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Tunis, Tunisia
02 -04 November 2016

**12th AFRICA SYMPOSIUM
ON STATISTICAL DEVELOPMENT (ASSD)**

**TUNIS, TUNISIA
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Information Note



1. VENUE



Ramada Plaza Hotel, Gammarth, Tunis, Tunisia



2. ORGANISATION AND COORDINATION

The meeting is jointly organised by the African Union Commission (AUC), the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), the African Development Bank (AfDB), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the National Institute of Statistics of Tunisia, Statistics South Africa as the Africa Symposia on Statistical Development (ASSD) Secretariat, and other statistical partners. The main contact persons are:

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3. THEME, LOCATION AND DATE OF THE SYMPOSIUM

3.1. Theme

The theme of the 12th Africa Symposium on Statistical Development is
“Strengthening basic economic statistics for the compilation of national accounts in Africa.”

3.2. Location and date

The conference will be held at **Ramada Plaza Hotel**, Gammarth, Tunis, Tunisia
 on **02 to 04 November 2016**.

4. AGENDA FOR THE 12th ASSD SYMPOSIUM

A copy of the agenda for the 12th Africa Symposium on Statistical Development will be made available on the websites of the ASSD. Delegates who will be presenting papers are asked to submit copies of their papers to the ASSD Secretariat or host coordinator before the start of the Symposium.

5. LANGUAGE

The Symposium work sessions will take place in either English or French with simultaneous interpretation services.

6. NEWSLETTER

In keeping with the ASSD tradition, a daily newsletter containing Symposium highlights, news and other important information will be produced. You can consult newsletters of previous ASSD sessions on www.statssa.gov.za.

7. The 12th ASSD website :

SA Link : http://www.statssa.gov.za/?page_id=8417

TN Link : <http://www.ins.tn/fr/12TH-AFRICA-SYMPOSIUM>

By these links you can find and download all updated documents about the 12 ASSD,

8. ARRIVAL OF PARTICIPANTS AT THE AIRPORT AND TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS

Transport to and from the airport will be organised by the national coordinating committee. The participants must communicate their dates of arrival and departure, as well as their accommodation details to the host contact persons listed above prior to their travel, latest by 25 October, in order to receive host support. It is therefore essential that delegates send the details in order to facilitate the process. There will be vehicles available for the transport of participants from the airport to their hotels from 01 November 2016.

Please mark luggage to be placed in the hold clearly with labels or stickers with the words **“Tunisia 12th ASSD”** before you leave your country. This will facilitate quick identification of your luggage at the airport in Tunis for

collection and transportation by the reception committee while you go through the customs process.

An ASSD reception desk will be set up by the host at the airport in Tunis to receive and direct you to the vehicles reserved by the Ramada Plaza Hotel to take you to the hotel. The reception desk will be responsible for giving delegates all necessary information and helping them with administrative and formalities in this regard.

9. HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation for ASSD delegates will be available at Ramada Plaza Hotel, Gammarth, Tunis, Tunisia with negotiated prices. Contact details for Ramada Hotel are :

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Located on a sandy beach along the coast of Carthage, this upscale hotel is 1.3 km from Residence Golf Course, 3.9 km from Gammarth marina and 10 km from the National Museum of Carthage.

The quiet and sophisticated rooms feature marble floors and are equipped with Wi-Fi and TV. The superior rooms offer a balcony overlooking the sea. Facilities include 4 restaurants, a terrace, an indoor pool and an outdoor else, Turkish bath and 3 tennis courts. A beach access and a children's club are also available.

Provision has been made for the accommodation of delegates in the Ramada Plaza hotel the location of the Symposium.

We would also like remind you that the Gala dinner and the cocktail will take place at the same hotel.

The number of room is limited in this hotel, If the available number of room is fulfilled, we suggest for accommodation the hotel Carthage Thalasso (the closest hotel to the venue).



No.	Hotel	Rating	Unit price (TND)	Comments
1	Ramada Plaza	5-star	140	1. Breakfast included 2. Security company 3. 24-h Internet service 4. Infirmary
2	Carthage Thalasso Resort (Hotel Barcelo Carthage)	5-star	140	1. Breakfast included 2. Security company 3. 24-h Internet service

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Delegates are advised to comply with the two hotels as well as with the transport arrangements foreseen for these hotels. **Delegates who choose to make use of other accommodation will be personally responsible for their own transport to and from the Symposium location.**

The hotels rates indicated above are the lowest hotel charges. Besides the cost of accommodation, participants will be responsible for all other costs such as telephone, Internet, fax, room service, mini-bar, laundry and extra meals (dinner). Coffee and lunch breaks will be taken where the Symposium is hosted.

Participants are requested to inform the national coordinating committee where they will be accommodated at least 3 days prior to the start of the Symposium.

10. VISA REQUIREMENTS FOR TUNIS AND CUSTOMS FORMALITIES

Participants from countries where there are Tunisian diplomatic missions have to visit the embassy for visa application. Tunisian consular sections in foreign countries also require that applicants apply for their visas in person. It depends on the type of passport and the foreign country whether visa application is free or at a cost.

