

**PROPOSAL FOR THE 17th ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON GLOBAL ECONOMIC
ANALYSIS**

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I. INTRODUCTION

The International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) expresses its strong interest in hosting the 17th Annual Conference (2014) on Global Economic Analysis. The proposed venue for the 17th Annual Conference is Dakar, Senegal.

This will mark the first time that the Annual Conference is hosted in West Africa. The organization of the 17th GTAP conference by IFPRI is justified on two grounds. First, IFPRI has been an important partner of the GTAP network for many years. Second, IFPRI has been developing for two years the AGRODEP (African GROWth and DEvelopment Policy) Modeling Consortium. AGRODEP is a new network of modelers and economists based in Africa: this event would represent an opportunity for those modelers to challenge their competence and modeling skills with high-level academics and economists from around the world. Moreover, this would represent an opportunity for GTAP to deepen its relationship with IFPRI, AGRODEP and African researchers, and consequently improve the coverage of its database.

From a logistics point of view, IFPRI is well positioned to host the conference in Dakar, Senegal given that IFPRI has an office and staff based there who have skills and experience in organizing big events and can provide logistical advise and support and facilitate the organization of the conference.

This proposal has been prepared based on the “Annual Conference on Global Economic Analysis Planning Guide”, updated on December 12, 2011. The proposal, at this stage, does not provide comprehensive detailed information about conference planning, but general information on those aspects of conference planning where IFPRI would be the responsible party.

Conference Background

The Center for Global Trade Analysis (GTAP) is a global network of researchers and policy makers conducting quantitative analysis of international policy issues. GTAP's goal is to improve the quality of quantitative analysis of global economic issues within an economy-wide framework through better data, models and education.

For over a decade, the Annual Conference on Global Economic Analysis – coordinated by GTAP at Purdue University – has provided an opportunity for researchers around the world to come together, present their work, and exchange ideas about cutting edge research on global economic policy.

IFPRI-AGRODEP Background

The International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI: <http://www.ifpri.org/>) is one of 15 centers supported by the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR), an alliance of 64 governments, private foundations, and international and regional organizations. IFPRI's vision is a world where every person has secure access to sufficient and safe food to sustain a healthy and productive life and where food-related policy decisions are made transparently, including the participation of consumers and producers.

The African Growth and Development Policy (AGRODEP - www.agrodep.org) Modeling Consortium is an initiative led by the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI – www.ifpri.org). The goal of

AGRODEP is to position African experts to take a leading role in both (1) the study of strategic development questions facing African countries as a group and (2) the broader agricultural growth and policy debate, which traditionally has been dominated by external actors and concerns.

AGRODEP is collaboration among IFPRI, the Association for Strengthening Agricultural Research in East and Central Africa (ASARECA), the West African Council on Agricultural Research and Development (CORAF/WECARD), and the Food, Agriculture, and Natural Resources Policy Network (FANRPAN). All of these four institutions are also members of the AGRODEP Steering Committee, which consists of 20 institutional members including the following: African Development Bank (AfDB), African Union, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Center for Global Trade Analysis (GTAP), Centre d'Etudes Prospectives et d'Informations Internationales (CEPII), Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA), The Economic Community Of West African States (ECOWAS), Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), Uganda Economic Policy Research Center (EPRC), United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), U.S. International Trade Commission (USITC), World Bank Institute (WBI), World Trade Organization (WTO).

Other AGRODEP partners also include the Institut Agronomique et Vétérinaire Hassan II (IAV), The Poverty and Economic Policy (PEP) Research Network, The Centre for World Food Studies, Université catholique de Louvain, and University of Pretoria.

Today, AGRODEP gathers 84 economists from 24 countries (see bios and pictures at: <http://www.agrodep.org/network>). These economists have been selected among hundreds of applications based on a range of criteria which included education, but also professional and research experience. All these 84 economists are based in Africa and work for universities, ministries, or public research centers. They constitute a unique network of competences in economic modeling and economic data in Africa. The network is expected to expand to 150 people by 2014.

Proposed Thematic Focus

The proposed overall theme of the conference is “Environment, poverty and Development” with seven subthemes:

- International trade and food security
- Foreign Direct Investment in land
- Development of land markets
- Development and consolidation of farms
- Integration of Africa in the world trade system
- Distributional impacts of trade liberalization
- The potential for Africa to ‘feed the world’

The conference is an opportunity to engage AGRODEP members and other African researchers in discussions of these important topics that represent special challenges for the African continent.

