IFC REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS IN
WATER AND SANITATION
DAKAR, SENEGAL, JUNE 5-8, 2012

LOGISTICS NOTE

IFC and its co-sponsors the Public-Private Infrastructure Advisory Facility (PPIAF), the Water and Sanitation Program (WSP) and the Infrastructure Consortium for Africa (ICA) thank you for confirming your participation to attend the water and sanitation public-private partnerships conference, held under the theme: “Accelerating Access to Water and Sanitation in Sub-Saharan Africa: Scaling Up Private Sector Participation.”

DATES / VENUE

The Conference will be held at the King Fahd Palace Hotel in Dakar, Senegal, from 5 to 8 June 2012. The first day (5 June 2012) is optional, and dedicated to training on the fundamentals of PPPs. The conference sessions will begin on 6 June 2012 at 9am, and will close on 7 June 2012 at 6pm. An optional site visit will be organized on the last day (8 June 2012).

The address of the hotel is:

**KING FAHD PALACE HOTEL**
Pointe des Almadies
B.P. 8181 Dakar Yoff, Senegal
Tel: (221) 33 869 69 39, Fax: (221) 33 869 69 79
www.kingfahdpalacehotels.com

Participants are kindly requested to confirm with the organizers by May 31, 2012, whether they will attend the optional days on June 5 and/or June 8.

TRAVEL

Participants are expected to arrive on Monday, 4 June 2012 if they will attend the optional training on June 5th, and depart on Friday 8 June 2012. Participants who attend the optional site visit should plan to depart Dakar on Friday June 8 in the evening or Saturday June 9. In some cases the flight availability may necessitate a later departure.

AIRPORT TRANSFERS

The hotel shuttle will be available for participants staying at the King Fahd Hotel. In order to make the necessary arrangements with the hotel, it is essential to inform the organizers as soon as possible of your travel plans including arrival/departure dates, estimated time of arrival and flight number.

Participants staying at another hotel in Dakar are urged to notify the hotel of your flight details in order for them to make the necessary hotel shuttle arrangements for your airport to hotel transfer.
**ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS**

Participants who decide to stay at the King Fahd Hotel should notify the organizers so that they can benefit from a preferential rate of 78,213 CFA francs per night (tax exempt), including breakfast. Lunch will be provided to participants during the four days of the conference (June 5 – 8). A gala dinner will be organized on June 6, dinner will be provided at King Fahd Palace for the remaining days of the Conference (June 5, 7 and 8). The hotel requires a deposit to be paid in cash or by credit card.

Participants who wish to stay at an alternative hotel should make their own arrangements, although we would request that you send your hotel details to the organizers.

**CONFERENCE LANGUAGE**

The conference will be held in English and French, simultaneous translation will be provided.

**INTERNET CONNECTION**

Internet connection will be available in the hotel through WIFI. Five desktop computers will be installed in the conference area for the exclusive use by participants.

**VISA**

It is the responsibility of every participant to determine their visa requirements for Senegal and undertake the necessary procedures to ensure their entry to Senegal. If you do require a visa we recommend that you complete visa formalities at the Senegal Embassy in your country before departure. Please inform the organizers well in advance if you need any further communication/documentation from us to facilitate this process.

**VACCINATION**

While the yellow fever vaccination certificate is not usually checked upon arrival at the airport in Dakar, it is advisable to bring your certificate with you.

**CURRENCY**

The currency in use in Senegal is the CFA franc. It is pegged to the Euro and 1€ = 655.957 CFA franc. Dakar offers a good network of banking and foreign exchange services. Credit cards are accepted at hotels and supermarkets.

**WEATHER**

The temperatures vary from 20 to 25°C in the dry season (from November to May). The raining season is between June and October. The month of June is characterized by gradually rising daily high temperatures, with daily highs increasing from 27°C to 29°C over the course of the month.

**SAFETY**

In general, Dakar is a relatively safe. Nonetheless, as with all major cities, discretion is advised. Participants are encouraged to take the necessary precaution whenever they venture out.

Senegalese law requires that all persons carry personal identification at all times. All law enforcement officials have the authority to challenge suspicious activity and to request personal identification.
HEALTH

For emergency health concerns, you may contact the SOS Médecins: +221 33 889 1515. Doctors are on call 24/7. A call-out and consultation fee is applicable.

Other medical facilities include:
- Hôpital Principal de Dakar: +221 33 839 5050
- Clinique du Cap: +221 33 889 02 02
- Clinique de la Madeleine: +221 33 889 9470

ATTRACTIONS & EXCURSIONS

There are a number of tourist attractions in and around Dakar. Arrangements may be made through local tour operators.

Gorée island is undoubtedly the most famous tourist attraction. It is best known for its House of Slaves, which was built by the Dutch in 1776 and is a testimony of Gorée’s role as the center of the West African slave trade. The ferry leaves from the port of Dakar, and cost 1500 FCFA for residents of Dakar, and 5000 FCFA for tourists. Information can be obtained by phoning the Embarcadère directly at +221 33 849 7961, or through a tour operator.

Participants may also wish to contact:
- Senegal Tours
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  P.O. Box 3126 Dakar, Senegal
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