



AAHEFA

ASSOCIATION OF AFRICAN HIGHER
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AAHEFA 6TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING CONFERENCE INFORMATION PACK

Date: 11th - 18th September 2026
Venue: La Palm Royal Beach Hotel, Accra Ghana

1 WELCOME ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The Association of African Higher Education Financing Agencies (AAHEFA) is delighted to announce its 6th International Conference on Higher Education Financing and Annual General Meeting (AGM), taking place from 11th - 18th September 2026 at the La Palm Royal Beach Hotel in Accra, Ghana.

This year's conference will be held under the theme:

“Digital Transformation in Higher Education Financing: The role of Technological Advancements in Ensuring Sustainable, Inclusive and Resilient Higher Education Financing Systems in Africa”,

The conference will bring together leaders, policymakers, and stakeholders to explore forward-looking solutions for advancing higher education across the continent.



14 Member States

300+ Expected Delegates

30+ Ministers & CEOs

2 Days

2 ABOUT THE ASSOCIATION OF AFRICAN HIGHER EDUCATION FINANCING AGENCIES



AAHEFA, established in 2008, is a continental platform that brings together agencies, scholarship boards, and loan schemes across Africa.

Its core mission is to promote collaboration, policy innovation, and the sharing of best models. The annual conference serves as the flagship event where members, partners, and stakeholders from across the continent converge to discuss emerging challenges, innovations, and policy developments affecting access to higher education in Africa.

PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 2025 AAHEFA INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE AND AGM





3 WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND



Attending this conference offers a rare opportunity to engage with:

- ✓ Leaders of national student financing agencies and regulatory bodies
- ✓ Regional and international development partners
- ✓ Experts in higher education, TVET and financing policy
- ✓ University and TVET administrators
- ✓ Participants will gain fresh insights, build strategic partnerships and influence the continental agenda on financing access on tertiary education



4 **KEY** LOGISTICAL INFORMATION

This Attendees' Guide provides all essential information to help you plan and enjoy your participation in the event. It includes:

4.1. Local Transport and Logistical Coordination

The Local Organizing Committee (LOC) under the SLTF in Ghana will organize for local transportation for the invited delegates from areas of residence (as listed in this guide) to the conference and other events venues

4.2. Currency Advisory

Master Card and Visa are acceptable. The Local currency in Ghana is the Ghanaian Cedi (GHS).

While hotels, international restaurants and some business establishment may accept visa and Mastercard payments or limited foreign currency transactions, cash remains widely used in public transport, local markets and small to medium service providers

The current exchange rate is **GHS 12.25: 1 USD**

4.3. Travel and airport arrangements

The following Flights fly directly to Accra;

- ✈ London - Accra: British Airways nonstop from heathrow (daily)
- ✈ Addis Ababa - Accra: Ethiopian Airlines nonstop
- ✈ Nairobi - Accra: Kenya Airways nonstop
- ✈ Dar es Salaam- Accra: Air Tanzania nonstop
- ✈ Lagos - Accra: Air Peace, AWA (busiest regional route)
- ✈ Johannesburg - Accra: South African Airways nonstop
- ✈ Dubai - Accra: Emirates Direct (connecting)
- ✈ Istanbul - Accra: Turkish Airline nonstop (connecting)

5 ACCOMMODATION LOGISTICS AND ADVISORY

Delegates are advised to confirm their accommodation as early as possible. A number of hotels and lodges have been identified near the conference venue and will be provided below.

These options range from premium lodges to standard hotels to suit a wider range of budgets. Delegates are responsible for arranging and confirming their accommodation.

For AAHEFA members and committee delegates, please ensure your booking is confirmed directly with the hotel or via your institutional focal point and communicated timely with the secretariat.