II. LOGISTICS

Responsible Party: IFPRI

Deadline: Early November prior to conference

Venue: The conference is proposed to be held at the **King Fahd Palace Hotel** (formerly, **Le Meridien President Hotel**) in Dakar, Senegal (see picture below). The hotel is located about 20 km west of the city of Dakar and about 5 km west of the Dakar Airport, at La Pointe des Almadies on the Cap-Vert Peninsula.

It has 374 rooms and suites, 6000 m2 of conference and banqueting facilities, and an integrated large conference center.

Address:

King Fahd Palace Hotel

Pointe des Almadies

BP 8181, Dakar, Senegal

Phone: +221 33 869 69 69 (Senegal)

1-800-543-4300 (United States)

Fax: (221) (33) 8696924

Email address: conference.dakar@kingfahdpalacehotels.com

Website: <http://www.kingfahdpalacehotels.com/>



Picture: King Fahd Palace Hotel



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Selected Days: Given that Wednesday to Friday have been proven in the past to be the most desirable days of the week to hold the conference by the participants, IFPRI will plan the conference during those days.

Airport: the current Dakar airport is the Leopold Sedar Senghor airport. A new international airport is under construction, the Blaise Diagne International airport (see picture below). It is located at 45 kilometers (28 miles) east of Dakar. A highway will relate this airport to Dakar downtown. It is planned to get an annual capacity of 3 millions of passengers. It is expected to open in 2012.



Picture: Blaise Diagne International Airport



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Lodging and Travel

Dakar offers a wide range of accommodation options for conference participants. IFPRI, through the IFPRI-Dakar office will contact local hotels and make arrangements with them to block a large grouping of rooms for conference participants to reserve.



The list below includes potential hotels to be contacted by IFPRI-Dakar, which are located in close proximity to King Fahd Palace Hotel, where the conference will be held:

Hotel des Almadies

La Pointe des Almadies
BP 3236 Almadies
Dakar, Sénégal
Phone: + (221) 33 869 54 54
Fax: + (221) 33 820 43 79
Email address: jgabain@milleniumtoursn.com
Website: www.hoteldesalmadies.com

Sarl Hotel La Détente

47, Route des Almadies,
BP 24253 Ouakam
Dakar, Sénégal
Phone: + (221) 33 820 39 75
Fax: + (221) 33 820 38 49
Email address: ladetente@orange.sn
Website: <http://hotel-ladetente.com/>

Hotel Ngor & Diarama

Phone: + (221) 33 820 1005
Email: info@hotel-ngordiarاما.com
Website: <http://www.au-senegal.com/pages/diarama.php?page=accueil&lang=EN>

Hotel Fleur de Lys

Phone: + (221) 33 869 86 87
Email address: contact@hotelfleurdelysdakar.com
Website: <http://www.hotelfleurdelysdakar.com/>

Hotel & Restaurant Le Lodge des Almadies

Route de L'OCI- Almadies
BP 29339- CP 14524
Dakar, Senegal
Phone: +(221) 33 869 03 45
Website: <http://www.lodgedesalmadies.com/lodge-des-almadies-hotel-dakar-anglais.php>

Airport hotel

Route de Ngor, Dakar
BP 8099, Dakar
Phone: + (221)33 869 7878
Website: au-senegal.com/pages/airport-hotel.php

Once the list of hotels has been finalized and IFPRI has made arrangements to block large grouping of rooms for conference participants, IFPRI will provide the following information to GTAP:

- The name, contact information, location relative to the conference center, and booking details (including group reservation code, name of person or email address to request reservation, price, and deadline for making the reservation).
- Recommendations and price estimates for travel from the airport to hotels
- Maps and directions from hotels to conference venue will also be provided to GTAP for the website.

Entry Visa to Senegal

For those participants who require an entry visa to Senegal, IFPRI will provide all the necessary information to apply for the visa including – when necessary – a letter of invitation in addition to the GTAP invitation letter which is available to all paid registrants.

Letters of Invitation

In addition to the official letter of invitation provided by GTAP for those participants who have paid their registration fees, IFPRI will also provide a letter upon request to those participants who need to have such a letter specifying the name and contact information of the organization/organizer of the conference.

Conference Venue

King Fahd Palace Hotel offers a wide range of 66 meeting rooms, offices and banqueting rooms equipped with high-tech sound, video and lighting equipment, and simultaneous translation system.

The Hotel can easily meet the GTAP requirements below for meeting room capacity:

- 1 room with 250 person minimum capacity
- 3-4 rooms with 50 person minimum capacity
- 3-4 rooms with 20 person minimum capacity

The hotel also offers a professional staff for a smooth running of the event, including Conference & Group Events Associates who will assist in making the event successful.

