

# Third Meeting of the Parties to the Agreement on the Conservation of Gorillas and their Habitats of the Convention on Migratoy Species



(GORILLA MOP3)

18 – 20 June, 2019 Entebbe, Uganda

**Logistical Information** 

# ABOUT UGANDA AND ENTEBBE

Uganda is a landlocked country in East Africa. It is surrounded to the east by Kenya, to the north by South Sudan, to the west by the Democratic Republic of the Congo, to the southwest by Rwanda, and to the south by Tanzania. Uganda is the world's second most populous landlocked country after Ethiopia. The southern part of the country includes a substantial portion of Lake Victoria, shared with Kenya and Tanzania. Uganda is in the African Great Lakes region. Uganda also lies within the Nile basin, and has a varied but generally modified equatorial climate.

The official languages are Swahili and English. Luganda, a central language, is widely spoken across the country, and several other languages are also spoken including Runyoro, Runyankole Rukiga, and Langi.

Entebbe is a major town in the south of Uganda. Located on a Lake Victoria peninsula, approximately 37 kilometers (23 mi) southwest of the Ugandan capital Kampala. Entebbe also hosts the Entebbe International Airport, Uganda's largest commercial and military airport.

Entebbe is also the location of State House, the official office and residence of the President of Uganda.

# **VENUE**

The Gorilla MOP3 Meeting will be held at **Imperial Golf View Hotel in Entebbe**, Uganda from 18 to 20 June 2019. The venue is located 6 km from the Entebbe International Airport (EBB).

### Imperial Golf View Hotel

Address: Lugard Avenue, Entebbe Telephone: +256 414 322 062

**E-mail**: reservations@irh.co.ug; imperialhotels@hoteleg.com

Website: https://www.imperialhotels.co.ug/ImperialGolfViewHotel.html

### **ACCOMMODATION**

### **Sponsored participants**

The Secretariat has arranged accommodation at the meeting venue for all sponsored participants. Three meals will be provided during the days of the meeting. Any additional room service or items taken from the room fridge are to be paid by participants. Transportation to and from the Airport will be provided for all funded participants.

Funded participants who wish to make personal arrangements such as to extend their stay can get in touch with the Front Office Manager - Ismail Adam on email: fomanager@igvh.co.ug

### Non-sponsored participants

Accommodation arrangements need to be made by individual participants at hotels of their own choice.

Non-funded participants who wish to stay at the Imperial Golf View Hotel can contact the front office Manager . (Email : <a href="mailto:fomanager@igvh.co.ug">fomanager@igvh.co.ug</a>, copy ,

<u>rosemary@hoteleq.com,reservations@igvh.co.ug</u>; and <u>opm@igvh.co.ug</u>). Please mention that you are attending the Gorilla Agreement MOP3.

### REGISTRATION

Registration will begin on Monday, 17 June 2019 from 16.00 to 18.00 and on Tuesday, 18 June 2019 from 08.00 onwards at the meeting hall.

### Daily Subsistence allowance and Terminal expenses

Sponsored participants will receive Daily Subsistence Allowance. DSA is meant to cover expenses for accommodation, transportation, meals and other incidental costs, **including visa costs**, during the period of the meeting. Since three meals and accommodation will be provided, participants will receive 20% of the current standard DSA rate in accordance with the UN Financial Rules. Funded participants will be entitled to an amount of USD 94 for terminal expenses, covering ground transportation between cities and airports, and associated costs, in their home countries. Transportation to and from the Airport in Entebbe is covered by the CMS Secretariat.

DSA and terminal expenses will be paid to eligible participants during the meeting. The time and location will be announced at the meeting.

# PASSPORT AND VISA REQUIREMENTS

All persons intending to come to Uganda are required to apply for and obtain a visa online: https://visas.immigration.go.ug/#/help/visa. https://visas.immigration.go.ug/

Present a valid travel document of not less than 6 months validity to the Immigration officer at the port of entry.

All travelers to the Republic of Uganda MUST have a valid Yellow Fever Immunization card.

Delegates are also required to check the possible necessity of a transit visa, depending on their respective itinerary, and obtain it as necessary.

### **HEALTH INFORMATION**

**Yellow fever**: Uganda requires all visitors to have a valid certificate of immunization against yellow fever.

**Malaria**: Risk (predominantly P. falciparum) exists throughout the year in the whole country. Medicines that protect against malaria in this area include mefloquine (Lariam), doxycycline or atovaquone/proguanil (Malarone). Travelers to any destination in the world can develop travelers' diarrhea from consuming contaminated water or food. In some areas in East Africa, food and water can also carry diseases like cholera, hepatitis A, schistosomiasis and typhoid. Practice safe food and water precautions while travelling in East Africa. Remember: Boil it, cook it, peel it, or leave it!.

In some areas in East Africa, certain insects carry and spread diseases like African trypanosomiasis (sleeping sickness), chikungunya, Crimean-Congo hemorrhagic fever, dengue fever, leishmaniasis, lymphatic filariasis, malaria, onchocerciasis (river blindness), Rift Valley fever, West Nile virus and yellow fever.Travellers are advised to take precautions against bites. More information can be found here: Explore | | www.visituganda.com/

### TRAVEL AND MEDICAL INSURANCE

All participants are recommended to have valid travel and medical insurance covering the period of their stay in Uganda. Participants are responsible for the cost of medical attention at any public or private institutions.

# **WEATHER**

Entebbe features a tropical rainforest climate with relatively constant temperatures throughout the course of the year. Entebbe has noticeably wetter and drier months, with January being the city's driest month and a noticeably drier stretch from July through September.

The month of June is characterized by essentially constant daily high temperatures, with daily highs around 25°C throughout the month, exceeding 27°C or dropping below 23°C only one day in ten.

# CURRENCY

The national currency of Uganda is Uganda shilling (USh) but you can also pay in US Dollar. Exchange Rate is 1, 00 US \$ = 3.714,44 USh as of 1 April 2019.

Upon arrival in the country, visitors may exchange currency at Entebbe International Airport, which has an international currency exchange center and ATMs.

# **WORKING LANGUAGE OF THE MEETING**

The meeting will be conducted in English and French, with simultaneous interpretation.

### **IDENTIFICATION BADGES**

All delegates will receive an identification badge to access the meeting hall at the registration. You are kindly requested to wear this badge during the meeting.

# **ELECTRICAL CURRENT**

Electronic equipment must be compatible with the country's voltage, which is 240 volts to 50 Hertz alternative voltage. Common electrical outlets used in the country:



### TIME ZONE

Uganda is in the Eastern African Time zone (EAT)

# SAFETY AND SECURITY

Dial 999 for immediate assistance.

# **HOTEL SECURITY:**

The hotel for delegates has been carefully selected. However, delegates are advised to:

- Never give out your room number or invite strangers to your room.
- Never leave valuable property unattended in your rooms, meeting rooms, restaurants, swimming pool area, etc.
- Always use safety locks on the door, even during the daytime.
- Always use the room safe for valuables, or use lockable storage for valuables at the front desk, but make sure they issue a receipt for your items.

# **CONTACTS**

Unless otherwise indicated, all relevant correspondence should be addressed to:

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