

**Inception Workshop of the
African Growth and Development Policy (AGRODEP)
Modeling Consortium**

**October 28-29, 2010
Dakar, Senegal**

Logistical Information

Meeting Venue:

The AGRODEP modeling consortium kick-off meeting will be held in Dakar, Senegal, from Thursday October 28 to Friday October 29, 2010 at the [Méri dien President Hotel](#). Contact details of hotel are given below.

Address: Pointe des Almadies, BP 8181, Dakar – Senegal
Phone: (221)33.869.6969

Entry formalities:

Citizens from African Countries member of UMOA (West African Monetary Union) and ECOWAS (Economic Community of West African States) do not need an entry visa for Senegal. Citizens of Countries member of the European Union (EU), Canada, and the United States do not require an entry visa to travel to Senegal for a stay of up to three months. All other Nationals need to apply for a visa at the Senegalese Embassy/Consulate in their current country of residence.

For further information on country eligibility:

<http://www.ambasenegal-us.org/fichiers/country-eligibility.pdf>

Air Tickets

AGRODEP funded participants will receive a round trip plane ticket to Dakar in economy class. For those who directly purchase their tickets, please submit a photocopy of the air ticket and original invoice/receipts to the secretariat on the first day of the workshop. We will process reimbursements at IFPRI, Washington, DC office and wire the payment to your respective account.

Arrivals and transport to the hotel:

Airport transfers will be handled by the hotel shuttle. After you pass through customs and pick up your luggage, kindly proceed to the Meridien Hotel booth in the lobby of the airport.

Accommodations:

Hotel accommodation will be offered to participants at the Méri dien Hotel, which is also the meeting venue.

While attending the workshop, charges for a single room will be placed on a master bill to be paid directly by the organizers for funded participants. Non-funded participants will need to settle their room bill on their own personal accounts.

All participants will be responsible for incidental expenses such as phone, fax, laundry, liquor, and additional person charges. These charges will be placed on your individual account that we would appreciate you paying upon checkout.

Hotel Contact person: Mrs. Diabel Toure

Phone: +221.33.869.6939

Code: IFPRI Meeting

Registration

Registration can be done between 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM on Wednesday, October 27 at the hotel lobby or at 8:00 AM on Thursday, October 28 outside the conference room C56. The meeting will start at 8:30 on both days, October 28-29.

Telephone Facility

Costs associated with telephone calls are the participants' responsibility.

Internet Facility

Internet access is available at the hotel. However, participants will have to bear the expense themselves.

Meals:

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, and two coffee breaks per day will be offered to the participants during the meetings. Meals are covered in the room charges before and after the meetings.

Cocktail Reception on October 28

AGRODEP will host cocktail reception for the participants from 6:30 to 8:00 PM on October 28.

Currency:

Senegal's official currency is the West African CFA Franc (XOF).

For cash, Euros and Dollars are the most easily changed currency (1\$ 480 FCFA, 1€ 650 FCFA). Credit cards are accepted at major hotels and restaurants in Dakar and travelers' checks can be exchanged at most banks.

Climate:

The weather in October is relatively pleasant. It remains sunny, breezy, and dry with cooler temperatures staying between 25 to 27°C or 77°F to 79°F.

Health

A yellow fever vaccination is a requirement for entry to Senegal if coming from an infected area, but all travellers should be vaccinated against yellow fever as a precaution. It is also recommended that travellers be vaccinated against Hepatitis A and B. Also remember that

Senegal is in the malarial zone and prophylactics should be taken as a precaution. Please take measures to avoid mosquito bites, such as using an insect repellent at all times.

More detailed health information can be found on the CDC website:

<http://wwwn.cdc.gov/travel/destinationSenegal.aspx>

A few emergency health providers:

- SOS Médecin – Tel: 33.889.1515
- Clinique Madeleine – Tel : 33.889.9470
- Clinique du CAP – Tel : 33.889.0202

Communications:

The international dialing code for Senegal is +221. No city/area codes are required. The outgoing code is 00 followed by the relevant country code.

Local Time:

Senegal is on the GMT+ 0 line

Electrical Power:

Electric Power is 220V. The Plug types used are round pin attachment plugs.

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