King Fahd Palace Hotel offers free wireless internet connection as well as a Business Center, which includes photocopier facilities. IFPRI will provide instructions at the registration desk on how to use these facilities.

Below is a list of featured meeting rooms at the King Fahd Palace Hotel:

Amphitheatre: This meeting room can accommodate up to 612 persons in theatre style, equipped with full conference facilities and simultaneous translation system, video equipment.

BC12: This meeting room can accommodate up to 300 people in theater style, 110 classroom style, and 100 in U-shaped style.

B01: This meeting room is an average sized room and can accommodate up to 100 people in theater style, 80 in boardroom style, 70 in classroom style, and 65 in U-shaped style.

B01: This is a small meeting room for up to 30 people in theater style, 20 in conference room style, 17 in U-shaped style, and 12 in class style.

Salon Brun: This is a banquet hall, modular room and can be used for cocktail, dinner dance for meeting room or showroom. It can accommodate up to 550 people.

Delegate meeting room: For private board meeting, the Delegate room is the most convenient, with warm and comfortable furniture, equipped with latest technology. It can accommodate up to 140 people.



Picture: Conference room King Fahd Palace Hotel



Picture: Meeting room in King Fahd Palace Hotel

IFPRI will obtain a floor plan to the conference venue, including a registration area, names and capacities for 7 rooms specified in the conference planning guide.

IFPRI will provide this information to GTAP along with the name and contact information of the conference venue coordinator.

IFPRI will reserve AV equipment for every room with AV staff readily available to assist when needed.

The following required equipment will be reserved¹:

- One computer and projector in each room
- Microphones with audio visual equipment for the plenary room

During the Conference

IFPRI will arrange to have plenty of helpers available at the registration table of the venue who will be available during the entire conference to answer participant questions about the facility and local amenities. In addition, IFPRI will ensure adequate signage for the conference (indicating registration areas, session rooms, etc.)

Conference Event

In keeping with past conferences practice, IFPRI will organize a visit of the Goree island for conference participants (see picture and links below). “Gorée island is the historic site on the West African coast where hundreds of thousands of captured men, women and children were rounded up in chains to be shipped to servitude in the New World”(UNESCO : <http://webworld.unesco.org/goree/en/index.shtml>).



¹ Audio equipment is not required in the smaller rooms.



Picture: Goree Island



“Gorée is famous as a destination for people interested in the Atlantic slave trade but relatively few slaves were processed or transported from there. The more important centres for the slave trade from Senegal were north, at Saint-Louis, Senegal, or to the south in the Gambia, at the mouths of major rivers for trade” (Wikipedia ; <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gor%C3%A9e>).

Since the conference will be planned from Wednesday-Friday, this event will be held after the conference on Saturday.

The cost of this event will be no more than 100US\$ per person which represents only 40% of the discounted registration rate. This cost covers the renting of a bus, the renting of a boat, the payment of a guide and a lunch. We calculate this cost per person for 50 persons registered for this visit.

III. BUDGET

Responsible Party: GTAP & Host Organizer

Deadline: Early November prior to conference for final budget.

Revenues

There are two sources of revenues (see Table 1 below).

First revenues will be generated from conference registration fees: 100 participants will pay standard rates, 70 participants will pay discounted, and 50 have the registration fee waived (these are students from Doctoral programs of the Dakar University – Université Cheick Antia Diop ; <http://www.ucad.sn/> - and from other universities in West Africa). The rates will be agreed upon with GTAP.

Additional revenues are expected from sponsorships the **United States Agency for International Development** (USAID) and the **Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation** (both through AGRODEP) but also by the **World Bank** (WB), **African Development Bank** (AfDB), the **United Nations Economic Commission for Africa** (UNECA), and the **World Trade Organization** (WTO)².

- The UNECA is a regional arm of the UN, and a part of the regional institutional landscape in Africa which contributions to member States' efforts to address their development challenges. Its strength derives from its role as the only UN agency mandated to operate at the regional and sub-regional levels to harness resources and bring them to bear on Africa's priorities.
- The AfDB assists African countries – individually and collectively - in their efforts to achieve sustainable economic development and social progress. The Bank seeks to stimulate and mobilize internal and external resources to promote investments as well as provide its regional member countries with technical and financial assistance.
- The WTO is the international organization dealing with the rules of trade between nations. The WTO agreements are negotiated and signed by the bulk of the world's trading nations and ratified in their parliaments. The goal is to help producers of goods and services, exporters, and importers conduct their business.

