

## USEFUL INFORMATION AND TRAVELLING TO ABUJA, NIGERIA.

### Immigration Requirements

#### Visa Application Guidelines

##### Entry Visa/Freezone Guidelines:

1. Visit the Home page of Nigeria Immigration Portal
2. Locate & click on the appropriate application form to start the process: as below:

<https://portal.immigration.gov.ng/visa/freshVisa>

Entry Visa/Freezone Application Form

3. Fill the Application form; check the '***I ACCEPT FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN THIS FORM***' check box.
4. Click on 'Submit Application' button to view 'Applicant details page'
5. Click on "Proceed to Online Payment"
6. Click to select Payment Currency "Pay in Dollars" option then Click on 'Continue' button

##### For Payment Outside of Nigeria

1. If you select a processing country other than Nigeria, your payment will be in US Dollars. You will be re-directed to an approved payment platform to complete your application and make your payment in US Dollars.
7. Please take your visa payment receipts, passport and other documents to the Nigerian Embassy in your Country of abode on your slated interview date for your Visa.
8. Please note that you can reschedule your interview date to the next available date by sending your Application id, Reference no and the proposed date to our support mail address:

[nis-support@newworkssolution.com](mailto:nis-support@newworkssolution.com)

##### Tourist / Visitor Visa:

1. Passport valid for at least 6 months
2. Completed visa application form
3. Two recent passport size photographs
4. A Letter of Invitation from a company/host in Nigeria accepting immigration responsibility
5. Visitors/Tourists are required to show evidence of sufficient funds
6. Nigeria Immigration Service Visa Payment Receipt and Visa Acknowledgement Receipt

**Business Visa:**

While a-f above apply, self-sponsored business men may not require a Letter of Invitation but will be required to show evidence of sufficient funds

**Temporary Work Permit (TWP):**

1. Passport with at least 6 months validity
2. Printed copy of completed application form for visitors pass
3. Two recent passport size photographs
4. Copy of the Letter of Approval from Comptroller General, Nigeria Immigration Service

**Subject to Regularization (STR):**

1. Passport with at least 6 months validity
2. Completed visa form in quadruplicate with four recent passport photographs
3. Four copies of letter of Expatriate Quota Approval from Ministry of Interior
4. Four copies of credentials, certificates and curriculum vitae, all vetted by a relevant official of Nigerian High Commission/Embassy (English Certified translated copy where applicable)
5. Four copies of offer Letter of Employment
6. Four copies of Letter of Acceptance of employment, signed by expatriate
7. Nigeria Immigration Service Visa Payment Receipt and Visa Acknowledgement Receipt

The Following Tables list Visa Application Fees by Country. Please, scroll to the bottom for United Kingdom, United States and Kenya Visa Application Fees.

## Embassy VISA Fees

	SINGLE ENTRY	MULTIPLE ENTRY	TWP FEES	STR VISA FEES
Afghanistan	Gratis	Gratis	Gratis	Gratis
Albania	US\$60	US\$200	US\$100	US\$100
Algeria	US\$50	US\$50	US\$50	US\$50
Andorra	US\$68	US\$68* No	US\$68	US\$68
Angola	US\$2	US\$2* No	US\$2	US\$2
Antigua and Barbuda	US\$148	US\$148* No	US\$148	US\$148
Argentina	US\$60	US\$100	US\$125	US\$150
Armenia	US\$60	US\$200	US\$100	US\$100

Australia	US\$141	US\$176	US\$176	US\$176
Austria	US\$88	US\$110	US\$110	US\$110
Azerbaijan	US\$78	US\$78	US\$78	US\$78
Bahamas	US\$19	US\$19	US\$19	US\$19
Bahrain	US\$45	US\$45	US\$45	US\$45
Bangladesh	US\$253	US\$253	US\$253	US\$253
Barbados	Gratis	Gratis	Gratis	Gratis
Belarus	US\$68	US\$68	US\$68	US\$68
Belgium	US\$88	US\$110	US\$110	US\$110
Belize	US\$200	US\$200	US\$200	US\$200
Benin	US\$0	US\$0	US\$0	US\$0
Bhutan	US\$68	US\$68* No	US\$68	US\$68
Bolivia	US\$2	US\$2* No	US\$2	US\$2
Bosnia and Herzegovina	US\$50	US\$100	US\$100	US\$100
Botswana	US\$114	US\$114	US\$114	US\$114
Brazil	US\$20	US\$20* No	US\$20	US\$20
Brunei	US\$45	US\$45* No	US\$45	US\$45
Bulgaria	US\$50	US\$50* No	US\$50	US\$50
Burkina Faso	US\$0	US\$0	US\$0	US\$0
Burundi	US\$100	US\$200	US\$250	US\$250
Cambodia	US\$68	US\$68* No	US\$68	US\$68
Cameroon	US\$3	US\$3* No	US\$111	US\$111
Canada	US\$75	US\$150	US\$150	US\$150
Cape Verde	US\$0	US\$0	US\$0	US\$0
Central African Republic	US\$67	US\$335	US\$335	US\$335
Chad	US\$3	US\$3* No	US\$3	US\$3

