

International Conference on Integrated Systems Research for Sustainable Intensification in Smallholder Agriculture

TRAVEL ADVICE

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Before departure

You need a **valid passport, a visa (depending on your nationality)**, and a health certificate verifying an **up-to-date yellow fever inoculation**¹. Citizens of countries belonging to the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) are exempted from the visa requirement.

Kindly be aware that Ibadan is located in the Humid Tropics and that malaria is endemic in the area. It is advised to dress accordingly.

Obtaining a Nigerian Visa

Applications for visas can be made at any Nigerian Embassy, Consulate, or High Commission in your country of residence or the nearest to you. The website <https://portal.immigration.gov.ng/visa/freshVisa> can give you more information.

The application process may be time consuming. Humidtropics will generate an invitation and visa support letter that will accompany your request. It is also possible to arrange for a visa on arrival if you reside in a country where Nigeria has no legal representation; please contact us for that one. **You cannot buy a visa at the airport on arrival!**

Arriving at Lagos Airport

Murtala Mohammed International Airport, Ikeja, is the port of disembarkation. Representatives from IITA will meet you in the immigration area to guide you through the procedures and to take you to the IITA vehicles. The representatives can be identified by **green IITA caps and each representative should carry an IITA identity card:**

IITA Airport Representative: Mr Moses Gbadebo: +234-803-9784427

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If you cannot locate an IITA staff immediately, just wait for some time; they may be assisting someone else at that moment at arrivals or departures.

The following are the telephone numbers to be used in case of emergency:

IITA Ikeja Guesthouse day & night: +234-803-4023913

Mr Andrew Agbeso, manager of the IITA guesthouse: +234-803-4035044

If none of these are working please try: Ms Willemien Brooijmans on +2348039784263 or Mr Oyewale Abioye +2348039784245.

¹ The WHO adopted in May 2014 an amendment which stipulates that the protection afforded by yellow fever and the term of validity of the certificate will change from 10 years to the duration of the life of the person vaccinated. Please, be aware that this change will come into force legally only in June 2016. **Immigration services at the airport in Lagos require to see your yellow fever vaccination certificate, so make sure it is up to date.**

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After Arrival

The IITA reps will take you to the IITA vehicle that will take you to IITA headquarters in Ibadan or to the IITA Ikeja Guesthouse in Lagos or a nearby Hotel in case the guesthouse is fully booked. **IITA applies the rule that everybody landing after 4 p.m. will spend the night in Lagos to be transported to Ibadan early next morning at 6.30 a.m.** The trip from Lagos to Ibadan is about 160 kilometers and will take approximately 2 hours driving, depending on traffic. You do not need to make arrangements for your overnight stay and transport; we take care of that and **that is why we need all your travelling details - incoming and outgoing flight numbers and times.**

Address of the IITA Guesthouse:

IITA Guest House, Ikeja
Plots 531-532, Wempco Road
Ogba Estate, Ikeja, Lagos

The IITA Guest House at Ikeja is about 12 kilometres from the domestic airport, 20 kilometres (via Oworonsoki Expressway) from the Murtala Mohammed International Airport.

Lodgings in Ibadan

In Ibadan you will either stay at IITA or in a nearby hotel since we may not have enough accommodation on campus. You will be collected from the hotel in the morning and taken to the hotel in the evening after all conference activities, including dinner, have taken place. **Please, remember that you cannot pay by credit card at IITA and probably also not in the hotels.** So, please bring cash money (US Dollars, Pounds, or Euros) that can be changed into Naira, the local currency, to pay for your drinks and other expenses you wish to make. You can exchange at IITA but only during office hours. The conference package includes only 5 nights, so if you stay more nights, you are responsible for those payments.

From IITA back to Lagos Airport

IITA provides transportation to Lagos Airport. **When your flight departs before noon, you will be conveyed the afternoon before to the Guest House or a nearby hotel in Ikeja for an overnight stay and you will be taken to the airport the following morning.** The IITA travel department is in charge of scheduling that. If your flight departs late in the afternoon you will leave Ibadan the same day as your flight. The IITA airport representative will assist you with your departure in the same way as on arrival.

In case of any query, do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

Willemien Brooijmans (Ms)