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GENERAL INFORMATION NOTE

With the aim of highlighting the essential role of music as a driver of travel, cultural exchange, and economic development, in line with the priorities of the UN Tourism Agenda for Africa “Tourism for Inclusive Growth”, the [First World Festival of Music and Tourism](#) will be organized by the **Democratic Republic of the Congo**, in **Kinshasa**, from **16 to 18 July 2025**, in collaboration with UN Tourism.

Under the theme “**The Rumba Route for Peace**,” the Festival will celebrate Congolese Rumba, a symbolic element inscribed on UNESCO’s Intangible Cultural Heritage List, while emphasizing the importance of cultural and creative industries in tourism development.

By acknowledging historical ties and intercontinental synergies, notably between Africa, the Americas, and beyond, this major event will be instrumental in promoting the integration of music into tourism offerings and in fostering sustainable economic opportunities. Through panel discussions, vibrant performances, and immersive experiences, the Festival will provide a unique platform for meaningful and transformative exchanges.

This note provides useful information in preparation for your participation. Please note that the information is subject to change; any updates will be communicated promptly.

I. VENUE of the First World Music and Tourism Festival

The Conference will be held at the **Central African Cultural and Arts Centre (CCAPAC)**, in **Kinshasa**, in the **Democratic Republic of the Congo**.

II. CONTACT INFORMATION OF THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Governments and other dignitaries invited by the Minister of Tourism of the Democratic Republic of the Congo are requested to send their replies to the following officials by **14 July 2025**, indicating as much as possible, the composition of their delegations.

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III. REGISTRATION

The online registration for the **First World Music and Tourism Festival**, in collaboration with **UN Tourism**, is available through this link: <https://www.unwto.org/events/first-world-music-and-tourism-festival>.

Participants are requested to complete the registration form by **latest 14 July 2025**.

There will be an information and registration desk at the event venue, which will open **one day** before the start of the Festival.

Accreditation and collection of badges will take place at the meeting venue. Delegates are requested to register online before arriving at the venue for accreditation.

Please note:

- i. Access to the venue of the event and other designated areas will be strictly limited to delegates with appropriate access cards. Delegates are always reminded to have their identity cards within the premises of events.
- ii. The same identification details used to register must be presented at the time of accreditation.
- iii. Badges will only be handed out directly to the entitled personnel.
- iv. Identity cards are important security credentials; misuse is subject to legal action. Loss of badges must be reported immediately at Registration Desk; and
- v. Badges are for personal use only and cannot be transferred.

IV. ENTRY FORMALITIES

Arrival in Kinshasa: All international travellers will arrive either at **N'djili International Airport (FIH) or via Beach Ngobila** (for those coming from or transiting through Brazzaville, Republic of Congo).

A valid passport is required for all visitors to the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Entry visas may be obtained at diplomatic missions and consular representations abroad.

Nationals of certain countries are exempt from visa requirements. Please consult the list of exempt countries online.

A **Courtesy Visa (free of charge)** will be issued upon arrival of international participants holding diplomatic, service, United Nations, and ordinary passports, upon presentation of the visa support letter issued by the organizers of the event.

Participants are strongly advised to **send the following details by latest 11 July:**

- Full names of the traveller
- Valid passport number and nationality
- Scanned copy of the biodata page of the passport
- Date of arrival

To the attention of:

Mr. BAHATY BAYAVUGE Abraham Inspector / IT and Chancellery DGM – Directorate General of Migration 30 June Boulevard Kinshasa/Gombe, Democratic Republic of the Congo Tel.: +243 90 06 20 771 Email : abrahambahaty@evisa.gouv.cd	Mr. TAMBWE MANGALA Médard Advisor for National Strategy, Promotion, and Partnerships Ministry of Tourism Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo Tel.: +243 997 324 575 Email: medard@petitfute.be
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V. TRANSPORT

The Ministry of Tourism of the Democratic Republic of the Congo will arrange free transport for all participants upon arrival and departure from the **N'djili International Airport (FIH) or Beach Ngobila** (coming from or transiting through Brazzaville, Republic of Congo), as well as return transport between their hotels (within the list recommended by the Ministry, see table below) and the meeting venue. All participants are therefore requested to register online providing the details of their arrival and departure. Free shuttles will also be arranged from the recommended hotels to the venue, social programme and return.

VI. RECEPTION AT THE AIRPORT

A dedicated counter will be open for delegates at the **N'djili International Airport (FIH) and Beach Ngobila one day** prior to the date of the event at the arrival hall, including VIP arrivals, with enough staff to welcome and assist participants and delegations with immigration formalities, baggage collection and coordination of transport to the hotels.

VII. ACCOMMODATION

Delegates are requested to make their own arrangements by contacting the hotels listed below. When booking, please specify that you will be attending the **First World Music and Tourism Festival, in collaboration with UN Tourism, in Kinshasa from 16 to 18 July 2025.**

A selection of hotels is provided by the Ministry of Tourism of the Democratic Republic of the Congo for your convenience to help you find nearby accommodation. You are free to book outside this list, however kindly note that transport will need to be managed autonomously at your own expense.