Finally, we intend to request the funding of the reception/dinner event by regional institutions (FANRPAN/CORAF/ASARECA) which are deeply involved in the AGRODEP initiative and traditional partners for IFPRI.

² Either these additional revenues will be received by IFPRI or will they be received by GTAP. In the latter case, they would be subject to the Purdue fee.

Table 1. Preliminary assessment of revenues – GTAP conference in Dakar, June 2014.

	Cost (USD)	Cost (XOF)	Units	Total (USD)	Total (XOF)
Registration Rates				\$57,500.00	28,980,000.00
Standard	\$400.00	201,600.00	100	\$40,000.00	20,160,000.00
Discount	\$250.00	126,000.00	70	\$17,500.00	8,820,000.00
Exempt	\$0.00	-	50	\$0.00	-
Sponsorship				\$93,710	48,187,616.40
Sponsors	\$46,166	23,267,714.40	1	\$46,166	23,267,714.40
AGRODEP	\$10,000.00	5,040,000.00	1	\$10,000.00	5,040,000.00
IFPRI-MTID	\$31,444.25	15,847,902.00	1	\$31,444.25	15,847,902.00
IFPRI-Dakar	\$6,100	3,074,400.00	1	\$6,100	3,074,400.00

Contacts are being taken with these institutions.

Expenses

Expenses include (this budget is based on 12/2011 exchange rates: 1 Euro=1.3 US\$; the exchange rate between Euro and CFA Franc –XOF- is fixed: 655.957 XOF/EUR):

- i) Publicity (program, badges and promotional items); at this stage we based our estimated cost (US\$ 5,94) on 2009 GTAP Conference;
- ii) Venue and catering: the hotel King Fahd Palace Hotel offers a package including the meeting room with AV and/or translation equipment, catering (2 coffee breaks and lunch), bottled water, etc... ; the cost includes a fixed cost concerning rooms, videos and access to internet and a variable cost concerning lunch, coffee break and water bottles.
- iii) Four plenary speakers (travel, accommodation, and reimbursement of expenses). At this stage, IFPRI does not have a confirmed list of plenary speakers, but the initial budget has been drafted based with the anticipation that there will be one speaker from Australia, one from Western Europe, one from US -East Coast and one from US-West Coast. This element of expenses includes travel in economy class, accommodation in Dakar and a per diem of US\$ 173.33 per day per person.
- iv) Miscellaneous expenses (IFPRI-MTID and IFPRI-Dakar personnel cost, local transport, incidentals, shipping).

Table 2 provides the details of these expenses, based on a very preliminary assessment.

Table 2. Preliminary assessment of expenses – GTAP conference in Dakar, June 2014.

	Cost (USD)	Cost (XOF)	Units	Frequency	Total (USD)	Total (XOF)
Publicity					\$5,940.00	2,993,760.00

Program	\$15.00	fr.	7,560.00	220	1	\$3,300.00	1,663,200.00
Name badges	\$2.00	fr.	1,008.00	220	1	\$440.00	221,760.00
Promotional items	\$10.00	fr.	5,040.00	220	1	\$2,200.00	1,108,800.00
Venue & Catering						\$53,784.72	27,107,500.00
Rooms + Videos...	\$1,349.21		680000	8	2.5	\$26,984.13	13,600,000.00
Coffee breaks & lunch & water bottles	\$48.12		24250	220	2.5	\$26,463.29	13,337,500.00
Unlimited access to Internet	\$134.92		68000	1	2.5	\$337.30	170,000.00
Reception and Dinner						\$14,166.10	7,139,714.40
Reception	\$19.84	fr.	10,000.00	170	1	\$3,372.80	1,699,891.20
Dinner	\$63.49	fr.	32,000.00	170	1	\$10,793.30	5,439,823.20
Plenary Speakers						\$21,320.96	10,745,763.84
Speaker #1							
Airfare	\$9,360.00		4,717,440.00	1	1	\$9,360.00	4,717,440.00
Lodging	\$188.50		95,004.00	1	3	\$565.50	285,012.00
Per Diem	\$173.33		87,358.32	1	3	\$519.99	262,074.96
Speaker #2							
Airfare	\$2,326.00		1,172,304.00	1	1	\$2,326.00	1,172,304.00
Lodging	\$188.50		95,004.00	1	3	\$565.50	285,012.00
Per Diem	\$173.33		87,358.32	1	3	\$519.99	262,074.96
Speaker #3							
Airfare	\$2,917.00		1,470,168.00	1	1	\$2,917.00	1,470,168.00
Lodging	\$188.50		95,004.00	1	3	\$565.50	285,012.00
Per Diem	\$173.33		87,358.32	1	3	\$519.99	262,074.96
Speaker #4							
Airfare	\$2,376.00		1,197,504.00	1	1	\$2,376.00	1,197,504.00
Lodging	\$188.50		95,004.00	1	3	\$565.50	285,012.00
Per Diem	\$173.33		87,358.32	1	3	\$519.99	262,074.96
Miscellaneous						36,871.27	18,583,120.08

