WELCOME

Akwaaba! Welcome to Ghana.

This brief has been prepared to support a smooth and productive visit to Accra from 3–4 November 2026. The REACH Network has arranged accommodation for delegates at three hotels: Accra Marriott Hotel, Four Points by Sheraton Accra, and Kempinski Hotel Gold Coast City. Use the details below as a quick reference

S/N	Item	Detail
1	Capital	▪ Accra (Greater Accra Region)
2	Official language	▪ English; many people also speak Twi, Ga, Ewe and Fante
3	Time zone	▪ GMT (UTC+0), no daylight saving (1 hour behind Lagos, and 5 hours ahead of New York in November)
4	Currency	▪ Ghana cedi (GHS)
5	Dialing code	▪ +233
6	Driving side	▪ Right-hand traffic
7	Emergency numbers	▪ 112 general emergency number ▪ 191 or 18555 police emergency number ▪ 193 ambulance services ▪ 192 fire services
8	Airport	▪ Kotoka International Airport (ACC)

COUNTRY ENTRY REQUIREMENT

Ghanaian immigration expects three things from every delegate, including a passport valid for at least six months beyond departure, a visa or visa exemption document, and a yellow fever vaccination certificate

a. Visa Requirement

ECOWAS Countries: ECOWAS citizens do not need a visa; however, delegates must travel on a valid passport or have an ECOWAS travel document

Other African Countries (Non-ECOWAS): Ghana announced a **fee-free** e-visa for other African passport holders (Non-ECOWAS) from May 25, 2026. ***The policy removes the fee, not the application***. Kindly apply online and secure approval before the expected departure

Delegates travelling on passports issued by **Burkina Faso, Mali**, or **Niger** do not require a visa to enter Ghana. However, like delegates from other non-ECOWAS countries, they must apply for an Electronic Travel Authorization ***(eTA)*** before departure

Other Nationalities (Outside Africa): Other nationalities must apply for a business visa through a Ghanaian embassy, high commission, or the e-visa platform well in advance of travel. ***Please ensure you carry your conference invitation letter***

b. Other documentation

Yellow fever certificate (mandatory): Carry your original yellow card in your hand luggage. Health officers check it at Kotoka on arrival and may vaccinate you at the airport or refuse you entry if you cannot show it. Get vaccinated at least 10 days before you travel

ON ARRIVAL, KEEP YOUR HOTEL ADDRESS, INVITATION LETTER AND RETURN TICKET READILY AVAILABLE FOR IMMIGRATION.

LOGISTICS AND TRANSPORTATION

Arrival date: November 2, 2026

Departure date: November 5, 2026

a. Airport arrival and transfers

REACH-funded delegates: Airport pick-up has been mapped against the travel information provided during registration. Your specific transfer details will be shared directly before travel.

Self-funded delegates: A scheduled airport shuttle will be available approximately every two hours. The detailed airport shuttle timetable will be shared in the final travel communication. You may use the shuttle closest to your arrival time or make your own transfer arrangements. Alternatively, at your own cost, you may use Uber or Bolt, both of which operate in Accra. Metered and unmetered airport taxis are also available from the arrivals area.

DELEGATES USING A REACH-ARRANGED TRANSFER SHOULD LOOK OUT FOR REPRESENTATIVES DISPLAYING REACH NETWORK ANNUAL MEETING SIGNAGE/LOGO ON ARRIVAL.

AIRPORT SHUTTLE SIGN



b. Daily shuttle to the meeting venue

The meeting venue is the Accra Marriott Hotel. Networking begins at 8:30 AM and the formal programme begins at 9:00 AM. To allow time for morning traffic and arrival before networking, delegates staying at the other hotels should use the schedule below.

Hotel	Bus available / boarding	Departure	Expected arrival at Marriott

Accra Marriott Hotel	N/A	N/A	Please be at the meeting area by 8:25 AM
Four Points by Sheraton Accra Airport	7:50 AM	8:05 AM	Approximately 8:15–8:20 AM
Kempinski Hotel Gold Coast City	7:30 AM	7:45 AM	Approximately 8:10–8:20 AM
Mövenpick Ambassador Hotel Accra	7:30 AM	7:45 AM	Approximately 8:10–8:20 AM

Important: Shuttles will depart promptly at the stated times. Please be in the hotel lobby at least 10–15 minutes before departure. Travel times are approximate and may vary with traffic.

c. Return transport

Return shuttles to Four Points, Kempinski and Mövenpick will be coordinated at the close of scheduled activities each day. The exact departure point and timing will be announced during the meeting.

d. Calendar invitations

Relevant meeting activities will be added to delegates' calendars. Delegates moderating or supporting specific sessions will receive calendar blocks for those sessions, while other delegates will receive full-day meeting blocks and separate invitations for activities such as the formal dinner. Please accept the invitations once received.