Chile	US\$200	US\$200* No	US\$200	US\$200
China	US\$64	US\$64	US\$64	US\$64
Colombia	US\$3	US\$3* No	US\$3	US\$3
Comoros	US\$20	US\$20* No	US\$20	US\$20
Congo	US\$111	US\$224	US\$224	US\$224
Costa Rica	US\$20	US\$20* No	US\$20	US\$20
Croatia	US\$50	US\$100	US\$100	US\$100
Cuba	US\$54	US\$54	US\$54	US\$54
Cyprus	US\$30	US\$30* No	US\$30	US\$30
Czech Republic	US\$88	US\$110	US\$110	US\$110
Democratic Republic of the Congo	US\$3	US\$3* No	US\$3	US\$3
Denmark	US\$88	US\$110	US\$110	US\$110
Djibouti	US\$3	US\$3	US\$3	US\$3
Dominica	US\$20	US\$20	US\$20	US\$20
Dominican Republic	US\$20	US\$20	US\$20	US\$20
Ecuador	US\$3	US\$3* No	US\$3	US\$3
Egypt	US\$45	US\$45* No	US\$45	US\$45
El Salvador	US\$3	US\$3* No	US\$3	US\$3
Equatorial Guinea	US\$3	US\$3* No	US\$3	US\$3
Eritrea	US\$2	US\$2* No	US\$2	US\$2
Estonia	US\$60	US\$200	US\$100	US\$100
Ethiopia	US\$2	US\$2* No	US\$2	US\$2
Fiji	US\$2	US\$2* No	US\$2	US\$2
Finland	US\$88	US\$110	US\$110	US\$110

France	US\$88	US\$110	US\$110	US\$110
Gabon	US\$2	US\$2* No	US\$2	US\$2
Gambia	US\$0	US\$0	US\$0	US\$0
Georgia	Gratis	US\$200	US\$200	US\$200
Germany	US\$88	US\$110	US\$110	US\$110
Ghana	US\$0	US\$0	US\$0	US\$0
Greece	US\$88	US\$110	US\$110	US\$110
Grenada	US\$3	US\$3* No	US\$3	US\$3
Guatemala	US\$3	US\$3* No	US\$3	US\$3
Guinea	US\$0	US\$0	US\$0	US\$0
Guinea- Bissau	US\$0	US\$0	US\$0	US\$0
Guyana	US\$3	US\$3* No	US\$3	US\$3
Haiti	US\$3	US\$3* No	US\$3	US\$3
Honduras	US\$3	US\$3* No	US\$3	US\$3
Hong Kong S.A.R., China	US\$64	US\$64	US\$64	US\$64
Hungary	US\$50	US\$100	US\$100	US\$100
Iceland	US\$68	US\$68	US\$68	US\$68
India	US\$253	US\$253	US\$253	US\$253
Indonesia	US\$245	US\$245	US\$245	US\$245
Iran	US\$3	US\$3* No	US\$3	US\$3
Iraq	US\$3	US\$3* No	US\$3	US\$3
Ireland	US\$170	US\$235	US\$170	US\$170
Israel	US\$169	US\$169	US\$169	US\$397
Italy	US\$88	US\$110	US\$110	US\$110
Jamaica	US\$20	US\$20* No	US\$20	US\$20
Japan	US\$36	US\$36	US\$36	US\$36
Jordan	US\$50	US\$100	US\$100	US\$100

Kazakhstan	US\$60	US\$200	US\$200	US\$200
Kiribati	US\$3	US\$3* No	US\$3	US\$3
Kosovo	US\$50	US\$100	US\$100	US\$100
Kuwait	US\$3	US\$3	US\$3	US\$3
Kyrgyzstan	US\$60	US\$200	US\$100	US\$100
Laos	US\$4	US\$4	US\$4	US\$4
Latvia	US\$60	US\$200	US\$100	US\$100
Lebanon	US\$100	US\$200	US\$250	US\$250
Lesotho	US\$64	US\$64	US\$64	US\$64
Liberia	Gratis	Gratis	Gratis	Gratis
Libya	US\$26	US\$40	US\$100	US\$100
Liechtenstein	US\$68	US\$68	US\$68	US\$68
Lithuania	US\$60	US\$200	US\$100	US\$100
Luxembourg	US\$88	US\$110	US\$110	US\$110
Macedonia	Gratis	Gratis	Gratis	Gratis
Madagascar	US\$3	US\$3* No	US\$3	US\$3
Malawi	US\$39	US\$39* No	US\$39	US\$39
Malaysia	US\$6	US\$6	US\$6	US\$6
Maldives	US\$2	US\$2* No	US\$2	US\$2
Mali	US\$0	US\$0	US\$0	US\$0
Malta	US\$26	US\$40	US\$100	US\$100
Marshall Islands	US\$65	US\$65* No	US\$65	US\$65
Mauritania	US\$58	US\$58* No	US\$58	US\$58
Mauritius	US\$2	US\$2* No	US\$2	US\$2
Mexico	US\$32	US\$32	US\$32	US\$32
Moldova	US\$60	US\$200	US\$100	US\$100
Monaco	US\$2	US\$2* No	US\$2	US\$2
Mongolia	US\$26	US\$72	US\$26	US\$26

Morocco	US\$89	US\$266	US\$266	US\$266
Mozambique	US\$50	US\$50	US\$50	US\$50
Myanmar	US\$2	US\$2* No	US\$2	US\$2
Namibia	US\$66	US\$66	US\$66	US\$66
Nauru	US\$4	US\$4	US\$4	US\$4
Nepal	US\$39	US\$39	US\$39	US\$39
Netherlands	US\$88	US\$352	US\$139	US\$168
New Zealand	US\$2	US\$2	US\$2	US\$2
Nicaragua	US\$2	US\$2	US\$2	US\$2
Niger	US\$0	US\$0	US\$0	US\$0
Nigeria	US\$0	US\$0	US\$0	US\$0
North Korea	US\$46	US\$46* No	US\$46	US\$46
Norway	US\$4	US\$62	US\$4	US\$4
Oman	US\$46	US\$46	US\$46	US\$46
Pakistan	US\$68	US\$68* No	US\$68	US\$68
Palau	US\$3	US\$3	US\$3	US\$3
Panama	US\$2	US\$2* No	US\$2	US\$2
Papua New Guinea	US\$2	US\$2* No	US\$2	US\$2
Paraguay	US\$2	US\$2* No	US\$2	US\$2
Peru	US\$2	US\$2* No	US\$2	US\$2
Philippines	US\$39	US\$78	US\$39	US\$39
Poland	US\$51	US\$102	US\$120	US\$120
Portugal	US\$73	US\$146	US\$146	US\$293
Qatar	US\$4	US\$4* No	US\$4	US\$4
Romania	US\$100	US\$100* No	US\$250	US\$250
Russia	US\$84	US\$200	US\$100	US\$100
Rwanda	US\$4	US\$4	US\$4	US\$4