Local transport	\$10.00	5,040.00	220	1	\$2,200.00	1,108,800.00
Incidentals	\$10.00	5,040.00	220	1	\$2,200.00	1,108,800.00
Shipping	\$1,800.00	907,200.00	1	1	\$1,800.00	907,200.00
Personnel – IFPRI-Dakar	\$6,100	3,074,400.00	1	1	\$6,100	3,074,400.00
Personnel- IFPRI MTID	\$24,571.27	12,383,920.08	1	1	\$24,571.27	12,383,920.08

Summary

This preliminary assessment of budget (see Table 3) presents a surplus of \$1,886.95. Venue and Catering represents 41% of expenses. Registration rates represent 38% of revenues.

Table 3. Summary of preliminary budget – GTAP conference in Dakar, June 2014.

	Totals (USD)	Totals (XOF)	Per Participant (USD)	Per Participant (XOF)	% of Total
Revenue Totals					
Registration Rates	\$57,500.00	28,980,000.00			38.03%
Sponsorship	\$93,710	48,187,616.40			61.97%
Total	\$151,210.00	77,167,616.40			
Expense Totals					
Publicity	\$5,940.00	2,993,760.00	\$27.00	13,608.00	4.50%
Venue & Catering	\$53,784.72	27,107,500.00	\$244.48	123,215.91	40.72%
Reception and Dinner	\$14,166.10	7,139,714.40	\$64.39	32,453.25	10.73%
Plenary Speakers	\$21,320.96	10,745,763.84	\$96.91	48,844.38	16.14%
Miscellaneous	\$36,871.27	18,583,120.08	\$167.60	84,638.00	27.92%
Total	\$132,083.05	66,569,858.32			
Purdue University Fee					
Purdue University Fee	\$17,240.00	8,688,961.50			13%

Total	\$17,240.00	8,688,961.50
Final Gain/Loss	\$1,886.95	1,908,796.58

Exchange Rate

Exchange Rate (12-12-11)	\$1.00	fr. 504.00
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Attendance cost estimates

Table 4 provides estimates of attendance costs for either a Junior or a Senior, both of them coming from either Chicago, Paris or Sydney. It means 6 scenarios.

For a Senior it is supposed that she/he buys an Economy Premium ticket (see the airfare cost estimates on Table 5), that she/he spends four nights in Dakar in King Fahd Palace Hotel in a de Luxe bedroom (see Table 6), pays full registration fee and visits Goree island: her/his lunch/dinner is more costly than for Junior based on information from IFPRI staff working at Dakar office.

For a Junior it is supposed that she/he buys an Economy ticket (see the airfare cost estimates on Table 5), that she/he spends three nights in Dakar in hotel Ngor in a single bedroom (see Table 6), pays reduced registration fee and does not visit Goree island: her/his lunch/dinner is less costly than for a Senior. Of course it is possible to design other scenarios with information coming from Tables 5 and 6. Exchange rates are those prevailing in December 2011.

Table 4. Attendance cost estimates by Junior/Senior category

Attendants	Cost (USD)	Cost (XOF)	Units	Frequency	Total (USD)	Total (XOF)
Senior-Chicago					\$3,783.91	\$1,907,090.64
Airfare	\$2,376.00	1,197,503.99	1	1	\$2,376.00	1,197,504.00
Lodging	\$188.49	95,000.00	1	4	\$753.96	379,995.84
Lunch & Dinner	\$59.52	30,000.00	1	4	\$238.08	119,992.32
Registration Fee	\$400.00	201,600.00	1	1	\$400.00	201,600.00
Visit to Goree	\$15.87	8,000.00	1	1	\$15.87	7,998.48
Junior-Chicago					\$2,322.67	\$1,170,625.68
Airfare	\$1,656.00	834,623.99	1	1	\$1,656.00	834,624.00
Lodging	\$119.05	60,000.00	1	3	\$357.15	180,003.60
Lunch & Dinner	\$19.84	10,000.00	1	3	\$59.52	29,998.08
Registration Fee	\$250.00	126,000.00	1	1	\$250.00	126,000.00
Visit to Goree	\$0.00	0	1	0	\$0.00	0.00
Senior-Paris					\$3,733.91	\$1,881,890.64
Airfare	\$2,326.00	1,172,303.99	1	1	\$2,326.00	1,172,304.00
Lodging	\$188.49	95,000.00	1	4	\$753.96	379,995.84