N°	HOTEL	HOTEL CATEGORY	ROOM TYPE	PRICE (in USD)		CONTACT DETAILS/LOCATION	DISTANCE FROM THE VENUE
1	FLEUVE CONGO HOTEL	5 stars		Single	Double	Tel.: +243 808 500 600/+243 815 090 153 Email: reservation@fleuvecongohotel.com Contact person: Booking Website: fleuvecongohotel.com Address: 119, Bld Colonel Tshatshi/Gombe	6,2 Km
			Standard	400	440		
			Luxe Premium	440	480		
			Junior Suite	500	540		
			Executive Suite	1.650			
2	HILTON KINSHASA	5 stars	Standard	250		Tel.: +243 835 050 130 Email: nika.loureiro@hilton.com Contact person: LOUREIRO NIKAI Website: https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/fihknhi-hilton-kinshasa/ Address: Avenue Wageaia/Gombe	5,5 Km
3	PULLMAN HOTEL	4 stars	Standard	382		Tel.: +243 850 300 112 Email: H9635-RE@accor.com Contact person: Booking Website: all.accor.com Address: 4, avenue Batetela/Gombe	6,1 Km
			Luxe Premium	530			
			Junior Suite	782			
4	NOVOTEL	4 stars	Standard	220		Tel.: +243 850 745 254 Email: HB713@accor.com Contact person: Valentine BADJOKO Website: all.accor.com Address: 76, avenue Bandundu/Gombe	4,3 Km
5	KIN PLAZA ARJAAN HOTEL BY ROTANA	4 stars	Standard	290		Tel.: +243 818 978 888 Email: res.kinplaza@rotana.com Contact person: Booking Website: rotana.com Address: 88, Avenue de l'Ouganda (croisement avec avenue de la Justice)	5,2 Km
			Standard Luxe	310			
			Studio	350			
			Apartment (1 bedroom)	420			
			Apartment (2 bedrooms)	530			
6	ROYAL HOTEL	4 stars	Single	180		Tel.: +243 815 555 566	4,1 Km

			Standard	250	Email: reservations@hotelroyaldrc.com	
			Junior Suite	350	Contact person: Booking Website: hotelroyaldrc.com Address: 4, Avenue Kitona/Gombe	
7	BEATRICE HOTEL	4 stars	Standard	200	Tel.: +243 812 535 000	
			Luxe	230	Email: info@beatricehotel.com	
			Suite	580	Contact person: Sales Management Website: beatricehotel.com Address: 1, avenue Isiro/Gombe	4,1 Km
8	SELTON HOTEL	3 stars	Single	140	Tel.: +243 810 661 880	
			Standard	180	Email: reservationhotelselton@gmail.com	
			Double	150	Contact person : Reception Website : hotelselton.com Address: Avenue Colonel Ebeya/Gombe	4 Km
9	LEON HOTEL	3 stars	Single	150	Tel.: + 243 995 601 229	
			Double	180	Email: leonhotel6@gmail.com	
			VIP	200	Contact person: Lydie SIMISA	
			Suite	250	Website: leonhotel.cd Address: 31, Avenue LUAMBO M/Gombe	5,5 Km
10	FORTUNE	3 stars	Single	100	Tel.: +243 810 004 268	
			Standard	130	Email: admin@hotelfortunekin.com	
			Junior Suite	150	Contact person: Reception	
			Senior Suite	220	Website: https://hotelfortunekin.com/ Address: 6111, avenue Kasai /Gombe	6,5 Km
11	BELLE VIE	3 stars	Standard 1	120	Tel.: +243 976 050 000	
			Standard 2	150	Email: reservation@belleviehotel.com	
			Luxe	180	Contact person: Reception / Booking Website: belleviehotel.com Address: 16, Avenue Tombalbaye/Gombe	4,1 Km
12	RELAX HOTEL	3 stars	Single	95	Tel.: +243 897 000 045	
					Email: hotelrelaxdrc@gmail.com	5 Km