Saint Kitts and Nevis	US\$19	US\$19* No	US\$19	US\$19
Saint Lucia	US\$19	US\$19* No	US\$19	US\$19
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	US\$19	US\$19* No	US\$19	US\$19
Samoa	US\$3	US\$3* No	US\$3	US\$3
San Marino	US\$3	US\$3	US\$3	US\$3
Sao Tome and Principe	US\$50	US\$100	US\$50	US\$50
Saudi Arabia	US\$46	US\$46* No	US\$46	US\$46
Senegal	US\$0	US\$0	US\$0	US\$0
Serbia	US\$50	US\$100	US\$100	US\$100
Seychelles	US\$4	US\$4	US\$4	US\$4
Sierra Leone	Gratis	Gratis	Gratis	Gratis
Singapore	Gratis	Gratis	Gratis	Gratis
Slovakia	US\$50	US\$100	US\$100	US\$100
Slovenia	US\$50	US\$100	US\$100	US\$100
Solomon Islands	US\$2	US\$2* No	US\$2	US\$2
Somalia	US\$3	US\$3	US\$3	US\$3
South Africa	US\$58	US\$103	US\$205	US\$205
South Korea	US\$30	US\$30* No	US\$30	US\$30
Spain	US\$95	US\$514	US\$514	US\$587
Sri Lanka	US\$40	US\$40	US\$40	US\$40
Sudan	US\$2	US\$2	US\$2	US\$2
Suriname	US\$40	US\$40	US\$40	US\$40
Swaziland	US\$58	US\$58* No	US\$58	US\$58
Sweden	US\$78	US\$78	US\$78	US\$78
Switzerland	US\$68	US\$203	US\$76	US\$135



Syria	US\$46	US\$46	US\$46	US\$46
Taiwan	US\$50	US\$100	US\$150	US\$150
Tajikistan	US\$68	US\$68	US\$68	US\$68
Tanzania	US\$29	US\$29	US\$29	US\$29
Thailand	US\$14	US\$39	US\$14	US\$14
Timor-Leste	US\$68	US\$68* No	US\$68	US\$68
Togo	US\$0	US\$0	US\$0	US\$0
Tonga	US\$64	US\$64	US\$64	US\$64
Trinidad and Tobago	Gratis	Gratis	Gratis	Gratis
Tunisia	US\$32	US\$32* No	US\$32	US\$32
Turkey	US\$32	US\$32* No	US\$32	US\$32
Turkmenistan	US\$60	US\$200	US\$100	US\$100
Tuvalu	US\$3	US\$3* No	US\$3	US\$3
Uganda	US\$2	US\$2* No	US\$2	US\$2
Ukraine	US\$52	US\$52* No	US\$52	US\$52
United Arab Emirates	US\$150	US\$300	US\$150	US\$150
Uruguay	US\$60	US\$100	US\$60	US\$60
Uzbekistan	US\$60	US\$200	US\$100	US\$100
Vanuatu	US\$3	US\$3	US\$3	US\$3
Vatican	US\$88	US\$110	US\$110	US\$110
Venezuela	US\$50	US\$50	US\$50	US\$50
Vietnam	US\$68	US\$68	US\$68	US\$68
Western Sahara	US\$2	US\$2	US\$2	US\$2
Yemen	US\$46	US\$46	US\$46	US\$46
Zambia	US\$6	US\$6	US\$6	US\$6
Zimbabwe	US\$50	US\$140	US\$140	US\$140

## Embassy Multiple Visa Fee

	Single Entry ( <b>within 6 months</b> )	Multiple Entry 1 Year	Multiple Entry 2 Years	Multiple Entry 5 Years	TWP FEES	STR VISA FEES
United Kingdom	US\$144	US\$472	US\$944	US\$2360	US\$472	US\$472
United States	US\$160	US\$160	US\$160	N/A	US\$160	US\$160
Kenya	US\$25	N/A	N/A	US\$100	US\$25	US\$25

### **Visa on Arrival (VoA):**

Visa on Arrival is issued at the port of entry in Nigeria.

Note: Successful online payment is not an approval. Applicant should not proceed to Nigeria until receipt of 'Visa on Arrival Approval Letter'.

The VoA facility is available to frequently travelled High Net Worth Investors and Intending Visitors who may not be able to obtain visa at the Nigerian Missions/Embassies in their countries of residence due to the absence of a Nigerian mission in those countries or exigencies of urgent business travels.

### **Eligibility**

- Frequently travelled Business Persons of International Repute
- Executives of Multi-national Companies
- Members of Government Delegations
- Holders of United Nations Laissez-Passer
- Holders of African Union Laissez-Passer,
- Holders of ECOWAS Laissez-Passer,
- Holders of any other Official travel documents of other recognized International Organizations who intend to visit Nigeria.

*Note: Visa on Arrival is available to citizens of all countries except ECOWAS Nationals who do not require visa to visit Nigeria and other countries which Nigeria has entered into visa abolition agreements.*

### **How to Apply for Visa on Arrival**

Step 1: Get Visa on Arrival Approval Letter

There are two methods to obtaining VoA approval letter: applying through email or in person or application by representative in Nigeria.