Lunch & Dinner	\$59.52	30,000.00	1	4	\$238.08	119,992.32
Registration Fee	\$400.00	201,600.00	1	1	\$400.00	201,600.00
Visit to Goree	\$15.87	8,000.00	1	1	\$15.87	7,998.48
Junior-Paris					\$1,445.67	\$728,617.68
Airfare	\$779.00	392,616.00	1	1	\$779.00	392,616.00
Lodging	\$119.05	60,000.00	1	3	\$357.15	180,003.60
Lunch & Dinner	\$19.84	10,000.00	1	3	\$59.52	29,998.08
Registration Fee	\$250.00	126,000.00	1	1	\$250.00	126,000.00
Visit to Goree	\$0.00	0	1	0	\$0.00	0.00
Senior-Sydney					\$10,767.91	\$5,427,026.64
Airfare	\$9,360.00	4,717,439.96	1	1	\$9,360.00	4,717,440.00
Lodging	\$188.49	95,000.00	1	4	\$753.96	379,995.84
Lunch & Dinner	\$59.52	30,000.00	1	4	\$238.08	119,992.32
Registration Fee	\$400.00	201,600.00	1	1	\$400.00	201,600.00
Visit to Goree	\$15.87	8,000.00	1	1	\$15.87	7,998.48
Junior-Sydney					\$3,622.67	1,990,823.99
Airfare	\$2,956.00	1,489,823.99	1	1	\$2,956.00	1,489,823.99
Lodging	\$119.05	60,000.00	1	3	\$357.14	180,000.00
Lunch & Dinner	\$19.84	10,000.00	1	3	\$59.52	30,000.00
Registration Fee	\$250.00	126,000.00	1	1	\$250.00	126,000.00
Visit to Goree	\$0.00	0	1	0	\$0.00	0
Exchange Rate						
Exchange Rate (12-12-11)				\$1.00	fr. 504.00	

Table 5 provides airfare cost estimates to Dakar from various cities worldwide. Both costs include trips with the smallest number of connections. The flight from Chicago connects through Paris; the flight from Sidney connects through Johannesburg, SA; and the flight from Paris is direct. Airfare cost is based on the 06/10/12-06/17/12 travel dates. Table 6 provides air flight duration from various cities worldwide. Finally Table 7 provides lodging cost at various Dakar area hotels.

Table 5. Airfare cost estimates to Dakar from various cities worldwide

RT AIRFARE TO	Economy	Economy Premium
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DAKAR FROM:	Cost (USD)	Cost (XOF)	Minimum connections	Cost (USD)	Cost (XOF)	Minimum connections
Africa						
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia	\$972.00	489,887.996	Dubai	\$1,922.00	968,687.992	Dubai
Asia						
Mandaluyong City, Philippines	\$3,281.00	1,653,623.987	Dubai		0.000	
Tokyo, Japan	\$2,644.00	1,332,575.989	Dubai	\$8,625.00	4,346,999.965	Paris
America						
Boston, Massachusetts	\$1,600.00	806,399.994	Madrid	\$2,917.00	1,470,167.988	Paris
Chicago, IL	\$1,656.00	834,623.993	Paris	\$2,376.00	1,197,503.990	Paris
Washington, DC	\$2,225.00	1,121,399.991	Direct	\$10,310.00	5,196,239.958	Direct
Australia						
Canberra, Australia	\$3,350.00	1,688,399.986	Melbourne, Dubai	\$9,370.00	4,722,479.962	Sydney, Johannesburg
Melbourne, Australia	\$3,200.00	1,612,799.987	Bangkok	\$9,683.00	4,880,231.961	Bangkok
Sydney, Australia	\$2,956.00	1,489,823.988	Johannesburg	\$9,360.00	4,717,439.962	Johannesburg
Europe						
Braunschweig, Germany	\$1,032.00	520,127.996	Munich, Lisbon		0.000	
Brussels, Belgium	\$830.00	418,319.997	Direct	\$1,715.00	864,359.993	Direct
Den Haag, Netherlands	\$700.00	352,799.997	Madrid	\$2,728.00	1,374,911.989	Madrid
Dublin, Ireland	\$783.00	394,631.997	Madrid	\$1,978.00	996,911.992	Paris
Frederiksberg, Denmark	\$956.00	481,823.996	Direct	\$1,600.00	806,399.994	Brussels
Geneva, Switzerland	\$632.00	318,527.997	Madrid	\$1,691.00	852,263.993	Madrid

