PARTICIPANT’S GUIDE TO THE EIGHTH MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE OF THE FORUM ON CHINA-AFRICA COOPERATION (FOCAC) DAKAR, NOVEMBER 28-30, 2021
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1. INTRODUCTION

The eighth (8th) ministerial conference of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) is scheduled at the Abdou Diouf International Conference Center from November 29 to 30, 2021. The ministerial segment will be preceded by the Senior Officials Meeting to be held on 28 November and the opening of the Entrepreneurs' Forum which will take place on November 29, 2021.

More than 500 participants, including Heads of state and Government, Ministers, Representatives of International Organizations, as well as the African and Chinese private sectors, will take part in these meetings, both online and face-to-face.

2. FOCAL POINTS FOR INFORMATION

The Government of the Republic of Senegal makes available to delegations and Official Guests all the information necessary to facilitate the proper coordination of activities related to the organization of the Eighth Ministerial Conference of FOCAC.

Regarding the progress of the work of the 8th Ministerial Conference of FOCAC, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Senegalese Abroad of Senegal recommends contacting the Dakar FOCAC National Committee.

3. PROTOCOL

A team of Protocol officers will be made available to participants to help with all necessary formalities, including hotel registration and reservation. It will also be present at Blaise Diagne International Airport to ensure the reception and transport of delegations to their respective hotels.
For any further information, please contact the committee.

4. REGISTRATION

The Secretariat of the Dakar FOCAC National Committee recommends making the necessary registrations no later than November 19, 2021, through the website: https://senegalfocac2021.com/

5. ACCOMMODATION

The Government of the Republic of Senegal will provide accommodation, local transport and catering for two (2) Ministers per country.

For other members of delegations, it is recommended to book hotel rooms, informing the following Committee. Accommodation and food costs will be borne by the members of the delegations. The list of recommended hotels is given in the appendix.

6. LOGISTICS AND TRANSPORT

The Government of the Republic of Senegal will make available to each ministerial delegation of each country with a VIP vehicle.

Other delegation members will benefit from bus transportation from Blaise Diagne International Airport to their respective hotels.

During the meetings, buses will also be available to transport delegates from the various hotels to the Center of Conference.

For any further information, please contact the Committee.
7. SAFETY

The Government of the Republic of Senegal will take all necessary steps to ensure security during their stay in Sénégal.

In order to facilitate the entry for officers responsible for the security of senior figures, the names and licenses of the weapons and ammunition should be notified and accompanied by detailed information on the characteristics of the firearms.

In order to facilitate the access of the officers responsible for the security of the High Personalities to Senegalese territory, their identity as well as the licenses of their weapons and the details of their ammunition must be notified to the organizers before November 19, 2021.

8. PRESS

The work of the Conference may be covered by the Official press Bodies of each participating State, as well as by all the Communication Bodies which have previously requested it to the National FOCAC Committee, which will inform the Government of Senegal. The Communication Bodies should contact the Secretariat of the National FOCAC Committee to the following email address, before November 15, 2021.

Email : dpct.maese@diplomatie.gouv.sn
Email : focacdakar2021@diplomatie.gouv.sn
9. ACCREDITATION

As of **November 10th, 2021**, an Accreditation Center will be operational at the Secretariat of the Committee for the different levels and categories of participants.

Each participant in the meetings will have to wear the badge corresponding to his functions and qualities.

The badge is personal and non-transferable.

At the Blaise DIAGNE International Airport, each delegation will receive six (6) accreditations, two (2) for the Ministers and four (4) for the other members of the delegation.

10. VISA FORMALITIES

Members of official delegations holding diplomatic, official and service passports, as well as holders of passports of the United Nations and other International Organizations, or nationals of countries where Senegal does not have a Diplomatic or Consular Representation, will obtain their visas free of charge on arrival at AIBD in airport.

Beforehand, the delegations must send the official lists of their members, accompanied by copies of the passports, to the National FOCAC Committee, by email to the following addresses:

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delegations coming from countries where Senegal has a Diplomatic or Consular Mission must obtain their visas from the latter before their arrival in Dakar.

Delegates from countries where Senegal does not have Diplomatic or Consular representation should contact the Committee or the Permanent Representations of Senegal to the United Nations, the African Union and the Senegalese Embassy in Beijing by sending all the information required to authorize the issuance of the visa on arrival at Dakar airport.

11. ARRIVAL IN BLAISE DIAGNE AIRPORT

A.) Ministers

On their arrival, the Heads of delegations will be received by a Reception Committee whose members will be appointed by the Government of the Republic of Senegal.

Delegations arriving in private planes must communicate the characteristics of the aircraft on board which they will be traveling, in order to obtain authorizations for overflight and landing.

B.) Other participants

All other delegates will be received by Protocol agents, who will take them to the Lounges planned for the event, before being transported to their respective hotels.
12. HEALTH

The Government of the Republic of Senegal will provide all official delegations with Health Assistance and Emergency Services, located at the airport, in hotels, at the CICAD.

Members of official delegations must bring a negative PCR test of less than 72 hours upon arrival in Dakar. It is recommended that they get vaccinated against COVID-19.

A Covid-19 desk will be open at the airport, at the CICAD and in major hotels, access to which will be controlled with high-precision temperature-sensing gantries or non-contact thermometers.

All delegates will be tested for Covid-19 upon arrival in Dakar, or before taking part in the meetings.

All staff of the organization committee will be tested for Covid-19, before the start of the meetings. A special epidemic response team will be created with a special issue open and communicated to all delegations.

13. CULTURE AND DISCOVERY

The Government of the Republic of Senegal will propose to delegations a cultural program and sites to visit on the sidelines of the Conference.

1. The Renaissance Monument
2. Gorée Island
3. The Pink Lake
4. Museum of Black Civilizations

14. DEPARTURE OF THE DELEGATIONS

At the end of the Conference, the departure of Heads of delegations and delegates will take place according to the protocol formalities established by the Government of the Republic of Senegal.

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