### **Applying through Email**

Applicant/Representative shall write an Application Letter to The Comptroller General of Immigration, NIS HQ, Abuja stating the following via this email address: oa@nigeriaimmigration.gov.ng

- Name of Applicant indicating Nationality
- Passport number of Applicant
- Purpose of visit
- Proposed date of visit
- Proposed port of entry
- Flight itinerary
- Address in Nigeria or Hotel Reservation

Attach the following documents:

- Copy of Passport Data Page
- Copy of Airline Return ticket reservation

*Note: After Approval, a letter will be forwarded to your email with a copy sent to the Airline stated in your application and Immigration port of entry.*

***Amount paid for Visa on Arrival is same with amount to be paid in various countries as applicable above.***

### **Abuja International Airport**

Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport (IATA: ABV, ICAO: DNAA) is an international airport serving Abuja, in the Federal Capital Territory of Nigeria. It is the main airport serving the Nigerian capital city and was named after Nigeria's first President, Nnamdi Azikiwe. The airport is approximately 20 Kilometres (12 mi) west of Abuja. The airport has two terminals—one, for international flights and the other for domestic flights. Paid luggage carts and porters are available in the baggage hall.

### **Health Requirement**

A yellow fever certificate is required from Nationals of some African Countries.

### **Customs**

Whether you are a transit passenger or your final destination is Nigeria, you must declare to customs officials at point of customs crossing point (entry) any cash, checks or promissory notes that exceed the amount of USD 10,000.00 or its equivalent.

Customs Duties or Import duty and taxes will be pending and need to be cleared while importing goods into Nigeria Either by a private individual or a commercial entity.

The valuation method is CIF.

- The import duty and taxes payable are calculated on the complete shipping value, which includes the cost of the imported goods, the cost of freight and the cost of insurance.
- Along with Import duty import goods are also subjected to sales tax (VAT: Value Added Tax) and other taxes specific to certain commodities such as excise, sugar levy, rice levy, cigarettes levy, and automotive levy.

### **Taxis at the Airport and City:**

Airport Taxis are readily available and may be ordered inside the terminal. They are not metered nor do they have fixed rates. Agree upon the fare in advance and charges should not exceed N5,000.00.

The following city taxis can be ordered anyway in the city using online apps. They are metered and cash payments are accepted and not cards:

Uber.

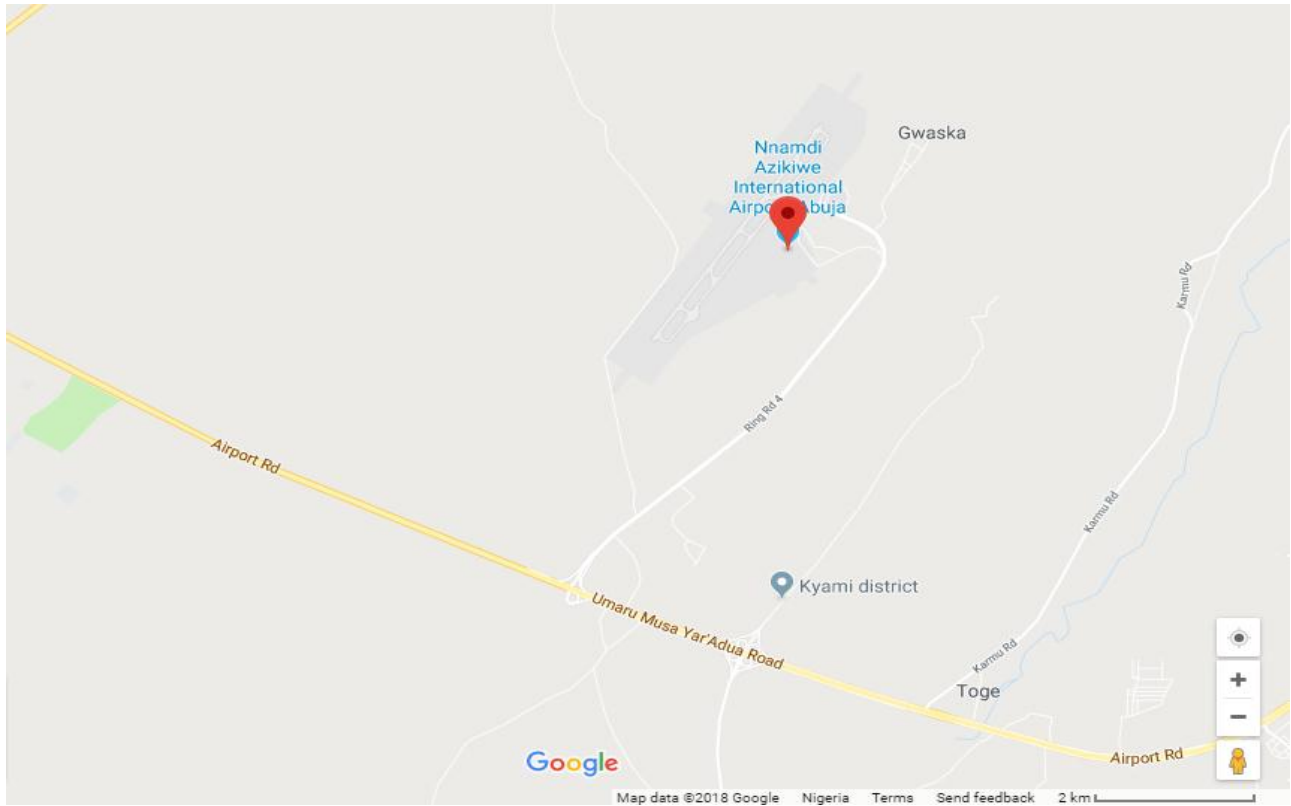
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### **Security**