Linz, Austria	\$1,185.00	597,239.995	Vienna, Lisbon	\$2,812.00	1,417,247.989	Vienna, Lisbon
Paris, France	\$779.00	392,615.997	Direct	\$2,326.00	1,172,303.991	Direct
Paris, France	\$779.00	392,615.997	Direct	\$2,326.00	1,172,303.991	Direct
Rome, Italy	\$684.00	344,735.997	Brussels	\$1,501.00	756,503.994	Tunis
Stuttgart, Germany	\$847.00	426,887.997	Paris	\$1,718.00	865,871.993	Paris
Exchange Rate						
Exchange Rate (12-12-11)		\$1.00	fr.	504.00		

Table 6. Direct flights to Dakar from various cities worldwide

From	Flight Duration	Airlines
Washington, DC	7h 30m	South African
New York, NY	7h 50m	Delta
Bamako, Mali	1h 45m	Senegal Airlines, Air Mali, Kenya
Accra, Ghana	3h 30m	Air Nigeria
Algiers, Algeria	4h 0m	Air Algerie
Bamako, Mali	1h 45m	Senegal Airlines, Air Mali, Kenya
Banjul, The Gambia	0h 51m	Senegal Airlines, Air Nigeria, Arik Air
Bissau, Guinea-Bissau	1h 3m	Senegal Airlines, TACV, Mauritanian Airlines International
Brussels, Belgium	6h 10m	Brussels
Cap Skirring, Senegal	0h 55m	Senegal Airlines
Casablanca, Morocco	3h 40m	Royal Air Maroc
Conakry, Guinea	1h 20m	Senegal Airlines, Mauritanian Airlines International
Dubai, United Arab Emirates	10h 55m	Emirates
Johannesburg, South Africa	8h 30m	South African
Lagos, Nigeria	3h 30m	Arik Air
Lisbon, Portugal	4h 10m	TAP Portugal
Lome, Togo	3h 10m	Ethiopian
Madrid, Spain	4h 45m	Iberia, Air Europa
Milan, Italy	6h 5m	Meridiana
Monrovia, Liberia	1h 50m	Mauritanian Airlines International
New York, NY	7h 50m	Delta
Nouakchott, Mauritania	0h 55m	Mauritanian Airlines International, Senegal Airlines
Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso	2h 50m	Air Burkina
Palmas de Gran Canaria, Spain	2h 25m	Iberia
Paris, France	5h 52m	Air France, Corsairfly
Praia, Cape Verde	1h 47m	Senegal Airlines, TACV

Tunis, Tunisia	5h 20m	Tunisair
Washington, DC	7h 30m	South African
Ziguinchor, Senegal	0h 55m	Senegal Airlines

Source: www.google.com

Note: the frequency per week of direct flights varies.

Table 7. Lodging cost at various Dakar area hotels

HOTEL	SINGLE		DELUXE		KING	
	USD	XOF	USD	XOF	USD	XOF
Hotel des Almadies	\$100	50,600	\$140	70,600	\$161	81,200
Sarl Hotel La détente	\$78	39,500	\$128	64,500	\$0	
Hotel Ngor & Diarama	\$119	60,000	\$0		\$0	
Hotel Fleur de Lys	\$139	70,000	\$0		\$0	
Le Lodge des Almadies	\$68	34,200	\$75	37,800	\$80	40,500
King Fahd Palace Hotel	\$135	67,860	\$188.50	95,000	\$228	115,000
Exchange Rate						
Exchange Rate (12-12-11)		\$1.00	fr.	504.00		

IV. PROMOTION/COMMUNICATION

Responsible Party: GTAP

Deadline: Ongoing

While GTAP will coordinate the promotion and communication for the conference, IFPRI will contribute to GTAP's efforts through the following:

- Providing GTAP with general information about the conference including logistics for the GTAP website.
- Posting conference details on IFPRI's (www.ifpri.org) and AGRODEP's (www.agrodep.org) websites with a link to the GTAP website
- Featuring the conference on AGRODEP's monthly newsletter
- Featuring the conference in the Africa Portal: <http://www.africaportal.org/events>

