



5th Symposium | 24 – 28 Oct 2022 | Accra, Ghana

PRACTICAL INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS



Travelling to Ghana

>> VISA REQUIREMENTS

All visitors to Ghana must have a valid passport or legal travel documents, and must check beforehand entry visa requirements, by [clicking here](#). Note these are subject to change and it is strongly recommended to verify these conditions at the closest Consulate/ High Commission or Embassy of Ghana. **Visa applicant's passport must have validity of at least six (6) months.**

Nationalities subject to visa

If your country of nationality is not exempt from the visa requirement, please apply for a visa at the closest Ghanaian Consulate/High Commission to you, ideally at least 30 days prior to leaving for Ghana. To receive an invitation letter from the organising committee for your visa application, fill out this [form](#) and send it to symposium@geoblueplanet.org.

Special Facilitation of Visa on Arrival for Symposium Participants

If special requirements are satisfied, the citizens of countries without diplomatic or consular mission of Ghana travelling on short notice may obtain a visa on arrival. Visa is granted on arrival for holders of a copy of a pre-arranged approval from the Ghanaian Immigration Service. We are working with our local organisers – the University of Energy and Natural Resources and the University of Ghana to arrange for these pre-approval forms.

Delegates who require this service of visa on arrival should fill out the [Visa on Arrival Form](#) and send the form with a copy of their passport to symposium@geoblueplanet.org by **29 September 2022**, and will be issued an official letter from the Ghanaian Immigration Services authorising the visa on arrival. **Please note that this letter does not exempt from visa fees of 150 USD and all participants will be expected to cover this visa fee on arrival in Ghana.** to Ghana, and on-arrival in Accra, proceed to the Visa Section of the Immigration area.





>> VACCINE REQUIREMENTS

All arriving passengers at Kotoka International Airport will undergo temperature screening, Yellow Fever Card verification and COVID-19 vaccination certificate verification as required.

1) COVID-19 entry requirements:

For latest information, please visit https://www.gacl.com.gh/updated_guidelines

Arriving Passengers

Non-Ghanaians

At the point of embarkation, all travellers under 18 years must **provide evidence of full COVID-19 vaccination status** to the respective airline before boarding.

Ghanaians and foreign residents in Ghana

Travellers 18 years and above arriving in Ghana will be required to provide evidence of full vaccination at the point of embarkation and upon arrival at Kotoka International Airport (KIA). Partially vaccinated or unvaccinated will be required to present a negative 48-hours PCR test results to the airline before embarkation and upon arrival in Ghana and will undergo COVID-19 testing at the KIA.

Departing Passengers:

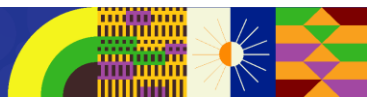
Passengers departing from Accra will be required to adhere to COVID-19 testing requirements of their country of destination. Departing passengers will undergo temperature screening at the entrance of Terminal 3 departures.

2) Yellow Fever International Vaccination Certificate

The **Yellow Fever vaccine is mandatory** for all travellers (at least 10 days before date of travel) and an international Yellow Fever vaccination certificate must be presented upon arrival in Ghana. Babies younger than 9 months are exempt from this obligation.

3) Health Insurance

Health insurance is the sole responsibility of each participant or his / her institution. GEO Blue Planet will not assume any responsibility for life and health insurance, nor for expenses related to medical treatment or accidental events.





Venue & Accommodation

>> SYMPOSIUM VENUE

The event will take place at the [Alisa Hotel North Ridge](#), 21 Dr. Issert Road – North Ridge, Accra, Ghana.

- The training workshop will take place at the Ridge Arena & Prins hall.
- The plenary sessions and forum will take place at the Ridge Arena.
- The thematic workshops will take place in the Opera 1 & 2 halls.

>> ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

Participants are advised to secure their own accommodation reservations and will be responsible for the payment of hotel accommodation and any incidental expenses (such as telephone calls, laundry, and room service) incurred for the duration of their stay.

There is the possibility of reserving a room at the conference venue - Alisa Hotel North Ridge on a first come first serve basis. Please contact reservations@alisahotels.com with the special discount code: GBPS2022.

You can find other suggestions below:

Name	Address and Contact Details	Distance from Venue
Movenpick Ambassador Hotel	Independence Avenue, Accra, Ghana https://www.movenpick.com/en/	3.5 km
Accra City Hotel	Barnes Road, Accra https://www.accracityhotel.com/	3.1 km
African Regent Hotel	237/238 N Airport Road, Accra https://www.theafricanregenthotel.com/	7.3 km
Golden Tulip Hotel	Liberation Road, Accra https://accra.goldentulip.com/en-us/	5 km
Holiday Inn Hotel	Plot 19 & 20, Accra https://www.ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/us/en/accra/accra/hotel-detail	5.9 km





On-site registration

Participants who will attend the pre-event training (24 Oct, 9am to 3.30pm) are invited to collect their badges and welcome kit from the reception stand at 8.45am in front of the Ridge Arena of the Alisa Hotel, Accra.

All other participants are invited to carry out their on-site registration at the welcome stand on 24 Oct, between 3.30pm and 4pm in front of the conference hall - Ridge Arena just before the opening Symposium Ceremony. There will also be refreshments available.



Contacts

For general questions regarding the event, you can contact: symposium@geoblueplanet.org

In case of last-minute questions concerning your trip, please contact Vincent Legros, vincent.legros@mercator-ocean.fr who will be managing the logistics of the event.



Useful links

Symposium website

Latest agenda

Practical information



symposium.geoblueplanet.org



symposium.geoblueplanet.org/agenda-2022

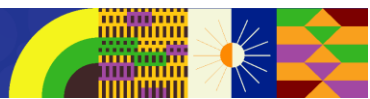


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Local transport

Most hotels offer airport shuttle services. There is also a choice of private and pooled, taxis, uber, bolt, buses, and car rentals. For more information, [click here](#).





Currency, credit card and banking services

The national currency of Ghana is the Ghana Cedi – currency sign: GH¢. For the latest currency conversion rates, check on <https://www.xe.com/currencyconverter/>.

Foreign currency can be exchanged at banks, hotels, and forex bureau. All major international credit cards are generally accepted in hotels, shops, and restaurants. Banks in Accra are open from Monday to Friday, from 08H30 to 16H30.

There are currency exchange counters located in the arrival and departure areas of Kotoka International Airport, Accra, Ghana.



Tourism

Information on Ghana's tourism is available at <https://visitghana.com/>