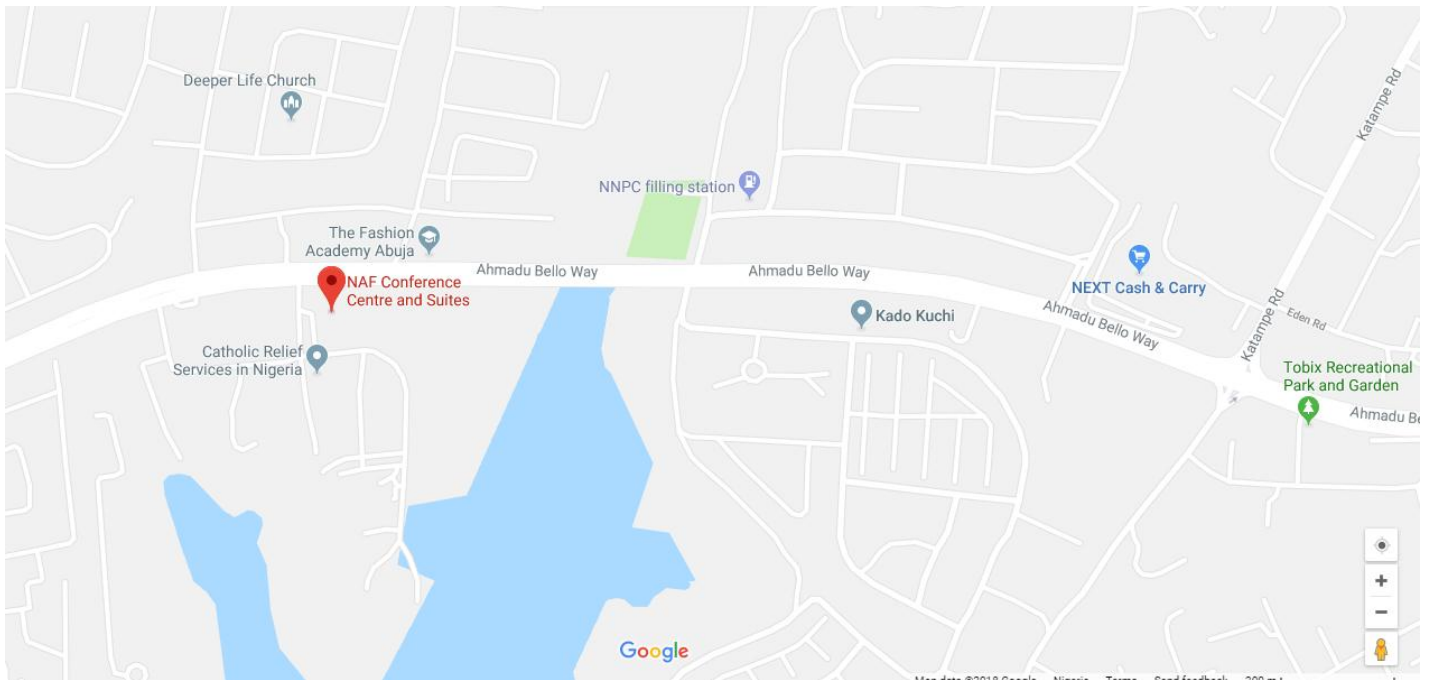
Security at the airport is tight and travellers need to produce their air ticket and passport to enter the terminal. Security of participants is guaranteed on arrival and the venue of the event supported by Nigerian Army, Nigerian Air Force and Defence Space Administration personnel.

