – all withdrawals are ONLY in Birr. You will find ATMS in the airport arrival terminal, all hotels, and in the conference venue.

GETTING AROUND IN ADDIS ABABA

The best way to get around Addis Ababa is by taxi. You will see various yellow taxis, especially around hotels. You should always negotiate and be prepared to pay in cash in the local currency. Not all taxis are metered.

Alternatively, you can download the app for the following taxi-hailing services and order your ride:

1. RIDE



2. FERES



3. LITTLE TAXI



4. YANGO





PARTNER HOTELS

Please refer to this code for the rates to apply: **HLBF2025**

Inclusive of breakfast, taxes, and shuttle (unless otherwise noted)

Listed by distance from the Event Venue (Closest to Furthest)

Hotel Name: Skylight Hotel

Rate/night/person: USD 110

Hotel website: <https://bit.ly/422lkj9>

Phone No: +251-11 681 8181

Hotel Name: Jupiter International Hotel- Bole Branch

Rate/night/person: USD 60

Hotel website: www.jupiterinternationalhotel.com

Email: mktmanager@jupiterinternationalhotel.com

Phone No: + 251-11 552 7333

Hotel Name: Momona Hotel

Rate/night/person: USD 60

Hotel website: <https://www.momonahotel.com/>

Email: reservations@momonahotel.com

Phone No: +251-116 672 201

Hotel Name: Ramada by Wyndham Addis Hotel

Rate/night/person: USD 70

Hotel website: <https://www.ramadaaddis.com/>

Email: info@ramadaaddis.com

Phone No: +251-116 393 939

Hotel Name: Ambassador Hotel

Rate/night/person: USD 45

Hotel website: <https://ambassadorhotelethiopia.com>

Email: Sales2@ambassadorhotelethiopia.com

Phone No: +251-116 188 284

Hotel Name: Saro Maria Hotel

Rate/night/person: USD 60

Hotel website: <https://saromariahotel.com/>

Email: sales.marketing@saromariahotel.com

Phone No: +251 911 67 21 67





Hotel Name: Best Western Plus

Rate/night/person: USD 80

Hotel website: <https://bit.ly/4iKmFws>

Email: salesexecutive@bwplusaddisababa.com

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