BUS TYPES



HOTEL DETAILS

Delegates will be accommodated across four hotels. The Accra Marriott Hotel is the meeting venue; shuttle arrangements above apply to delegates staying at the other hotels

Hotel	Address	Phone	Check-in / out	Meeting transport
Accra Marriott Hotel	Liberation Road, Airport City, Accra	+233 30 273 8000	3:00 PM / 12:00 PM	Meeting venue; no shuttle required
Four Points by Sheraton Accra Airport	Plot 75A, First Senchi Street, Airport Residential Area, Accra	+233 30 275 4350	3:00 PM / 12:00 PM	Depart 8:05 AM
Kempinski Hotel Gold Coast City	Ministries PMB, 66 Gamel Abdul Nasser Ave, Accra	+233 24 243 6000	3:00 PM / 12:00 PM	Depart 7:45 AM
Mövenpick Ambassador Hotel Accra	Independence Avenue, Ridge, PMB CT 343, Accra	+233 30 261 1000	3:00 PM / 12:00 PM	Depart 7:45 AM

MEETING DETAILS

Meeting dates	November 3–4, 2026
Venue	Olympio & Nyerere Theatre, Accra Marriott Hotel
Daily arrival/networking	8:30–9:00 AM
Formal dinner	November 3, 2026

WEATHER

Expect hot, humid days around 32°C and warm nights around 25°C. November is generally drier, although brief showers are possible. Conference venues are air-conditioned, so delegates may want to carry a light layer.

MEASURE	NOVEMBER AVERAGE
Daytime high	31.9°C (can reach about 34.5°C)
Night-time low	24.7°C
Rainfall	About 30 mm over roughly 3 days
Humidity	About 79%
Sunshine	About 8 hours a day

WHAT TO PACK

a. Clothing

- Wear lightweight business attire in breathable fabrics; bring a lightweight suit or blazer for formal sessions.
- Pack a light cardigan, jacket or pashmina for air-conditioned conference halls.
- Bring smart or traditional attire for the formal dinner.
- Prepare for sun and occasional showers with sunglasses and a compact umbrella.
- Avoid camouflage or military-style clothing.

b. Travel essentials

- Passport and entry documents, including visa/eTA approval as applicable.
- Original yellow fever vaccination card.
- Conference invitation letter and hotel booking confirmation.
- Travel insurance documentation, where applicable.
- Prescription medicines in original packaging, with a copy of prescriptions where relevant.
- Insect repellent, sunscreen and hand sanitiser.

HEALTH ADVISORY

a. Vaccinations and malaria prevention

Vaccine	Advice
Yellow fever	Ghana requires all travellers to have a yellow fever certificate
Hepatitis A, typhoid, tetanus	Health authorities recommend these vaccines for most travellers
Hepatitis B, cholera, meningococcal ACWY, rabies, MMR	Discuss with your doctor, based on your history and plans

b. Malaria Prevention

- Ghana carries a high malaria risk all year, including in Accra. Ask your doctor for a prescription and start and finish the course as directed.
- Apply repellent with DEET or picaridin, especially from dusk to dawn. Wear long sleeves in the evening, and keep your room windows shut and the air-conditioning on.
- Seek an urgent malaria test for any fever within three months of your return, and tell the doctor you visited Ghana.

- Delegates from Nigeria or other malaria-endemic countries should still take precautions; partial immunity fades over time.

c. **Food and water**

- Drink bottled or filtered water and check seals.
- Choose freshly cooked, hot food and use good hand hygiene.
- Wash or peel fruit before eating.

PRIVATE HOSPITALS MAY REQUIRE PAYMENT OR AN INSURANCE GUARANTEE UPFRONT. DELEGATES ARE ENCOURAGED TO TRAVEL WITH APPROPRIATE HEALTH/TRAVEL INSURANCE.

