



AFRICAN ECONOMIC CONFERENCE 2021

Santa Maria, Cabo Verde 2-4 December 2021

“Financing Africa’s post-COVID-19 development”

Logistics Note

Welcome to Cabo Verde

Dear Participants,

The African Economic Conference (AEC) co-organizers, the African Development Bank (AfDB), the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and Government of Cabo Verde welcome you to this sixteenth edition of the AEC.

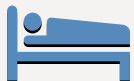
The conference sessions will be held in hybrid format (virtual and in-person) at the Hilton Hotel in Santa Maria, Sal Island, Cabo Verde from 2 to 4 December 2021.

The meetings will start at 08:30 am and end at 19:00hrs (GMT-1) from Thursday 2 December to Friday 3 December. Saturday 4 December will be a half-day ending at 16.00hrs. Please refer to the latest Agenda for any updates to this schedule.

Find below general information on the Conference arrangements that may be helpful in planning your travel to Sal Island and for your participation in the Conference.

Additional information regarding AEC can be found on bit.ly/AfricanEcon2021

or <https://aec.afdb.org/en> .



1. Conference Venue and Accommodation

Sal is part of Cabo Verde, a group of 10 islands sprinkled off the west coast of Africa. They’re relatively unknown in the mainstream market and, thanks to their location, they’re a unique melting pot of cultures. The islands were originally discovered by the Portuguese, and there’s also a mixture of African and Brazilian influences. You’ll see it in the island’s music, fashion and, perhaps most obviously, in the food.

Santa Maria is a city in the southern part of the island municipality of Sal. It is located on the south coast, about 16 km south of the Amílcar Cabral International Airport, and 20 km south of the island capital Espargos.

Sal's busiest town is Santa Maria, a Crayola-colored hub filled with surf stores, craft shops, and restaurants that serve local specialties, like steaming catchupa stew. Most of the hotels on the island are lined up along the town's beach – an eight-kilometer stretch of sand dotted with beach bars and windsurfing centres.

[The AEC Conference will be held at:](#)

Hilton Cabo Verde Sal Resort

Address: Avenida dos Hotéis, Santa Maria 4111, Sal Island

Telephone: (+238) 334 4405

Mobile: (+238) 93 839 04 (Suziane Spencer)

Email: caboverdesalresort@hilton.com

Website: [Hotels - Hilton Sal Cabo Verde - Cape Verde](#)



The Hilton Hotel includes 1 auditorium for 300 people and breakout sessions, and 3 meeting rooms for 60 people each one. In addition, the Secretariat office will be also placed at Hilton Hotel.

[Hotels Near to Hilton Cabo Verde Sal Resort:](#)

Dunas de Sal Hotel (in front of Hilton Hotel)

Ponta Preta, 21100 Santa Maria

Tel.: 00238 2429050

Email: geral@hoteldunasdesal.com

Website: <http://www.hoteldunasdesal.com/>

ROBINSON CABO VERDE Resort

Email: caboverde@robinson.com

Tel: 00238 334 220 0

Website: <https://www.robinson.com/en/en/resort-holiday/capeverde/cabo-verde/>

Oasis Belorizonte Hotel

Santa Maria, Sal 4111

Tel: (+238) 242 10 45

Email: belorizonte@oasisatlantico.com

Website: <https://caboverde-belorizonte.oasisatlantico.com/>

Oasis Salinas Sea Hotel

Santa Maria, Sal 0063 Cabo Verde

Tel: (+238) 242 23 00

Website: <https://caboverde-salinas-sea.oasisatlantico.com>

Hotel Odju d'Água

Zona do Farolinho, CP 71 Santa Maria

Tel: +238 242 1414

Website: <http://www.odjodagua-hotel.com/>

Melia Dunas Beach Resort & Spa

Santa Maria 4110

Tel: (+238) 242 23 40

Website: <https://www.melia.com/pt/hoteis/cabo-verde/isla-de-sal/>

Hotel Morabeza

Santa Maria, Ilha do Sal 4111

Tel: (+238) 242 10 20

Website <https://hotelmorabeza.com/>

Hotel Riu Cabo Verde

Cabocan Lote A2, A3 Santa Maria

Tel: +238 242 90 40

Website: <https://www.riu.com/pt/hotel/cabo-verde/ilha-do-sal>

For more information about the distance of that hotel from the venue, the price (including taxes) for a single and double room and the rating of that hotel (3, 4, or 5 stars) go to the link:

[Hotels Near Hilton Cabo Verde Sal Resort – Pesquisa de hotéis da Google](#)



2. Travel Dates

Travel to Sal island, Cabo Verde for the conference will be on 1st December 2021 and departure from the conference will be on 5th December, 2021.

Transportation services from/to the airport

The organization will provide a meet and greet service at Sal Airport at both the VIP and normal arrival areas where a dedicated Conference protocol desk labelled with the Conference banner will be clearly visible. Participants will be assisted with immigration formalities and transfers to the hotels. Kindly note that participants who are not staying at the venue will be responsible for their own daily transportation to and from the venue. To facilitate transport on arrival at the airport and at the end of the Conference, participants should submit their itinerary to elizandra.barbosa@cv.jo.un.org

This applies to every participant, regardless of their sponsorship status.