10.1. Countries exempted and not exempted from visa application

The table below lists the countries that need or no a visa application for Tunisia:

L	Country/Passport	Dipl	Special	ordinary
A	Algeria	NO	NO	NO
	Angola	NO	NO	NO
B	Benin	yes	yes	yes
	Botswana	yes	YES	YES
	Burkina Faso	No	No	No
	Burundi	Yes	yes	yes
C	Cape Verde	NO	NO	NO
	Cameroon	YES	YES	YES

L	Country/Passport	Dipl	Special	ordinary
	Libya	NO	NO	NO
M	Madagascar	YES	YES	YES
	Malawi	YES	YES	YES
	Mali	NO	NO	NO
	Mauritania	NO	NO	NO
	Mauritius	NO	NO	NO
	Morocco	NO	NO	NO
	Mozambique	YES	YES	YES

L	Country/Passport	Dipl	Special	ordinary
	Central African Republic	YES	YES	YES
	Chad	Yes	yes	yes
	Comoros	NO	NO	NO
	Congo - Kinshasa	YES	YES	YES
	Congo - Brazzaville	YES	YES	YES
	Cote d'Ivoire	NO	NO	NO
D	Djibouti	YES	YES	YES
E	Egypt	NO	NO	YES
	Equatorial Guinea	No	No	No
	Eritrea	YES	YES	YES
	Ethiopia	YES	YES	YES
G	Gabon	NO	NO	NO
	Gambia	NO	NO	NO
	Ghana	YES	YES	YES
	Guinea	NO	NO	NO
	Guinea - Bissau	NO	NO	NO
K	Kenya	YES	YES	YES
L	Lesotho	YES	YES	YES
	Liberia	YES	YES	YES

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N	Namibia	No	No	No
	Niger	NO	NO	NO
	Nigeria	YES	YES	YES
R	Rwanda	NO	NO	YES
S	Sao Tome and Principe	YES	YES	YES
	Senegal	NO	NO	NO
	Seychelles	NO	NO	NO
	Sierra Leone	YES	YES	YES
	Somalia	YES	YES	YES
	South Africa	NO	NO	NO
	South Sudan	Yes	yes	yes
	Sudan	YES	YES	YES
	Swaziland	YES	YES	YES
T	Tanzania	YES	YES	YES
	Togo	YES	YES	YES
U	Uganda	YES	YES	YES
Z	Zambia	YES	YES	YES
	Zimbabwe	YES	YES	YES

10.2. Countries without Tunisian diplomatic missions and delegates departing without visas

Delegates unable to obtain visas from the Tunisian missions in their countries before departure can obtain their visas at the airport on arrival. **the fee is set at visa is 30 TND.** The visa service at the airport is informed to facilitate your obtain of visa you need your passport and the invitation letter

11.INTERNET POINT

An Internet point will be available for the use of delegates for the duration of the Symposium. A technician will be on standby to give technical support to delegates and to answer related queries.

12.EXHIBITION

All requests for exhibition of materials are to be sent to the Secretariat for coordination with host. An area will be provided in the hotel for a 16 desks of exhibition.

13.TOURISM

The social programme will include visits to the following sites for the 4th November 2016:

- The Bardo mesuim,
- or
- The touristic city "Sidi Bousaid" and The Archaeological Site of Carthage.

Delegates who would like to visit these sites need to choose one of these propositions by informing the specific desk during the 02 and 03 November 2016.

14. Health, Safety and security measures

14.1. Health :

A medical staff is provided in the Ramada Plaza Hotel and it's at your disposal during the symposium. The medical team is in charge of ensuring the medical care interventions.

14.2. Security :

Security services will be in place for VIP participants from the airport to the Symposium and to where they are accommodated. Participants are advised to acquire voyager cheques, but not to countersign them before using them. Take only what you need with you and leave most of the voyager cheques in the hotel safe provided for this purpose.

Note down the number of your credit card, the issuing bank's client service contact numbers, and so on. Place the note with these details on in a sealed envelope and ask the hotel reception to keep this for you, or place it in the safe in your hotel room.

For the duration of your stay in Tunis, please do the following:

- Put on your badge at all times and wherever you go;
- Do not attract attention by wearing a lot of jewellery, or taking cameras or other valuable objects with you;
- Be aware of what is going on around you all the time;
- Should you require a taxi, your hotel or a nearby tourist information office can suggest reliable services;
- Do not go out alone at odd times;
- Inform members of the national organising committee of your activities away from the hotel and the Symposium venue;
- Do not drink alcohol at the Symposium location;
- Inform security officers of incidents, accidents, attacks, etc.

14.3. Illegal actions and behaviour in the Republic of Tunisia

The following actions are considered as contraventions of Tunisian law:

- The possession, commerce and use of narcotics (drugs, cannabis, etc.) is prohibited in the Republic of Tunisia;
- Sexual relations with minors are prohibited in Tunisia;
- Consulting Internet websites posting child pornography amounts to cyber criminality in Tunisia;
- The possession of firearms, or other weapons, without authorisation is prohibited in Tunisia, and so on.