### **Direction to NAF Conference Centre and Suites:**

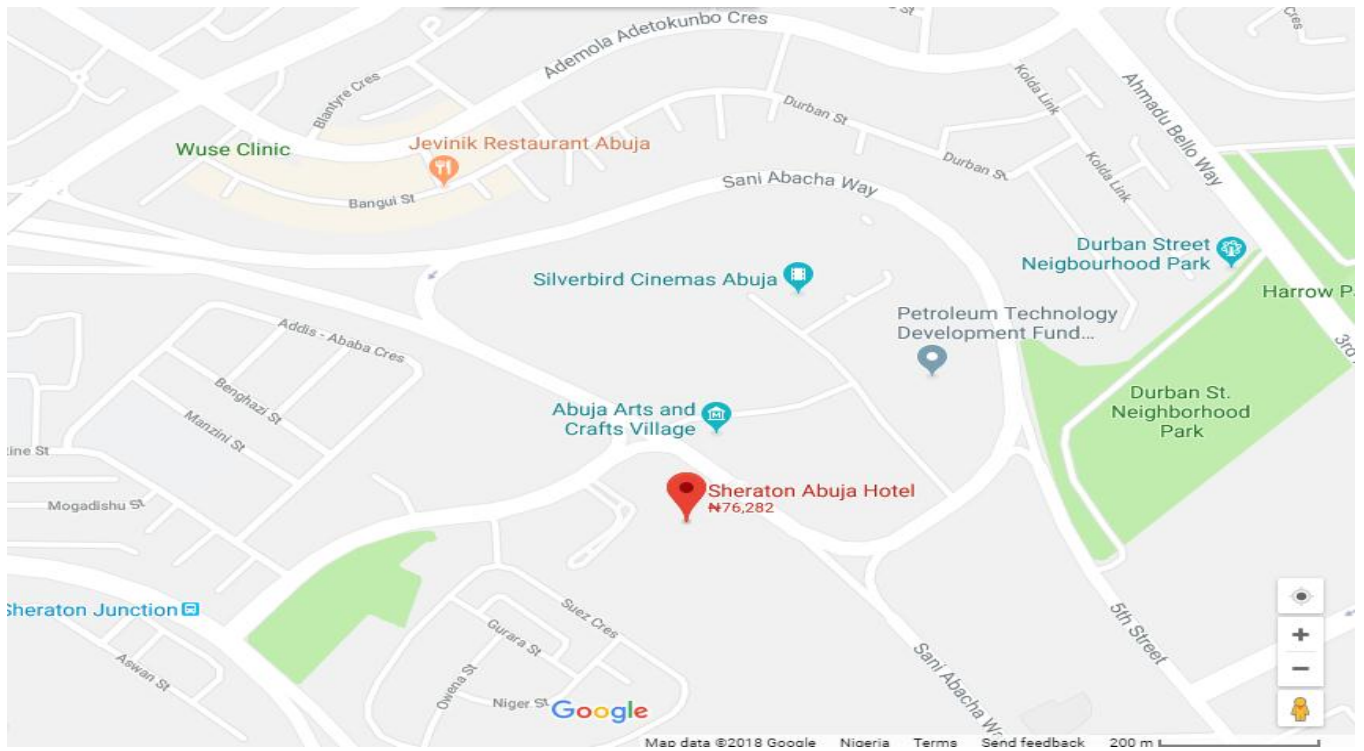
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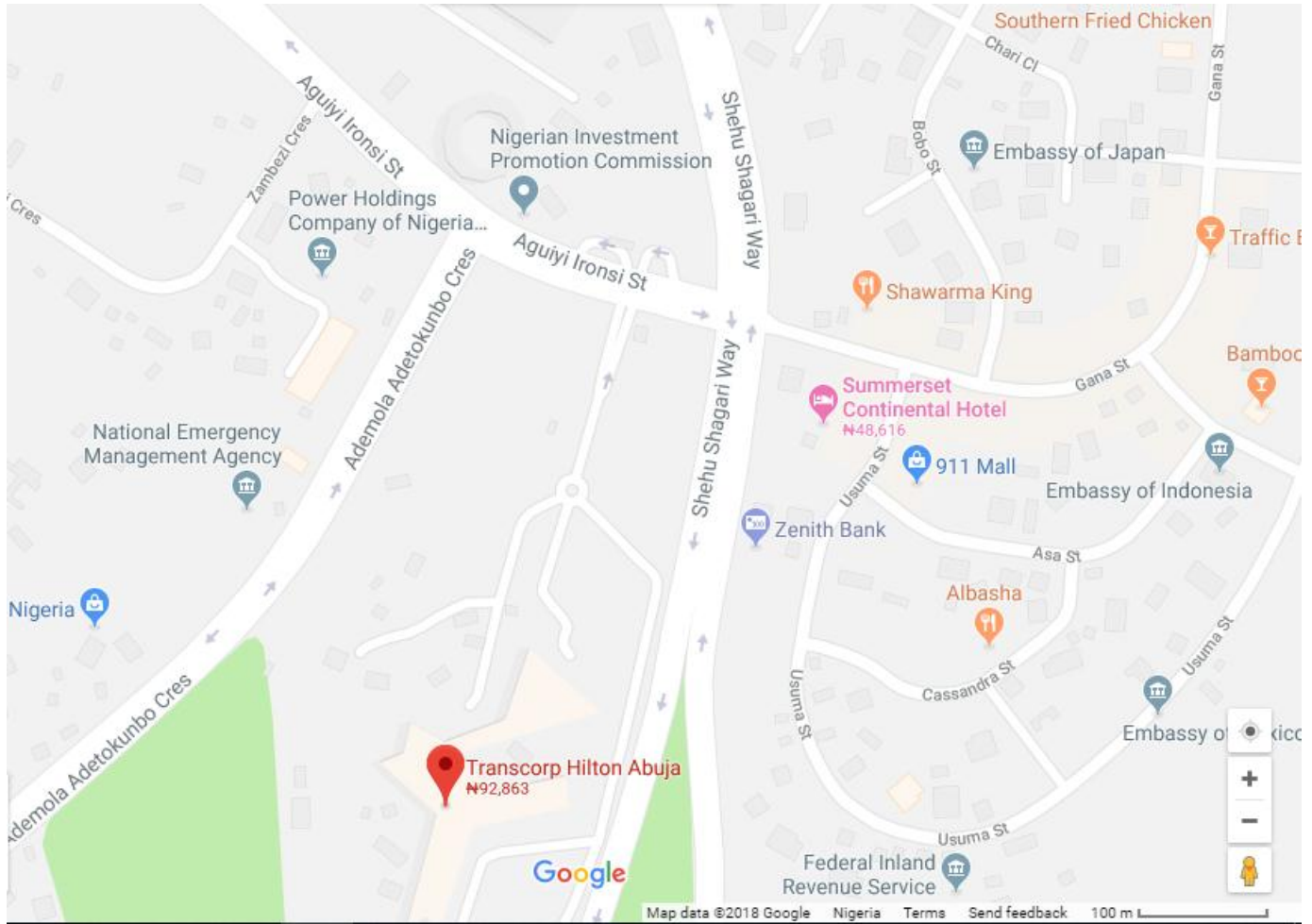
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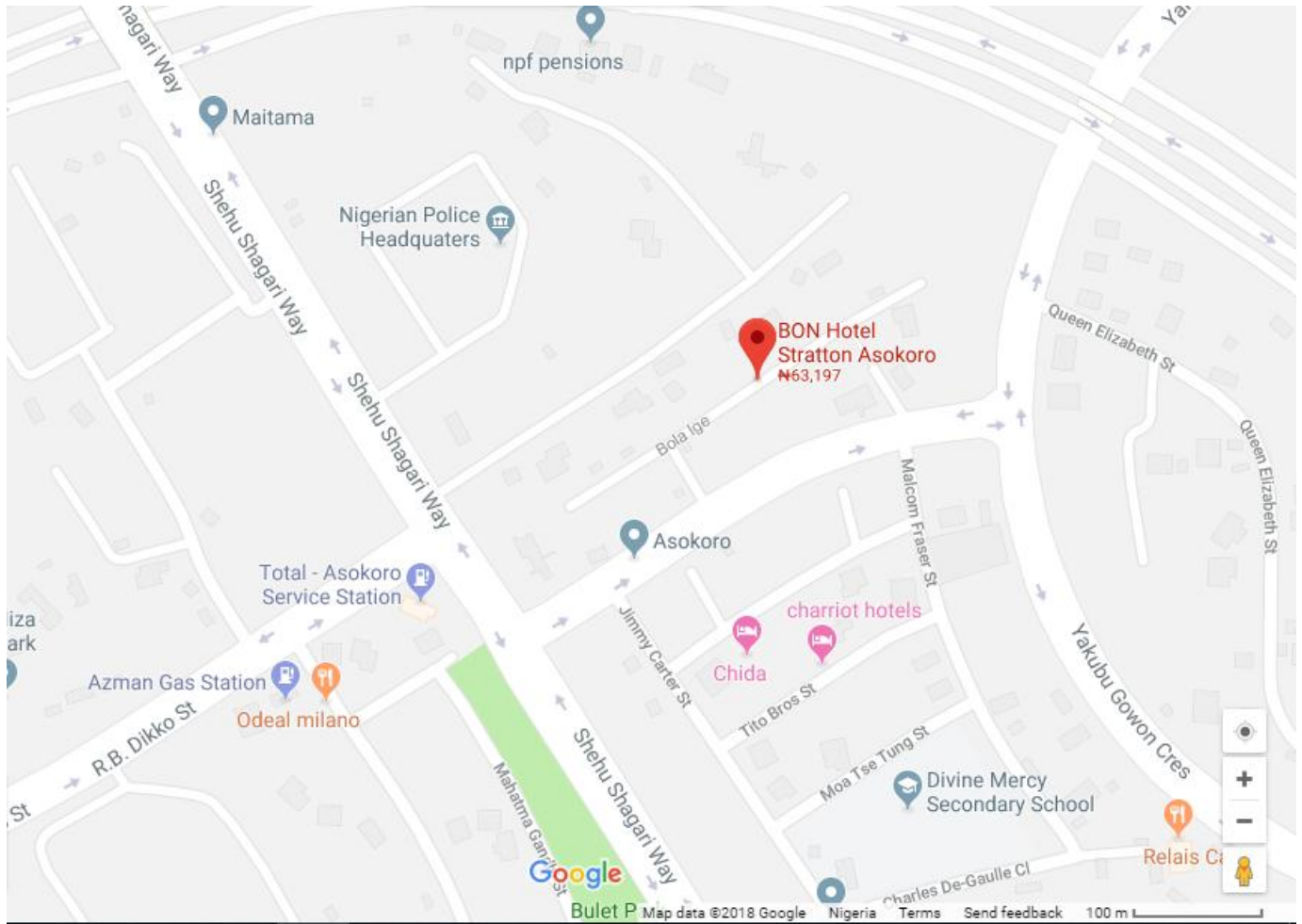
**NAF Conference Centre Abuja**