NEAREST HOSPITALS

Facility	Type	Phone	Approx. distance
Nyaho Medical Centre	Private; multi-specialty	+233 30 708 6490 / Ambulance +233 27 775 2424	About 1–2 km
37 Military Hospital	Public; 24-hour emergency	Emergency +233 25 611 2222 / General +233 30 276 7691	About 3–4 km
Euracare Advanced Diagnostics & Heart Centre	Private; cardiology and imaging	N/A	About 4 km

USEFUL CONTACTS

CONTACT	NUMBER
General emergency	112
Police	191 or 18555
Ambulance	193
Fire	192

OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

a. **Money**

- The local currency is the Ghana cedi (GHS). Exchange rates fluctuate, so confirm the prevailing rate before travel.

- Foreign currency can be exchanged at the airport, forex bureaus and some hotels.
- Carry some cedis for taxis, markets and small purchases; mobile money and cash are widely used.

b. Phone and internet

- Internet access will be available at the hotel and meeting venue.
- Delegates who need local mobile service can use an eSIM or purchase a local SIM; passport registration may be required.

c. Getting around

- Uber, Bolt, Yango and hotel cars are common transport options in Accra.
- For street taxis, agree the fare before starting the trip where the taxi is not metered.
- Participants planning visits outside the official meeting programme are responsible for their own transportation, accompaniment and related logistics.

d. Safety and local law

- Do not photograph government buildings, the airport, military sites or police.
- Note that Ghanaian law criminalises same-sex relations; LGBTQ+ delegates should exercise discretion.
- Expect heavy penalties for drug offences. Carry a copy of your passport, not the original, when you go out.

INTERESTING THINGS ABOUT GHANA

Ghana led sub-Saharan Africa to independence, winning freedom from colonial rule on 6 March 1957 under Kwame Nkrumah, and it still champions Pan-Africanism with pride.

a. Did you know?

- Ghana carried the name Gold Coast before independence. It still leads Africa in gold production and ranks as the world's second-largest cocoa grower.
- The Akosombo Dam created Lake Volta, one of the world's largest artificial lakes by surface area.
- Asante and Ewe weavers encode meaning in every colour and pattern of kente, the country's famous silk-and-cotton cloth.
- Akan families name children after the day of birth: a boy born on Saturday becomes Kwame, on Friday Kofi. Ask a Ghanaian colleague to tell you yours.
- The Black Star on the flag gave the national football team its name, the Black Stars.
- Ghana and Nigeria keep up a friendly, never-ending rivalry over who cooks the best jollof rice.

b. Etiquette

- Greet people before you talk business: offer a handshake and ask “How are you?” first. Many Ghanaians finish a handshake with a finger snap.
- Use your right hand to give, receive, eat and wave; Ghanaians consider the left hand impolite.
- Address people by title (Dr., Madam, Mr., Nana for chiefs) until they invite you to use first names, and show respect to elders.
- Ask permission before you photograph anyone.

c. Food to try

- Sample jollof rice, waakye (rice and beans), banku or kenkey with grilled tilapia and pepper sauce, and fufu with light soup or groundnut soup.
- Try red bean stew (with fried plantain) and kelewele (spiced fried plantain).
- Add shito, the black pepper sauce Ghanaians serve with almost everything, and cool down with sobolo (hibiscus drink) or fresh coconut.

d. Places you can visit in Ghana

Place	Why go	Approx. travel time
Kwame Nkrumah Memorial Park	Mausoleum and museum of Ghana’s founding president	20–30 min
Independence Square & Black Star Gate	Iconic national monument by the sea	20–30 min
Jamestown & Lighthouse	Historic Accra, fishing harbour and colonial-era sites	About 30 min
Arts Centre / Makola area	Crafts, kente and beads	About 30 min
Global Mamas	Crafts, clothing, bags and beads	About 15 min
Wild Gecko	Handcrafts and local products	About 15 min

PLEASE NOTE THAT PARTICIPANTS PLANNING VISITS OUTSIDE THE OFFICIAL MEETING PROGRAM ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR OWN TRANSPORTATION, ACCOMPANIMENT, AND RELATED LOGISTICAL ARRANGEMENTS. WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO PLAN FOR A SAFE AND ENJOYABLE EXPERIENCE.



Kwame Nkrumah Memorial Park



Independence Square and Black Star Gate



Jamestown and the Lighthouse



Arts Centre Makola Market



Global Mamas Accra



Wild Gecko


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