

INTRODUCTION

Following the Boko Haram conflict and insecurity that bedevilled the Lake Chad Basin Region since 2009, leading to among others massive internal and cross-border displacement, the destruction of public properties, human rights abuses, disruption of public services, and deepening poverty, the Lake Chad Basin Commission developed the Regional Strategy for Stabilization, Recovery, and Resilience of the Boko Haram affected areas of the Lake Chad Basin Region (RS SRR) with the support of the African Union and UNDP in 2018¹. The RS SRR provides a robust framework for addressing the region's complex and urgent security, humanitarian, and development challenges. It recognizes the need for a comprehensive, multi-sectoral, coordinated set of sub-national, national, and cross-border efforts to build long-lasting stability and resilience across the Lake Chad Basin Region (LCB Region).

The Governors' Forum, an integral part of the RS SRR, has served as the most important political platform for cross-border and regional interaction with various stakeholders and interlocutors. Over the years, the Forum has established itself as a platform for stakeholder exchanges and the main platform for political dialogue in the LCB Region.

The Governors' Forum provide an opportunity for all stakeholders, including Governors, Regional/Provincial/National governments of the four member states, Regional economic communities, local and national CSOs, UN entities, National and International NGOs, National and International Research and Education Institutions, International Development Agencies and Donor Partners, and other Financial and Technical Partners to interrogate and lay options for sustainable peace and development in the Region.

The overall objective of the 5th Lake Chad Basin Governors' Forum is to, through the Governors' offices, facilitate dialogue, coordination, and cross-border cooperation between the eight territories and offer opportunities for multi-stakeholder engagement with the Governors to consolidate gains and advance regional cooperation on key priority areas of the RS SRR.

The overarching theme of the fifth edition of the Forum is "**Rebuilding the Lake Chad Basin: Consolidating Gains, Commitment to Peace, Cross-Border Cooperation, Security and Sustainable Development for a Resilient Community**".



At end of this Forum, stakeholders will take stock of the progress made; agree on a shared understanding of the trajectory of the current situation in the Lake Chad Basin region; and



¹ The Strategy was validated by the Lake Chad Basin Council of Ministers on 30 August 2018 and endorsed by the AU Peace and Security Council (PSC) on 5 December 2018

proffer different programmatic and policy pathways to enhanced regional cooperation, stabilization, and long-term peace and sustainable Development in the region.





Dear Participants,






We are pleased to count you among the participants of the Fifth Edition of the Lake Chad Basin Governors Forum and looking forward to welcoming you to the city of Maiduguri, Federal Republic of Nigeria. This logistics guide was prepared to facilitate your travel to Maiduguri and provide useful and practical information to make your stay enjoyable and productive.

	<p>Date and venue: The Forum is scheduled to take place from 29th to 31st January 2025 at the Muhammadu Indimi International Learning Center.</p> <p>The imposing Edifice of the conference center is in the heart of the Federal University of Maiduguri, in the Capital of Borno State.</p>
	<p>University of Maiduguri, 1069 Bama - Maiduguri Road, Maiduguri 600104, Borno State Nigeria https://maps.app.goo.gl/w5tRRV7pcRiPs7oo9</p>
<p>Pls insert the links for in-person and virtual registration</p>	<p>Registration Information In-person invited guest will receive the registration link via their respective emails and are invited to register their participation. Also pls indicate deadline for registration of sponsored participants for logistics purposes Virtual participation to the forum is also possible and interested participants and advise to register via the link below. Upon receipt of virtual participation request, the link to virtual participation would be sent to the registered email address. Click the link below: In-person: https://forms.office.com/e/Xj3xWQ67SF Virtual participation: https://bit.ly/4f63haJ For more information visit website: https://governorsforum.cblt.org/</p>

	<p>Flight and arrival information: The following airlines fly from Abuja to Maiduguri.</p> <p>Air peace Rano Air Max Air</p> <p>Upon receipt of confirmation of your participation, sponsored participants will receive an economy class reservation from their place of departure to Maiduguri. However, self-sponsored participants would be responsible for their travel arrangement to Maiduguri. For assistance on flights/overnight stay and other travel related logistics, please contact</p> <p>moses.ajolore@undp.org for visa related matters, airport-hotel shuttle, overnight stay.</p> <p>vera.nwobodo@undp.org; musa.lamuwa@undp.org for Abuja to Maiduguri commercial tickets.</p> <p>marcel.ekeneme@undp.org; fatima.izah@undp.org for tickets to Abuja.</p> <p>Please copy Fati.attahiru@undp.org for all operations related matters.</p>
	<p>Arrival in Maiduguri and transport to hotels Upon arrival at Maiduguri Airport, an information desk is set up at the airport to facilitate Airport-Hotel shuttles and conference information and any other information that guests might require both in English and French.</p>
	<p>Recommended Hotels The following hotels have been prebooked for the LCBC Governors Forum. All participants being sponsored to attend this event will be lodged in one of the hotels below. An email with your hotel booking will be sent closer to the date of the event. For self-paying participants, please see list of UNDSS screened hotel and their rates to ease your bookings.</p> <p>.</p>
<p>Barwee Luxury Suites</p>	<p>Contact : +2348022198125/+2347039050581</p>

