



CARE INTERNATIONAL

**Africa Learning Forum on Adaptation
ALFA Sahel 2020
March 30-31st in Niamey, Niger**

INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

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Information guide for all ALFA Sahel 2020 Attendees

CARE International in Niger is very pleased to welcome you to Niger and to ensure that you have all the necessary support from the Administrative, Financial, Logistics and Required Services

1. Travel Documents

All persons entering Niger must be in possession of a valid passport or travel documents specifying the identity of their owner. Travel documents are the Laissez-Passer and other documents provided by international agencies recognized by the Government of Niger such as ECOWAS, the United Nations and its Specialized Agencies, the World Bank and the African Development Bank, etc.

Administrative Support

Entry Visas

Following a decree of the Nigerian Government, it is desirable that all visitors who have a Niger Consular Representation in their country obtain their visa before coming. To facilitate this process of obtaining an entry visa to Niger for our visitors, the CARE Mission provides them with letters of invitation. For those who do not have a Niger Consular Representation in the vicinity, they can do so either in the nearest transit country, or arrange one month before the trip to send the file to Niger so that the process can be initiated in a timely manner.

Citizens of all countries except those listed below require an Entry Visa to travel to Niger. Entry visas must be obtained before arrival in Niger and can be obtained from a Nigerian Embassy, High Commission or Consulate. Where Niger does not have an Embassy or Diplomatic Representation, an application for an Entry Visa is addressed to the nearest Diplomatic Mission or Consulate that has received authorization to do so from the Government of Niger.

The Entry Visa can be obtained on arrival if the Immigration Officer has been informed in advance either by the travellers or by their sponsors.

Cases where Entry Visas are not Required

The following categories are exempt from Visa requirements to enter Niger:

Citizens of ECOWAS member countries: Nigeria, Benin, Mauritania, Ghana, Gambia, Senegal, Guinea, Sierra Leone, Guinea Bissau, Togo, Cote d'Ivoire, Burkina Faso, Liberia, Cape Verde, Mali.

Costs of Visas

Visa costs vary from country to country. Please contact the nearest Niger Embassy.

Other Travel Conditions

Vaccinations

Vaccines against yellow fever and meningitis are mandatory for all travellers to Niger. You can get permission to enter Niger without being vaccinated, but it is in your interest to do so before your trip. Malaria, yellow fever and meningitis are common diseases in Niger as in all other countries bordering Niger.

2. Logistics

Arrival in Niamey

All participants from outside Niger are expected to arrive in Niamey on March 28 or 30, 2020. They will be met at Diori Hamani International Airport by CARE Niger drivers and driven to the Hotels where their reservations have been made in advance and where they will be accommodated throughout their stay in Niger. At the airport, drivers will be provided with a sign where CARE Niger is mentioned or the Mention Participants at ALFA Sahel 2020. In case of problems, please call Mrs Hadjara Moumine - +227 90 88 88 88 32 or Sanoussi ABABALE at 90888934, or Atikou Madougou at 90888850

Departure from Niamey scheduled between 01 and 04 March 2020 depending on the flight plans of each participant.

Accommodation

CARE Niger arranges for hotel reservations for its visitors well in advance of their arrival. There is also the possibility of providing them with the references of the host where they are booked. The visitor has the possibility to choose in advance his hotel. In this case he must notify it by email to the Executive Secretariat.

The electric current

In Niger as in France the electronic current is 220 Volts. It should be noted that there are frequent power cuts in Niamey, but generally hotels each have an additional generator.

Meals

Participants will have breakfast at their hotel. Lunch, teas, for all participants, will be served from March 10 to breakfast on March 12, 2020.

For dinner, in addition to what the hotels offer, you have here some restaurants from the place below that are open every day of the week

- **Le Damsi:** SONARA I Building Tel: 20 73 44 91 African, French and Asian Specialty
- **Golden Dragon:** Asian cuisine, 20 73 41 23 23
- **Le Tabakady:** French cuisine, 20 73 58 58 18
- **Chez-CHIN:** Asian cuisine, 20 72 25 28
- **Le Watta:** African cuisine, (Terminus)
- **La Cascade:** French cuisine
- **Le Pillier:** Italian cuisine, 20 72 49 85
- **Shanghai:** Asian cuisine,
- **Les Roniers:** French cuisine, 20 72 31 38
- **The Gourmet:** Lebanese cuisine, 94 84 84 84 84

Banking Services

The currency in Niger is the **Franc CFA.**, 1 US Dollar is the equivalent of **620 CFA francs**, 1 EURO = 650 CFA francs, CFA francs. Services are offered at the level of trade offices and commercial banks in Niamey. There is also the possibility of making the exchange at the exchange office located at Niamey airport.