15. CURRENCY

The Tunisia Dinar (TND) is the currency used in Tunisia and it is and the exchange rates for other some other currencies are:

- **1 EUR (€) = 2.45 TND;**
- **1 USD (US\$) = 2.24 TND**

There is a foreign exchange office/Bank at Tunis Carthage airport, also in the hotel you can exchange money.

16. TELEPHONE CALLS

The Country Code for calls to Tunisia is : +216. The pre-dial number for calls from Tunisia to other countries is : 00

At the aireport or in the hotel you can buy a sim card wich allow you to make a local communication without need for rooming.









17. TIME ZONE

Difference with respect to GMT: UTC/GMT +1 hour.

18. CLIMATIC CONDITION AND WEATHER

The climate in Tunisia combine the African and Mediterranean climate. The summer is from June to September, in this season the climate is hot and dry (can reach above 42°). Spring in Tunisia is from March through May.

Weather prediction from 30 October to 6 November:

SUN 10/30	MON 10/31	TUE 11/1	WED 11/2	THU 11/3	FRI 11/4	SAT 11/5	SUN 11/6
							
26° /15° Clouds and sun	25° /18° Partly sunny	24° /15° Increasing cloudiness	25° /16° Mostly sunny	24° /16° Clouds giving way to some sun	24° /15° Partly sunny	24° /15° Partly sunny	23° /15° Partly sunny with a t-storm
Hist. Avg. 23°/14°	Hist. Avg. 23°/13°	Hist. Avg. 23°/13°	Hist. Avg. 23°/13°	Hist. Avg. 22°/13°	Hist. Avg. 22°/13°	Hist. Avg. 22°/13°	Hist. Avg. 22°/13°

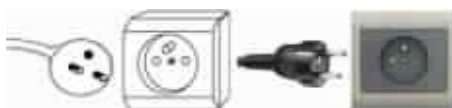
19. Power Grid in Tunisia

The Tunisian power grid is similar to that in many other countries that are using **220+ Volts and 50 Hertz** specifications.

If you are using any device in Tunisia, make sure that it can operate in a 220V/50Hz environment (*check the manual or the label on the device!*) - when it cannot, then you will have to use a transformer device, or the device will be damaged!

Plugs and Sockets in Tunisia :

In **Tunisia**, the french/belgian **plugs** (*Type E*) are widely used. Although in principle, they are compatible with most other European plugs, there is a pitfall.



Tunisian plug and socket with grounding pin (Type E)

These plugs have a grounding hole in the middle, while in many other **European plugs**, there are two

lateral grounding contacts:



German plug and socket with lateral grounding (Type F)

There are lately numerous plugs in Europe, which have both - the hole and the lateral contacts, and those can be used without a problem.

However, in some cases, the geometry still does not match perfectly - and then you will need to buy an adapter and/or supply an extension/distribution outlet.

Adapters and **extensions** can be bought in Tunisia in many shops.

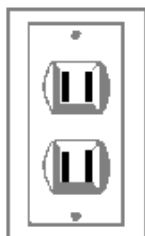
It can also happen that a Tunisian plug will not fit into an European socket, because it is round and has no cutouts on the sides. In this case, you will need an adapter as well.

The **UK plugs** (Type G) are No-compatible with the Tunisian plugs, a travel adapter is always needed:

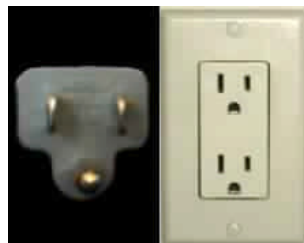


UK plug and socket (type G)

The **US plugs** (Type A or B) are No-compatible with the Tunisian plugs, a travel adapter is always needed:



US plug and socket (type A)



US plug and socket (type B)

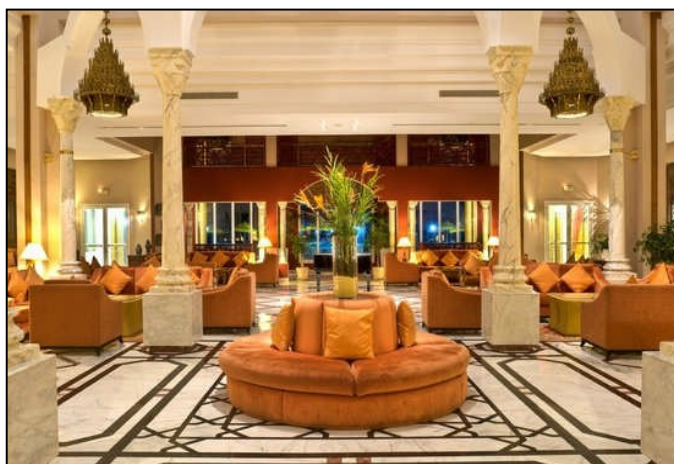
We hope that the information given here will help you to prepare for your travel as we look forward to welcoming you in Tunisia!

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