	Opposite Faan Quarters, by Old Airport, Kano Road, Maiduguri, Borno State –
Solace Suites and Homes	solacemaiduguri@gmail.com +2347061719038 +2348080072109 23 and 37 GRA Extension, Losho Road off Lagos Street, Maiduguri Borno State.
Oakland Rain Apartments and Suites	Oaklandrain.oras@gmail.com Oakland_rain@yahoo.com Contact: +2348086448644/+2348032032009 No. 1 Jimina Street by Makarima road Maiduguri, Borno State.
Nanet Pinnacle Hotel	pinnacle.reservation@gmail.com +2348098289198/2348032829827 Jimna Road, Pompomari. Bulumkutu, By-Pass Maiduguri.
Amada International Hotel	reservations@amadainternationalhotel.com Contact: +23408171524088 1 Magira Road, 600241, Maiduguri
City Star Hotel & Accommodation	citystarrestaurant@gmail.com Contact: +2347035789696 Yerima Road, 600282, Maiduguri
Prime Lodge & Apartments	Prime.lodgeandapartments@gmail.com Contact : +2348032485454/+2348028315665 No 1 Abba Kyari – Abba Kolo Street, off Circular Road, Maiduguri – Borno State.
Dujima International Hotel	dujimainternationalhotelgra@gmail.com Contact : +2347030509184 8/9 Kamselem Road, Wulari Area Maiduguri
Rodbola (R&B) Hotel and Suites Nig Ltd	rodbolasuites@gmail.com Contact: +234 706 536 3816 Onitsha Street, Maiduguri Borno State GPS Coordinates: 11. 80677 N 13.15488 E
Golden Sand Hotel	goldensandhotels2023@gmail.com Contact: Tel +234 803 859 7358 No 4 Muhammadu Indimi Way, Opposite NTA HQ, Damboa Road, Maiduguri Borno State GPS Coordinates: 11. 80963 N 13.13706 E
	Health and Emergency Services In case of emergency, please contact: 1. Dr. Nkechi Ngosaah UN Physician UN Clinic Red Roof, Maiduguri Email:nkechi.agosaah@undp.org Mobile no:+2349028558095 Yellow Fever Vaccine

	<p>Vaccination against yellow fever is compulsory. Please check the validity of your vaccination card before traveling to Nigeria.</p>
	<p>Currency and payment of DSA The currency used in Nigeria for all purpose is the Nigerian Naira (NGN). It should also be noted that as of 1st December 2024, the OANDA exchange rate is, on average, 1 USD = 1700 NGN (flexible exchange rate). For sponsored participants, a daily subsistence allowance (DSA) will be paid you in NGN on arrival in Maiduguri. This allowance, equivalent to \$xx per day, will cover terminal fees and dinner as accommodation, breakfast and lunch will be covered by the organisers. Participants are requested to keep the original boarding passes for all flights and present them to the appropriate person for payment of their terminals</p>
	<p>Visa and Travel Document Nationals of the Member States of the Economic Community for West African States (ECOWAS) do not require an entry visa to Nigeria. Additionally, participants from African Union Member States, holders of United Nations and African Union Laissez Passer and holders of any other Officials Travel document of other recognized international organizations who intend to Visit Nigeria are eligible to visa on arrival subject to prior application on the Nigerian Immigration Services website: https://immigration.gov.ng/visa-on-arrival-process/.</p>
	<p>As a reminder, the Government of Nigeria is the sole guarantor of the security of personalities and other participants in the Forum.</p> <p>For any security emergency or information, please contact the UNDSS Security Operation Centre, Maiduguri on +2347036104454 or +2349076115083.</p>
	<p>Power Socket: Nigeria uses 220/240Volt AC power supply. It is advisable to bring your three-pin round adapter and a 110V AC transformer if needed.</p>

	<p>Communication and Information Technology Major mobile operators in Nigeria are MTN, GLO and AIRTEL for data and voice calls. Participants can obtain a visitor SIM Card on arrival.</p>
	<p>Weather: The average temperature in Maiduguri in January 2025 will be between 11°C minimum and 35°C maximum. The local time in Nigeria is GMT + 1. Usually, the month of January is amid harmattan which usually comes with fog and dust. Therefore, participants who are sensitive are advice to use face masks.</p>
	<p>Secretariat of the Forum: Registration/accreditation of participants for the Forum will take place from 27th to 28th January 2025 from 9h:00 to 17h:00. On arrival at the conference center, participants will be accredited and issued their conference badge and all other relevant documents. For security reasons, access to the meeting rooms is limited to participants with appropriate badges.</p> <p>All the Forum documents are available on the Forum website at the following address. https://governorsforum.cbft.org/</p>
	<p>Social and Cultural Event</p> <p>To be completed by LOC if planned if not it shall be removed</p>
	<p>Contact people For further information and clarification or any other logistical assistance, please do not hesitate to contact any of the following:</p> <p>Alessandra Corra alessandra.corra@undp.org</p> <p>Fati Attahiru fati.attahiru@undp.org</p>

We again thank you for agreeing to participate in the fifth edition of the Lake Chad Basin Governors Forum and wish you a pleasant stay in Maiduguri.