Also, if necessary, the CARE Niger courier makes the trip to the various banks in the square to make the change to visitors. There are two types of exchange rates: the black market, and banks that always provide proof.

Personal cheques: The visitor can endorse his personal cheque and give it to the courier who will carry out the transaction.

Travellers' cheques: In Niger, visitors have the possibility to use travellers' cheques. CARE just makes a cover letter and forwards the cheques to the Bank, which will do the necessary.

Communication Services facilities

There are reliable fixed and mobile telephone services covering much of Niger. The main mobile phone service networks are AIRTEL Niger, Moov Niger, Orange Niger, Niger Telecom. SIM cards are available at different locations, prices vary from one operator to another and vary between 500 and 1000 CFA francs for the SIM card. However, you must present an identity document when you purchase.

Internet access: Any visitor who needs to connect to the Internet at the office can contact the IT department. You could also have access to the Internet from your accommodation (Hotels - Cyber café). Internet services are available in the various Hotels in Niamey and access is free for participants with mobile phones, just ask for the access code

Who pays for what?

CLAR will pay for its staff and sponsored participants

- a. Cost of transport from Diori Hamani International Airport to the various Hotels in Niamey,
- b. Accommodation in the hotels booked from 29-30th to 31 March 2020
- c. Accommodation and conference costs to include meals during the forum, from 29-30 to 31th March 2020

Non-sponsored participants:

- a. Round trip for participants from the country of origin
- b. Visa fees/airport/airport taxes/airport transportation costs and other transit costs
- c. Meals in Niamey, March 30th to 31th.
- d. Non-sponsored participants must also cover other costs not mentioned above.

3. Climate in Niger

Niamey

Three main seasons characterize the climate in Niger; the cool season from October to February, which is the least hot period, temperatures are high during the day (up to 35°C) and low at night (up to 11°); the hot season from March to May, which sometimes observes temperatures exceeding 40°C and finally the rainy season, which extends from June to September, the heat is humid and the air does not circulate much.

In October the rainy season has almost ended in some areas of Niger, it can continue to rain in the southern part of the country including Gaya and Maradi. The average temperatures vary from 23 to 34°C

with winds of 5 to 10 Km/h. It is recommended to wear light clothing during the stay in Niamey, and in the communities to visit and to wear caps to protect yourself from the sun's rays.

4. The Security

Niger is at this time (despite the isolated events observed in the remote areas of Tillabéry, Tahoua, Diffa) a peaceful and safe country for all travellers and tourists. Nevertheless, during their stay, all participants must be careful and remain vigilant, especially in Niamey. **They should avoid wearing valuables such as jewellery and large sums of money and avoid displaying them unnecessarily in public places and travelling to remote areas of the city (please check in and leave your valuables at the hotel).** In case you go to the city centre alone, be careful who approaches you and tries to help you in one way or another.

5. Public transport

There is no metered taxi system in Niger. Taxis are available on the basis of sharing and charter. The minimum price in Niamey for the charter is 300 CFA francs and can reach 600 to 1000 CFA francs or more depending on the distance to be covered. Taxis can be taken alone at a negotiated price; avoid taking them alone, especially at night.

6. Tourist sites to visit:

In Niamey, there is the possibility to visit the National Museum, the Wadata craft centre.

Niger is classified in zone 3 for malaria. The risk is high across the country. It is therefore necessary to plan an antimalarial treatment, and to protect yourself against mosquito bites (for example by sleeping under impregnated mosquito nets).

Vaccination against yellow fever, a deadly disease that is unknowingly caught and transmitted by mosquitoes, is mandatory before leaving for Niger. This vaccination can only be done in authorised vaccination centres.

Prevention against other diseases is based above all on food and water precautions (eating in recommended restaurants and drinking bottled water).

Recommended vaccinations included:

- Hepatitis A
- Hepatitis B
- Meningitis
- Typhoid fever Typhoid fever
- Yellow fever

Pharmacy:

- Kaocen Pharmacy, Aslam Pharmacy, Round Point Pharmacy, 6th Crossroads Pharmacy, Economic Homes Pharmacy.

7. Important Contacts

Please send your travel information to

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before March 15th, 2020; include:

- Flight details (arrival and departure)
- Special requests such as special meals, etc.

If you have any questions or emergencies while in Niger, please contact:

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The CLAR and CARE Niger team will be ready to provide any other information you may need about the trip and the Forum.

Contacts of the organizers of the Forum in Niger

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8. More information

For more useful information on Niger, please visit the website: <http://www.niger-tourisme.com>