3. Visa requirements

All participants attending the Conference and who needs Visa will receive Courtesy Visa on arrival in Praia or Sal Airports regardless of their nationality and will receive from the AEC team an official letter issued by the Government of Cabo Verde indicating this. To obtain the Visa on arrival, participants will be required to produce and present both the invitation letter and Visa letter to the immigration authorities. Kindly ensure that you print and bring with you both letters.

Participants must send their copy of passport to elizandra.barbosa@cv.jo.un.org for the Government to prepare and send the official letter.

4. Registration and Accreditation



Online registration

All participants attending in person must confirm the participation to achievement.dhlakama@undp.org and complete the online registration form link: bit.ly/AfricanEcon2021 well in advance in order to facilitate the accreditation process, visa processing and the issuance of badges.

Participants joining virtually will be required to complete a Zoom registration form link : bit.ly/AfricanEcon2021 , after which they will receive the link to attend the Conference sessions.

Badges

For security reasons, participants attending in person will be required to show a valid Conference badge in order to gain access to the Conference venue and meeting rooms.

Conference badges, which must be worn at all times, will be issued at the registration desk at the Hilton Hotel. The loss of a badge should be reported immediately to the registration counter.

Conference languages

The working languages of the Conference are English, French and Portuguese. All official sessions will have interpretation in the 3 languages.

Local language

The official language of Cabo Verde is Portuguese, which is used in most written communication, including newspapers. However, Creole is mostly used in conversation. Creole is based on African languages but with additions from several European languages. The Creole dialect used can vary from island to island.

5. Health

General COVID-19 Protocol Travel Advisory in Operation



All passengers travelling to Cabo Verde are required to have a negative / 'not detected' result from a pre-departure COVID-19 RT-PCR test or an antigen test (Ag-RDT) taken within 72 hours at the time of boarding your flight. Please note that the COVID-19 test is mandatory for all passengers, including those with full vaccination.

Before departure, all passengers must:

Complete an [Link to the International Travel Form](#)

On arrival in Cabo Verde, all passengers will have their temperature checked. Anyone displaying symptoms such as high fever will be brought to an assigned area within the airport. If your temperature remains high, the Cape Verdean authorities may request you to do a COVID-19 test. If you are travelling to or from Cabo Verde and transiting other countries, you should check with your airline or travel provider about entry requirements when transiting other countries. There are ferry and airline connections operating between islands.

Vaccination Requirements

Cape Verdean Ministry of Health requires all travelers coming from countries endemic to Yellow Fever to produce proof of vaccination at border posts.

A COVID-19 vaccination is recommended for all unvaccinated individuals who qualify for immunization. Kindly, therefore carry your vaccination cards with you, which will be inspected upon your arrival by airport Health Authorities.

Participants with a COVID-19 vaccination card also require to take pre-departure COVID-19 RT-PCR test or an antigen test (Ag-RDT).

General Health Requirements

- We recommend participants drink only bottled water with unbroken seals.
- The meeting participants shall bear any medical costs incurred during the stay in Cabo Verde. We recommend that you contact the following if you need medical assistance while in Sal.
- Medical assistance will be provided to participants during the meeting.

First aid

First aid will be provided free of charge by medical personnel at the Conference venue. The following medical facilities are located in the nearby town of Santa Maria:

Health Center of Santa Maria

Address: Travessa da Fábrica - Santa Maria, Ilha do Sal

Telephone: (+238) 2421130 /9926601

6. Facilities and services



Internet

The organization will adopt a paper-smart organizational approach during the 16thth AEC Conference: participants will be encouraged to use electronic media as much as possible and every effort will be made to reduce the number of documents printed. To help achieve those objectives, high density wireless connectivity will be made available at the Conference, allowing for multiple devices to connect.

Green initiative

In line with our greening initiative, there will be no printouts. All presentations will be shared electronically. We kindly ask that participants bring their laptops with them. Please also note that UNDP has eliminated single-use plastic water bottles from its meetings.

Security clearance requirements

The Government of Cabo Verde will provide 24-hour security for all VIPs attending the Conference. The hotel and conference venue will be monitored and guarded by police officers. Conference participants are strongly encouraged to read the security information provided by their hotels to ensure their personal safety. While you are at the Conference venue, please ensure that you:

- Wear your conference badge visibly and show it to any authorized person who asks to see it.
- Do not leave bags and parcels unattended, as they may be confiscated or destroyed.
- Do not bring unauthorized persons or children into the conference facilities.
- Look after your valuable property.
- Check that you have all your documents and personal items before you leave conference halls and meeting rooms.
- Inform the Security and Safety Service or a security officer on duty if you lose anything valuable.

When you are in your hotel, please follow the following safety advice:

- Upon entering or leaving your hotel room, make it a habit to lock the door.
- Before leaving, inspect your room to make sure that no money, jewellery, cameras or other valuables are visible.