For easier logistical and coordination mechanisms, delegates are advised to stay in the recommended accommodation options that will be provided in this guide. Please note that transport facilities from and to conference venues will only cater delegates in the listed accommodation options



**BOOKING LINKS AND CODES ARE PROVIDED TO ACCESS DISCOUNTED
RATES IN THIS INFORMATION PARK**

PROPOSED ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

LA PALM ROYAL BEACH HOTEL



Distance to conference venue: La Palm Royal is the same venue for conference

Capacity: Above 100 rooms

Room types and rates: All room types available - USD 278 discounted to 124

Scan the QR below and enter code for discounted booking



La Palm Discount Code: SLTF

PROPOSED ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

LABADI BEACH HOTEL



Distance to conference venue: Driving 2 - 5 minutes, Walking 10 - 15 Minutes

Capacity: Above 100 rooms

Room types and rates: Superior Suite - USD 270
Luxury Rooms - USD 310

Scan the QR Code below for discounted booking



PROPOSED ACCOMODATION OPTIONS

OAK PLAZA HOTEL



Distance to conference venue: East Eirport, Driving 18 - 25 minutes (off peak), Peak traffic 35 - 45 minutes

Capacity: Above 40 rooms

Room types and rates: All room types availabe - USD 140 discounted to 120

Scan the QR Code below for discounted booking



PROPOSED ACCOMODATION OPTIONS

TOMREIK HOTEL



Distance to conference venue: East Legon, Driving 20 - 30 minutes (off peak), Peak traffic 35 - 45 minutes

Capacity: 40 rooms

Room types and rates: All room types available - USD 154 discounted to 80

Scan the QR below and enter code for discounted booking



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6 KEY LOGISTICAL INFORMATION

6.1. Weather Advisory

Delegates visiting Accra around mid-September should prepare for warm, humid and intermittently rainy conditions as this period falls within Ghana's Secondary rainy season.

Daytime temperatures typically range between 27°C and 29°C, with high humidity levels averaging above 80%, making the weather feel warmer than the actual temperature.

Attendees are advised to pack light clothing for daytime, a jacket or sweater for evenings, and comfortable walking shoes. Sunscreen and hats are recommended for outdoor activities. There is minimal rainfall during this period, but carrying a small umbrella is advised.

6.2. Visa Requirements

All participants are responsible for ensuring they meet Ghana's entry and visa requirements. Nationals of countries that require a visa to enter Ghana should apply well in advance via the e-Visa portal or the respective embassy

AAHEFA will provide official invitation letters upon confirmation of attendance. Citizens from ECOWAS countries and several African states may be eligible for visa-on arrival or exemptions. Please verify with the Ghanaian Department of Immigration or your nearest Ghanaian diplomatic mission.

Note: For e-visa applications, visit,
<https://evisa.immigration.gov.gh>,

Passengers must have a printed e-visa confirmation. Visitors not holding return/onward tickets could be refused entry.

7 REGISTRATION AND EMERGENCY INFORMATION

7.1. Airport Transfers

Official airport transfer services will be arranged for Committee members, Invited Speakers and AAHEFA-sponsored delegates

Independent delegates may request coordination support or arrange transport from the airport.

You are kindly requested to submit your airport itinerary 30 days before the event to facilitate smooth coordination.

7.2. Dress Code

The suggested dress code is Business formal of African formal for conference sessions. Cultura; or national dress is encouraged for the official farewell dinner

Smart casual wear is suitable for site visits or excursions

7.3. Event Menu

For dietary needs and restrictions, kindly contact +255 759 730 512

7.4. Emergency Contacts and Protocols

- i. The AAHEFA Protocol Team will support delegates onsite
- ii. Emergency numbers and WhatsApp contacts will be circulated
- iii. Keep mobile phones active and functional for coordination
- iv. Contact the registration desk for urgent inquiries

7.5. Conference Materials

Upon Registration, all delegates will receive a welcome kit that includes;

- i. Program booklet
- ii. AAHEFA corporate profile and partner materials
- iii. Badge and writing items
- iv. Promotional banners and signage will be displayed for guidance

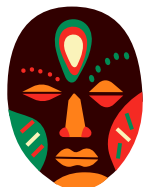
8 AAHEFA PRESIDENT'S GALA DINNER TRADITIONAL AFRICAN NIGHT

The AAHEFA President's Gala Dinner and Traditional African Night is a signature social and networking event celebrating Africa's rich cultural heritage, diversity, and unity.

The evening will bring together delegates, policymakers, higher education leaders, development partners, and industry stakeholders in an elegant setting for an unforgettable cultural experience.

Guests will enjoy traditional African cuisine, music, dance, and cultural performances while dressed in their finest traditional attire, creating a vibrant atmosphere for networking, strengthening partnerships, and celebrating achievements in advancing higher education financing across the continent.

NOTE: Attendees are encouraged to dress in their traditional African outfits to align with the theme of the dinner.





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