All these efforts will supplement GTAP's promotional efforts listed on the *Annual Conference on Global Economic Analysis Planning Guide* as follows:

Promotion

- Conference Announcement - This is included in the annual GTAP mailer which is sent out to every newly registered member of the GTAP website from the previous year as well as any registered member of the GTAP website who has at least one contribution in their profile. This totals roughly 3,000 individuals per year.
- GTAP website - this is maintained by GTAP, but relies on the host organizer to provide general information such as logistics about the locale.
- Mailing Lists/Other websites - GTAP submits the conference details to the following.
- We encourage host organizers to feature the conference on their websites and link back to the GTAP website. Additional recommendations for other venues in which to advertise are welcomed.
 - Mailing Lists: GTAP, Gempack, GAMS, AERC
 - Websites: Inomics, Purdue University Calendars, Purdue University Department of Agricultural
 - Economic, Conference Alerts, Host Organizer's websites, AEAWeb, ResearchGate, EUAgenda
 - Newsletters: Bridges, GTAP, Host Organizer's

Communication

GTAP will handle all means of communication with conference participants. GTAP has mapped out a timeline of when and who should receive announcement and reminder emails on all aspects of the conference. GTAP will also have sole discretion on setting deadlines for the conference.

Important and efficient communication services are available to IFPRI and AGRODEP. Consequently IFPRI and AGRODEP may help GTAP in communication and promotion of this event, in particular in Africa.

V. ABSTRACTS / PAPERS

GTAP will coordinate all aspects of the paper submission process from solicitation to acceptance.

Responsible Party: GTAP

Deadline: Various (detailed below)

Abstract Submission

All abstracts for the conference must be submitted on the GTAP website. GTAP will accept submissions from early November through mid-January. Late submissions will not be accepted.

Abstract Reviewer Selection/Solicitation

GTAP has a list of potential abstract reviewers we solicit each year. The host organizer may recommend

individuals as well. Recommendations should be made to GTAP by the end of November so that each potential reviewer may be emailed in early December requesting their response in early January.

Abstract Review

GTAP will coordinate assigning abstracts to each reviewer for review based on the topic(s) of the abstract and the interest area(s) of the reviewer. Once this is complete, GTAP will email each reviewer details of how to post their reviews online and their mid-February deadline.

Abstract Selection

After the abstract review deadline, GTAP will compile the average score for each abstract, and based on data from previous conferences and the capacity of the conference venue; decide how many abstracts to accept. Once the list is finalized, GTAP will email each presenter notifying them of their status. This must be completed by early March.

Final Paper Submission

The final papers for all accepted abstracts must be submitted on the GTAP website no later than mid-April. Late submissions will not be accepted and will be removed from the conference program without exception.

VI. ORGANIZED SESSIONS

GTAP will coordinate all aspects of the organized session process from solicitation to acceptance. Papers from each proposed organized session will be reviewed alongside regular abstracts for quality control purposes.

Responsible Party: GTAP

Deadline: Various (detailed below)

Proposal Submission

All organized session proposals for the conference must be submitted on the GTAP website. GTAP will accept submissions from early November through mid-January. Late submissions will not be accepted.

Abstract Reviewer Selection/Solicitation

The individuals who review abstracts from organized session proposals will come from the same pool of individuals used for regular abstracts.

Abstract Review

GTAP will coordinate assigning abstracts to each reviewer for review based on the topic(s) of the abstract/session and the interest area(s) of the reviewer. Once this is complete, GTAP will email each reviewer details of how to post their reviews online and their mid-February deadline.

Session Selection

After the abstract review deadline, GTAP will compile the average score for each abstract within a proposed session and deliberate on how many sessions to accept. Once the list is finalized, GTAP will email the organizers and presenters notifying them of their status. This follows the same process as regular abstracts and must be completed by early March.

Final Paper Submission

The final papers for all accepted abstracts must be submitted on the GTAP website no later than mid-April. Late submissions will not be accepted and will be removed from the conference program without exception.

VII. REGISTRATION / PAYMENT

GTAP will coordinate all aspects of conference registration and payments.

Responsible Party: GTAP

Deadline: Various (detailed below)

Registration

All conference registrations must be submitted on the GTAP website. GTAP will accept registrations from early January through late April. Late registrations will not be accepted.

Payment

All registration payments will be processed by GTAP. Payments will be accepted from early January through early May. Registered individuals who fail to pay by the deadline will be removed from all conference proceedings without exception. This includes cancelling presentations if the individual who failed to pay is a presenter.