

# ETHIOPIA 2023 MEETINGS

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## CONTACT INFORMATION

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**Grand Eliana Hotel,**  
Piazza, Wawel Street, 21777,  
Addis Ababa  
Tel. +251 11 126 2600

**Churchill Hotel,**  
Churchill Avenue, Arada,  
Addis Ababa  
Tel: +251 11 111 1212



All of our meetings will be held at the Grand Eliana Hotel. Accommodation is split across the two hotels. The majority of accommodation is at the Eliana, but due to the large number of guests we will also have around 20 people staying at the Churchill. If you are staying at the Churchill you will only have your breakfast meal there. Lunches and evenings meals will all be at the Eliana. Whilst the two hotels are only a short walk from each other, there will be transport provided.

## IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

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## TRANSPORTATION FROM AIRPORT

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Transfers from the airport and back again are provided by the hotels (Grand Eliana and Churchill Hotel). You do not need to book your own transfer unless you want to. **Please let us know** if you are not needing transport to and from the airport.

1. Once you are finished with immigration inside the airport, proceed to luggage claim and collect your belongings. Make sure you have everything.
2. Once you have your luggage find the exit and go outside of the airport building. Since the Ethiopian airlines don't allow visitors and shuttle service providers to enter inside the terminal building they will be waiting for you outside.

3. Once you are outside of the terminal building walk towards the metered yellow taxis which are to the right end of the exit. This exit is the one where everyone goes to find a taxi so you will probably see people walking towards the area. You will then see someone with a sign saying “GCF” and the hotel you’ll be staying at (either Eliana or Churchill). Please note, depending on your arrival time, you might have to wait for other participants who will be arriving within an hour of your arrival time.



4. If you are having a hard time finding your way, you can reach us through the contact numbers listed above. For this you may need to buy a Sim card. You’ll find service providers inside the terminal building before you leave.

5. We will shortly connect you with other participants who will be on the same shuttle as you so you can find each other and make your way to the shuttle together.

We will arrange more details of this and will let you know the details by 4th November.

## **CLIMATE IN ADDIS ABABA**

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The average temperature in Addis during the meeting week is 10-23°C. There may be some light rain showers. It will be advisable to carry some warm clothes as well as clothes for moderate weather.

The venue is located in the middle of the city, within walking distance from coffee shops, and other shops such as curios.

## **WHAT TO WEAR**

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Our gathering times will be casual attire. Jeans, pants, t-shirts, dresses are all suitable attire, whatever is comfortable. Except shorts. There is no need for suits, ties, or any formal wear. For our final dinner together on the closing day (Saturday) we invite you to wear something that represents your national dress.

For those who are interested in visiting the Orthodox church, please be aware that there is an entrance fee of approximately \$6. Ladies, we kindly advise you to bring scarves to cover your heads as a sign of respect. Additionally, all visitors are expected to remove their shoes upon entering the church.

## **TIME**

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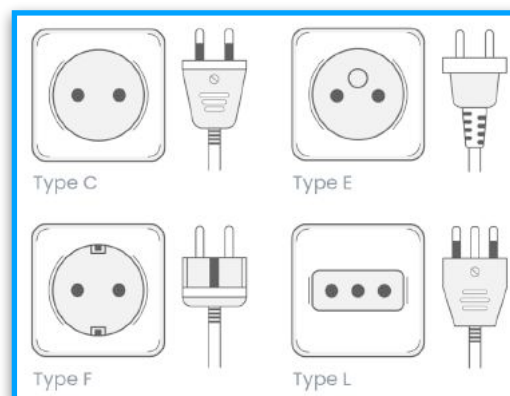
The time in Addis Ababa is GMT +3.

## ELECTRONICS

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The voltage in São Paulo is 220-240 V. Ethiopia uses power outlets and plugs of types C, E, F and L.

A standard European plug will work. The sockets and plugs required are shown in the image. Plugs of type E and F will also fit in a type C outlet.



## LANGUAGE

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The English language is widely spoken amongst most international communities. If you are good at picking up a few of the common ways of greetings, learn a few of the Amharic words and expressions such as:

- *Tenayistlign* (a greeting for any time, literally saying 'may God give you health')
- *Selam* (Shalom, again a greeting for any time)
- *Ameseginalehu* (thank you)
- *Eshi* (okay)

## CASH / CARDS

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Some places will accept debit cards (Visa and Mastercard). If you would like to convert to local money, there will be bank delegates invited to do exchanges at the meeting place. Among the list of the bank's services the following are available at the venue.

1. Providing FCY exchange service mainly USD, GBP, and Euro. Other currency discussions are being made with the bank officials.
2. Arranging POS machines to access Visa, Master and local cards.
3. Any other services you may require.

## MEDICAL

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If you have any pre-existing medical conditions we ask you to notify us, particularly any food or environmental allergies. There is First Aid available on the premises, but any significant health concerns will require a visit to a local doctor.

If you are on medication, you need to bring a copy of your prescriptions with you. However, we want to advise you to carry as much as you need, since, there can be shortages to get some medicines easily.

## **HOTEL AMENITIES**

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The venue provides soap, shampoo, conditioner and lotion. If you need a hair dryer you will need to bring your own. The hotel also provides towels and slippers.

## **INTERNET**

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There will be internet access available at the hotel where we are meeting. Please be aware that it may be slower during free time when people are trying to get online.

## **CULTURAL GREETINGS**

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Ethiopians in general will give warm greetings (hugs). Shaking hands is also common.

## **WHEN OUTSIDE THE VENUE**

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### **Make copies of your documents**

Carrying a proof of identity is very much advisable and even though you may never be asked to show it, in the rare cases you do, you will be expected to have it. Rather than carry your passport, driving license or any other form of identity on your person, just carry clear, clean photocopies of your identity, ensuring it is a photo ID.

### **Purses / bags**

A bag that crosses over your body is the best kind. Avoid carrying around larger, expensive handbags or bags with an open pocket which is easy for pick-pocketing. Don't leave your bag unattended.

Avoid hanging your bags over the back of chairs as it is easy for a person to grab your things and quickly run away. Keep your belongings close to your body or on the chair next to you.

### **Cell phones**

Avoid your cell phone being visible when walking outdoors. Do not keep your cell phone in your back pocket or in a side pocket of your bag where it is easy to grab.

If you have any questions on any of the above, please don't hesitate to ask. We look forward to seeing you all soon.

Every blessing from the GCF planning team

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