- Deposit valuables or any other important portable items at the reception desk and obtain a receipt or leave them in the safe in your hotel room before going out.
- Should you observe anything suspicious or out of the ordinary, please contact the Security and Safety Service.

For official travel, security clearance is mandatory for all UNDP personnel. Please obtain your security clearance through UNDSS website TRIP (<http://dss.un.org>) before your travel.

If you need assistance with a security clearance matter, please contact andrea.martins@mf.gov.cv

7. Procedures for media accreditation



All media will require accreditation by the Host Government and the Conference secretariat.

Note for media professionals attending the Conference from outside Cabo Verde

All invited sponsored and self-sponsored media professionals travelling to Cabo Verde will be required to register on the online form: <https://bit.ly/MediaAfricanEcon>.

Once registration is approved by the organizing team, an official invitation letter will be sent to each individual to facilitate the entrance to Cabo Verde and media professionals will receive courtesy visas, too.

Invited media professionals must submit a letter of assignment and one valid official identification document (such as a press card, work identification document, driving license or passport) to helga.h.furtado@mf.gov.cv as proof of media affiliation. Those items should also be presented on arrival at the registration counter at the Conference venue.

A media centre will be set up at the venue to facilitate media coverage of the Conference. More information on this will be communicated directly to registered media.

Media equipment: Media professionals travelling to attend the Conference from outside Cabo Verde will be required to complete an equipment form to facilitate customs clearance. The form will be sent to invited media together with an official invitation letter.

Onsite registration: Cabo Verde-based media professionals can apply for onsite registration; they will need to present a letter of assignment and passport at the designated media desk, starting 2 December 2021. Cabo Verde-based media are invited to write to helga.h.furtado@mf.gov.cv shortly before the start of the session for further information on the procedures to be followed.



8. Money and exchange rate

The official Currency in Cabo Verde is Cape Verdean escudo (CVE).

The mode of payment is mainly cash.

The escudo is fixed at a rate of 110 Escudos to 1 Euro and euros are widely accepted across the Sal Island. In some points like big hotels and big

supermarkets, debit and credit cards (Visa, Mastercard, American Express) can be accepted for payments in lieu of cash.

Exchange rates with Dollar fluctuates. Most internationally recognized currencies can be exchanged at commercial banks, hotels and international airports.

1.00 US Dollar = 95,10 Cape Verdean Escudos (As of 22 October 2021)

1.00 Euro = 110.27 Cape Verdean Escudos



8. Local information

Weather Averages



The average high temperature during December is 26°C, making Cabo Verde ideal for the winter sun. Things don't cool down too much at night, so you may not need many warm things for the evenings. The sea temperature averages at a friendly and warm 25°C, while humidity is low and ranges from around 60% up to 90%. Average rainfall is just a single millimeter.

Daylight

During December, you can expect 11 hours of daylight with six hours of sunshine each day, and with very high UV levels, you'll need to use plenty of sun cream and be careful in the midday sun. Sunset is around 6 pm in December.

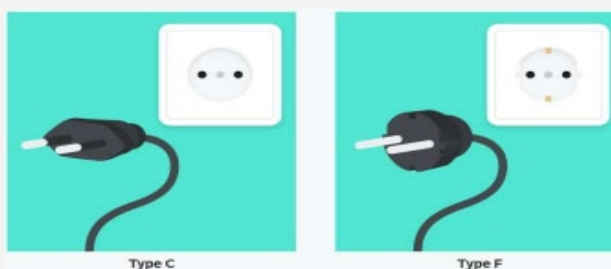
Telephone, Internet Access, Printing Facilities

All personal calls should be made from your hotel room or your mobile phone at your own expense. WIFI connection will be available during the meeting. In accordance with UNDP's Greening initiatives, printing will only be done in exceptional circumstances.

There are two mobile phone operators: CV Telecom and Unitel T+. A 3G SIM card will be offered to participants on arrival. Many foreign mobile telephone companies offer roaming services to their customers in Cabo Verde.

Electricity supply and voltage

The standard voltage in Cabo Verde is 220V supply voltage and 50Hz. For Cabo Verde, standard European plugs are used. Images of the socket types are shown below:



Plug type C has two round pins and type F has two round pins with two earth clips on the side.

Time zone

Cabo Verde observes Cape Verde Time (CVT), which is one hour behind Coordinated Universal Time (UTC-1 or GMT-1).

9. Contact Persons

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Telephone: (+238) 334 4405

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Email: caboverdesalresort@hilton.com

10. Useful Contacts

Santa Maria Police Station

Address: Travessa da Fábrica - Santa Maria, Ilha do Sal

Telephone: (+238) 242 11 32

Website: <http://www.policianacional.cv>

Emergency Medical Rescue Ambulance Services (EMRAS)

Address: Rotunda do Club One, Santa Maria

Telephone: +238 9991358 / +238 2411131

Email: albertogomes11@gmail.com

Please do not hesitate to contact the relevant person stated above in case of any inquiry or assistance

We look forward to your participation at the Conference!