



Open Science conference  
"Toward a biophysical carbon accounting in Africa  
and perspectives for REDD and CDM"  
Pointe-Noire, Congo, 17-19 March 2010

**INFORMATION NOTE**

The following information is provided in order to make your time in Pointe-Noire as pleasant and efficient as possible.

**Conference Venue**

The Conference is scheduled to start on 17th March 8:00am – agenda will be provided shortly.

The location is in the Hotel Elais (<http://www.hotelelais.com/>). The hotel is located on the main avenue of Pointe-Noire.

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**Hotel Reservation**

Please make your own hotel reservation by yourself directly with the hotel.

If you book a room at the Hotel Elais, indicate that you are participating in the “CarboAfrica Conference” and you will benefit of the special rate (specially agreed for the conference).

If you prefer a different Hotel, below there is a list of recommended hotels with different cost options. All these Hotels are located in Pointe-Noire.

HOTEL	Approximate prices Euros/night in single	Phones (+242)	Email Website
Hotel Elais (formerly Novotel)	From 76 112  (Double 100)	294 12 51 or 523-25-92	<a href="http://www.hotelelais.com/">http://www.hotelelais.com/</a>
Hotel Migitel	From 69 to 92	294 36 36 294 02 58	<a href="http://www.congo-hotel-migitel.com">http://www.congo-hotel-migitel.com</a>
Aqua Vital	84	557-57-26 or 544-28-28	
Grand Hotel	72	571-12-22 (Mrs Bayonne)	
Imperial Guest House	94	520-40-10	
Hotel Deborah	From 30 Euros/night to 45 Euros	525 40 20	<a href="#">Quartier Tie-Tie (in the map in H2)</a> <a href="#">Please note that you may have to take a taxi or buses to reach the Elais Hotel.</a>

## Before your arrival in Congo

Vaccination against yellow fever is obligatory.

**Visa** is obligatory.

The business visa requires to have an official **invitation letter too**, signed by the immigration office in Congo. Yves Nouvellet [yves.nouvellet@cirad.fr](mailto:yves.nouvellet@cirad.fr) and Blandine Caquet [blandise.caquet@cirad.fr](mailto:blandise.caquet@cirad.fr) will kindly support you in providing this letter, but please send them **ASAP a copy of your passport by E-mail**.

Note that, after your arrival in Pointe Noire, you will have to pay them the sum of 12 500 FCFA (20 euros) necessary to get this document.

## Flights

### **General information**

Airlines arriving to Pointe Noire are:

- Trans Air Congo (TAC)
- Gabon Airlines
- Air Burkina
- Trans Air Benin
- Air France
- TAAG (Angolese Airways)

Airlines arriving to Brazzaville and booking transfer to Pointe Noire via TAC are :

- Air France
- Royal Air Maroc
- Ethiopian Airlines
- Kenya Airways
- SAA

### **For participants who can only fly as far as Brazzaville**

If the airline does not reach Pointe Noire but just the capital Brazzaville, a flight from Brazzaville to Pointe Noire with the airline TransAirCongo (TAC) needs to be booked. TAC is the safer internal airline in Congo but the website of TAC is not operational. Also, the coordinators in Congo (Yves Nouvellet and Blandine Caquet) are able to reserve for you the flight from Brazzaville to Pointe Noire. Please contact these persons rapidly once your flight timetable is known.

It really is not recommended to drive or travel by car or train between these two towns. The best option is to fly.

The flight timetable of TAC (Brazzaville/Pointe Noire) is:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>Brazzaville =&gt; Pointe Noire</b>	9h00, 12h00, 16h00, 19h00	9h00, 12h00, 16h00	9h00, 12h00, 16h00, 19h00	9h00, 12h00, 16h00, 19h00	9h00, 12h00, 16h00, 19h00	9h00, 12h00, 16h00	11h30, 19h00
<b>Pointe Noire =&gt; Brazzaville</b>	8h00, 11h00, 15h00, 18h00	8h00, 11h00, 15h00	8h00, 11h00, 15h00, 18h00	8h00, 11h00, 15h00, 18h00	8h00, 11h00, 15h00, 18h00	8h00, 11h00, 15h00	10h00

## Arrival at the airport Agostino Neto (Pointe Noire)

### *Transport from airport to the hotel*

Preferably, check for a pick-up solution from your hotel, otherwise another mean of transport in Pointe-Noire is the cab. Cabs are white and blue and the price is around 1000 Francs cfa from the airport to the Hotel.

### *Money and change*

You can not get Congo's money (Francs cfa) abroad. But you are able to change euros at the airport or in a bank near the hotel. Banking hours: 06:30-13:00 Monday to Friday (counters close at 11:30).

To avoid additional exchange rate charges, travelers are advised to take traveler's cheques in Euros or Pounds Sterling.

For information: 1 euro  $\approx$  666 Fcfa / 1000 Fcfa  $\approx$  1.50 euros

For an estimate in \$: <http://www.mataf.net/en/currency/convertter-XOF>

## Field trip:

For organizational reasons, this activity should be limited to **only 18 persons**. Therefore, if you are interested, please notify it as soon as possible to [yves.nouvellet@cirad.fr](mailto:yves.nouvellet@cirad.fr) and [blandine.caquet@cirad.fr](mailto:blandine.caquet@cirad.fr).

A visit to the Tchizalamou site will be organized for the Saturday 20 and Sunday 21 March. At North-West of Pointe- Noire (130 Km), we will visit the Congolese savannah and its flux towers, Eucalyptus plantations where are studied the biogeochemical cycles and the work of the national society of afforestation (SNR) in Congolese natural forest.

The trip should be done by car, gently lent by CRDPI and the EFC -Eucalyptus Fibre Congo-. Sandwiches, drinks and the Saturday's dinner will be provided. Our accommodation will take place in the EFC's guest house nearby the lake of Yanika (for 15-18 persons).

Estimated cost: from 40 to 62 euros per person.

The national park of Conkouati is very interesting. (General info in English, French and Deutsch: <http://www.help-primates.org/an/index.php?SRC=0&DEST=16300> )

If you are more interested in a visit to the monkey reserve on your own:

Contact: Mrs Hilde Vanleeuwe,

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## Contacts in Congo

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Please find bellow a map.