Sheraton Hotel, Abuja



Transcorp Hilton, Abuja



### **BON Stratton Hotel Asokoro, Abuja (formerly Protea Hotel)**

#### **Location and Area**

Nigeria is located in western Africa on the Gulf of Guinea and has a total area of 923,768 km<sup>2</sup> (356,669 sq. mi).

Its borders span for 4,047-kilometre (2,515 mi) and it shares borders with Benin (773 km or 480 mi), Niger (1,497 km or 930 mi), Chad (87 km or 54 mi), Cameroon (1,690 km or 1,050 mi), and has a coastline of at least 853 kilometers (530 miles) Nigeria lies between latitudes 4° and 14°N, and longitudes 2° and 15°E.

Nigeria's Federal Capital Territory is Centrally Located and called Abuja.

#### **Topology**

Nigeria has a varied landscape. The far south is defined by its tropical rainforest climate, where annual rainfall is 60 to 80 inches (1,500 to 2,000 mm) a year. In the southeast stands the Obudu



Plateau. Coastal plains are found in both the southwest and the southeast. This forest zone's most southerly portion is defined as "salt water swamp", also known as a mangrove swamp because of the large amount of mangroves in the area. North of this is fresh water swamp, containing different vegetation from the salt water swamp, and north of that is rainforest. Nigeria's most expansive topographical region is that of the valleys of the Niger and Benue river valleys (which merge into each other and form a "y" shape). To the southwest of the Niger is "rugged" highland. To the southeast of the Benue are hills and mountains, which form the Mambilla Plateau, the highest plateau in Nigeria. This plateau extends through the border with Cameroon, where the montane land is part of the Bamenda Highlands of Cameroon.

The area near the border with Cameroon close to the coast is rich rainforest and part of the Cross-Sanaga-Bioko coastal forests ecoregion, an important centre for biodiversity. It is habitat for the drill monkey, which is found in the wild only in this area and across the border in Cameroon. The areas surrounding Calabar, Cross River State, also in this forest, are believed to contain the world's largest diversity of butterflies. The area of southern Nigeria between the Niger and the Cross Rivers has lost most of its forest because of development and harvesting by increased population, with it being replaced by grassland.

Everything in between the far south and the far north is savannah (insignificant tree cover, with grasses and flowers located between trees). Rainfall is more limited, to between 500 and 1,500 millimetres (20 and 60 in) per year. The savannah zone's three categories are Guinean forest-savanna mosaic, Sudan savannah, and Sahel savannah. Guinean forest-savanna mosaic is plains of tall grass interrupted by trees. Sudan savannah is similar but with shorter grasses and shorter trees. Sahel savannah consists of patches of grass and sand, found in the northeast. In the Sahel region, rain is less than 500 millimetres (20 in) per year and the Sahara Desert is encroaching. In the dry northeast corner of the country lies Lake Chad, which Nigeria shares with Niger, Chad and Cameroon.

