



**International Conference on Youth and Desertification
Bamako, Mali, 4-6 September 2006**

INFORMATION NOTE

I. VENUE

Centre International des Conférences de Bamako (CICB), Bamako, Mali

II. HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

All funded participants are provided with accommodation (bed and breakfast) at « Azalaï Hotel Nord Sud » and costs will be met by the UNCCD secretariat. All other participants will pay for their own accommodation. Hotels listed in the table below offer accommodation at different prices. Non-funded participants should book their rooms directly with the hotels. Please indicate in the fax the exact dates of stay.

Rates for bed only	
Hotel Salam (4 stars) Tel.: + 223 2221200 Fax: +223 2223637 E-mail: salam@ikatelnet.net	Single/double: CFA 75,000
Azalaï Grand Hotel (4 stars) Tel.: + 223 2222492 Fax: +223 2222601 E-mail: grandhotel@ikatelnet.net	Single/double: CFA 57,000
Azalaï Nord Sud (3 stars) Tel.: + 223 2296900/01/02 Fax: +223 2296969 E-mail: hotel.nordsud.mali@cefib.com	Single/double CFA 45,000
Hotel Mirabeau (3 stars) Tel.: + 223 2235318 Fax: +223 2231177 E-mail: mirabeau@cefib.com	Single: CFA 44,000 Double: CFA 48,500
Résidence KOME (3 stars) Tel: +223 2290000 Fax: +223 2292999 E.mail: komeresidence@arc.net.ml	Single : CFA 60,000 Double : CFA 100,000

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Conference website: <http://www.iydd.org/pages/bamako.htm>

III. ALLOWANCES

Delegates will receive the daily subsistence allowance (DSA) in accordance with the UN rules and regulations for the duration of stay in Bamako and for overnight stopovers en-route, taking into account that the cost of accommodation, breakfast and lunch will be provided by the secretariat. DSA shall be paid on the first and second day of the conference to the funded participants, enabling participants to cover the costs of meals not covered by the UNCCD secretariat and incidental expenses during their stay in Bamako. In addition, UNCCD funded participants will receive terminal allowances to cover local transport and visa charges. Should the participants change their plan and leave Bamako earlier than originally authorised, the UNCCD Secretariat shall reserve the right to reclaim the corresponding portion of the allowance payment.

IV. VISAS

Participants are responsible for obtaining any transit visa and the entry visa for Mali. For delegates that do not have a Malian Embassy or Consulate in their country of residence, the local authorities will arrange visas to be issued upon arrival at the airport in Bamako (Cost: CFA 15,000).

V. REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS

Participants should pre-register for the workshop by filling in the participation form, annexed to the invitation letter, and returning it, no later than 20 August, to the designated contact persons at the following e-mail addresses: slakop@unccd.int, bcisse@unccd.int. or by fax at: (+49) 228 815 28 98/99.

VI. CONFERENCE FACILITIES

The plenary hall will be equipped with a projection facility and a laptop. The Conference working languages will be English, French and Spanish.

VII. AIRPORT TRANSFERS

Bamako is served by an international airport Bamako-Senou, which is 16 km from the location of the meeting. Arrangements will be made by the host country to meet participants on arrival and assist them with immigration issues. **The Azalai Hotel Nord Sud will provide the transfer from the airport to the hotel to the funded participants.** Taxi fare is approximately 7,500 CFA Francs.

VIII. CURRENCY

The local currency of Mali is the CFA Franc. One (1) Euro is equivalent to 655,694 CFA, one (1) dollar US is equivalent to 514.270 (Rate on 31 July 2006). Please be informed that the rate can undergo light fluctuations to the US\$.

IX. CLIMATE

Mali is located in western Africa. It is a Sahelian country with a rainy season of three to four months and a dry season of eight to nine months. September is in the rainy season. Temperatures change in accordance with the daily weather, varying between 25°C and 35°C.

X. HEALTH

Participants to the conference are informed that it is mandatory to get the yellow fever vaccination updated before travelling. Participants must carry their health certificate for control of yellow fever vaccination at the airport. Please also be informed that the host country (Mali) is in the malaria zone and September in particular is a period of mosquitoes. A course of anti-malaria tablets is therefore strongly advisable.

XI. LANGUAGE

The official language of the country is French.

XII. INSURANCE

The organisers shall not be responsible for health insurance coverage and participants must have adequate insurance to cover any medical services required.

XIII. ORGANISERS

The Host Government of Mali

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