			Standard	120	Contact person: Reception Website: - Address: Avenue Colonel Ebeya/Gombe	
13	HOTEL FADEN	3 stars	Single	100	Tel.: +243 992 344 755 Email: hfaden.number1@gmail.com	6,1 Km
			Double	150	Contact person: Booking Website: - Address: 117, Bld Colonel Tshatshi/Gombe	
14	SULTANI HOTEL	3 stars	Standard	140	Tel.: +243 897 000 116 Email: reservation@sultanihotel.com	4,9 Km
			Suite	200	Contact person : Booking Website: sultanihotel.com Address: 30, avenue de la Justice/Gombe	
15	EVEREST	3 stars	Standard	80	Tel.: +243 829 243 160/ +243 835 596 605 Email: bisaboflorence@hoteleverestrdc.com Contact person: BISABO Florence Website: - Address: 165, rue Kibati/C. Kinshasa	1,5 Km
			Supérieur B	90		
			Supérieur A	100		
			Suite	300		
16	HOTEL PARADIS M	3 stars	Single	40	Tel.: +243 825 557 027 Email: hotelparadism@gmail.com Contact person: Booking Website: - Address: 295, avenue ex 24 novembre (croisement rue Panya Mutombo) / Commune de Lingwala.	3,2 Km
			Standard 1	60		
			Standard 2	70		
			Luxe	80/90		
			Suite 1	110		
			Suite 2	120		
17	EMILTON HOTEL	3 stars	Standard	100	Tel.: +243 820 337 740 Email: - Contact person: Reception Website: - Address: 255, avenue Nyangwe/Lingwala	2,1 Km
18	AFRICANA PALACE	3 stars	Single	70	Tel.: +243 825 616 958 Email: info@africanapalace@gmail.com Personne de contact : Reception	1,6 Km
			Standard	110		
			Luxe	185		

			Double	290	Website: - Address:172, rue Kikwit/Lingwala	
			Suite 1 bedroom	620		
			Suite 2 bedrooms	1.430		

Note :

- i. The hotel rates include breakfast.
- ii. The hotel rates are per single room/person basis.
- iii. Bookings and payment shall be affected directly by guest with the hotels.

IMPORTANT NOTE: We strongly recommend that delegates book their accommodation as soon as possible using the hotel list above to guarantee their transfer to and from the meeting venue.

VIII. HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

All participants are required to observe international health regulations on public health and measures for travellers.

Proof of Yellow Fever vaccination is required for travellers from countries endemic to Yellow Fever.

Emergency health services will be available throughout the event. Ambulance services will be provided if needed.

IX. WORKING LANGUAGES

The working languages are English and French. The Festival's working documents will be in English and French, and **simultaneous interpretation will be provided in English and French.**

X. SOCIAL PROGRAMME

At the kind courtesy of the Ministry of Tourism of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the social programme is as follows:

- On Wednesday 16 July:
 - Festival featuring cultural and musical performances, a cultural village with exhibitions, and an introduction to Congolese Rumba.
 - A welcome cocktail "Rumba Route" evening at sunset.
- On Thursday 17 July:
 - Cultural village with exhibitions.
 - Gala dinner at the Kinshasa Golf Club (**Dresscode: "Traditional/Gala attire"**)
- On Friday 18 July:
 - **Option 1 (full day): River Melody**
Boat trip on the Congo River. A cruise of 4 to 5 hours including musical performances and buffet.
 - **Option 2 (half-day): Vibrant Kinshasa**
Guided tour of the city of Kinshasa by bus.
 - ✓ Place des Artistes (Matonge – Rond-Point de la Victoire)
 - ✓ Papa Wemba Monument (Matonge – Molokai Village)
 - ✓ Tata Raphaël Stadium, site of the mythical fight of the century
 - ✓ Ali – Foreman (Immo Congo District)
 - ✓ Limete Interchange (Lumumba Memorial)

XI. MUSICAL GROUPS AND ARTISTS

Member States are warmly encouraged to contribute to enriching the Festival by nominating musical groups or artists to perform. For technical details and performance coordination, please contact Mr. Tshibanda, Focal Point for Artist Programming, at braintshibanda@hotmail.com.

XII. CURRENCY

The local currency is the Congolese Franc (CDF). Foreign currency exchange rates are approximately:

- 1 USD = CDF 2 860
- 1 EUR = CDF 3 045

Kindly note that fluctuations in the exchange rate may occur.

XIII. CLIMATE

The average temperature in Kinshasa in July ranges between 20°C and 30°C. July falls within the dry season in the capital of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, bringing pleasant temperatures and little rainfall. Temperatures may vary across different regions of the country.

XIV. LOCAL TIME

The time in Kinshasa (Democratic Republic of the Congo) is: GMT+1.

XV. BUSINESS AND SHOPPING HOURS

- Public offices: 7:30 AM – 4:30 PM (Monday to Friday)
- Businesses: 9:00 AM – 6:00/8:00 PM (Monday to Saturday). Some stores (including supermarkets) are open on Sundays.
- Banks: 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM (Monday to Friday); 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM (Saturday)

Credit cards are widely accepted in most hotels, restaurants, and stores.

XVI. ELECTRICITY SUPPLY

Power plugs and sockets in the Democratic Republic of the Congo are type C (two round pins) or type D (three round pins arranged in a triangle). Most hotels provide adaptors on request.

XVII. INFORMATION ON THE WEBSITE

For further information on the **First World Music and Tourism Festival, in collaboration with UN Tourism**, please kindly refer to : <https://www.unwto.org/events/first-world-music-and-tourism-festival> and <https://fmmt2025.com/en/>