### **Climate and Average Weather in Nigeria**

The climate of Nigeria is tropical, however there are wide climatic variations in different regions of the country. Near the coast temperatures rarely exceed 32 degrees Celsius (90 degrees Fahrenheit), but humidity is very high and nights are very hot. Inland there are two different seasons. A wet season from April to October, with lower monthly temperatures and the wettest month being June. Also a dry season from November to March, with midday temperatures that rise above 38° Celsius (100° Fahrenheit) but relatively cool nights, dropping as low as 12° Celsius (54° Fahrenheit). Average rainfall along the coast varies from about 180 cm (70 in) in the west to about 430 cm (170 inch) in certain parts of the east. Inland, it decreases to around 130 cm (50 inch) over most of central Nigeria and only 50 cm (20 inch) in the extreme north. The hot Harmattan wind from the Sahara sweeps across the northeastern areas which. The Harmattan wind is hot and dry and carries a reddish dust from the desert. The southwest wind brings cloudy and rainy weather.

## **Ethnic groups**

Nigeria has more than 500 ethnic groups, with varying languages and customs, creating a country of rich ethnic diversity. The largest ethnic groups are the Hausa, Yoruba, Igbo and Fulani, together accounting for more than 70% of the population, while the Urhobo-Isoko, Edo, Ijaw, Kanuri, Ibibio, Ebira, Nupe, Gbagyi, Jukun, Igala, Idoma and Tiv comprise between 25 and 30%; other minorities make up the remaining 5%.

## **Languages**

The official language of Nigeria, English, was chosen to facilitate the cultural and linguistic unity of the country, owing to the influence of British colonization that ended in 1960. The major languages spoken in Nigeria are Igbo, Yoruba and Hausa.

## **Religion**

Nigeria is a religiously diverse society, with Christianity and Islam being the most widely professed religions. Nigerians are nearly equally divided into Christians and Muslims, with a tiny minority of adherents of Animism and other religions.

## **People**

The population is estimated at 198 Million.

## **Economy**

Nigeria is classified as a mixed economy emerging market. More than 70% of the population earns a living from the land, mainly as subsistence farmers. Agriculture as well as oil and Gas are the backbone of the national economy. It has reached lower middle income status according to the World Bank, with its abundant supply of natural resources, well-developed financial, legal, communications, transport sectors and stock exchange (the Nigerian Stock Exchange), which is the second largest in Africa.

## **Telecommunications**

Nigeria has one of the fastest growing telecommunications markets in the world, major emerging market operators such as MTN, 9mobile, Airtel and Globacom have their largest and most profitable centres in the country. Telephones and Internet Access Services are available in major hotels and service centers in Abuja.

## **Electric Supply**

Nigeria uses 220 volts 50 cycles AC. Plugs are mostly British three-pin standard and European two-pin.

## **Banking, Automatic Teller Machines (ATMs) and Bureau De Change (BDCs)**

Nigeria has a highly developed financial services sector, with a mix of local and international banks, banking hours is from 8am to 4pm (some banks closes by 5pm). Automatic Teller Machines (ATMs)

are found in all banks, major hotels in the city, shopping malls, and at Nnamdi Azikwe International Airport. Point of Sales (PoS) Terminals can also be found in many shops and malls. Most Bureau De Change are mostly found in the streets adoring Sheraton Hotel, Wuse-Abuja. We have one or two Bureau De Change shops at the arrival section of Abuja International Airport.

The naira (sign: ₦; code: NGN) is the currency of Nigeria. It is subdivided into 100 kobo.

Banknotes denominations:

50 Kobo (~~₦~~0.50)

1 Naira (~~₦~~1)

5 Naira (~~₦~~5):

10 Naira (~~₦~~10)

20 Naira (~~₦~~20)

50 naira (~~₦~~50)

100 naira (~~₦~~100)

200 naira (~~₦~~200)

500 naira (~~₦~~500)

1000 naira (~~₦~~1000)

50 kobo & 1 naira notes are no longer in use

Official exchange rate of Naira (NGN) to some global currencies as at 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2018 is as provided below:

Date	Currency	Buying(NGN)	Central(NGN)	Selling(NGN)
8/23/2018	US DOLLAR	305.1	305.6	306.1
	POUNDS STERLING	392.9383	393.5822	394.2262
	EURO	353.3363	353.9154	354.4944
	SWISS FRANC	310.3764	310.885	311.3937
	YEN	2.7534	2.7579	2.7624
	CFA	0.5157	0.5257	0.5357

WAUA	424.829	425.5252	426.2214
YUAN/RENMINBI	44.3502	44.4233	44.4965
RIYAL	81.3492	81.4825	81.6158
SOUTH AFRICAN RAND	21.4284	21.4635	21.4987
DANISH KRONA	47.3567	47.4343	47.5119
SDR	426.5603	427.2594	427.9584

**N.B:** Bureau De Exchange rates are usually higher ( $\leq 10\%$ ) than the official rate.

### **Money Transfer**

The Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) licensed 14 International Money Transfer Operators (IMTOs). They are:

Western Union,

MoneyGram,

RIA,

Trans-Fast Remittance LLC,

WorldRemit Limited,

UAE Exchange Centre LLC,

Wari Limited, Homesend S.C.R.L,

Small World Financial Services Group Limited

Weblink International Limited

Cash Pot Limited,

DT&T Corporation Limited,

Fiem Group

LLC DBA Ping Express

CP Express Limited.

## **Nigeria Courier Services Companies**

1 DHL Worldwide Express International Nigeria Limited.

2 EMS Speed Post.

3 GIG Logistics Domestic Courier Solutions.

4 Red Star Express Plc.

5 UPS Nigeria.

6 AMDS PDC Nigeria Limited.

7 eExpress Limited

8 Fast Express Couriers

## **Time zone**

Nigeria Standard Time is 1 hour ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT+1). Nigeria is in West Central Africa Time Zone.

## **Working hours**

8am to 4pm (some organizations closes by 5pm)

## **Public Holidays** (From August)

21 Aug	Tue	Id el Kabir
22 Aug	Wed	Id el Kabir Holiday
1 Oct	Mon	National Day
20 Nov	Tue	Id el Maulud
25 Dec	Tue	Christmas Day
26 Dec	Wed	Boxing Day

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