

# **2025 ANNUAL MEETING**

# **Practical Information Guide**

# Dates: June 15th - 17th, 2025 Venue: Transcorp Hilton, Abuja, Nigeria

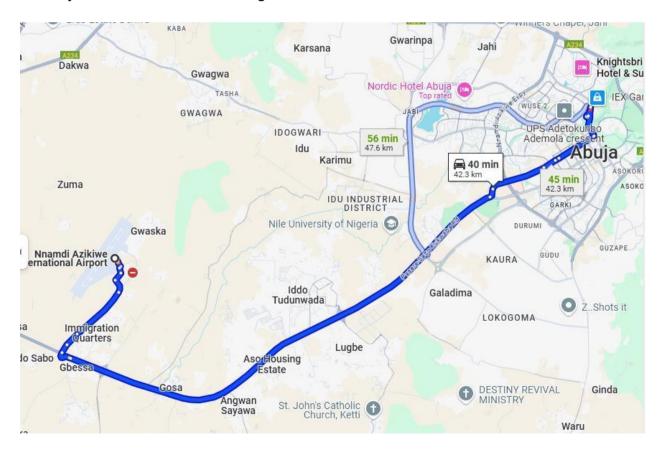
#### Nigeria

Welcome to the Federal Republic of Nigeria, a land distinguished by its rich cultural heritage, diverse landscapes, and dynamic economy. Nigeria is renowned for its beautiful coastlines along the Gulf of Guinea, verdant forests, and iconic savannahs that stretch across its vast terrain. Often referred to as the "Giant of Africa", Nigeria's prominent position on the continent is a testament to its population, economic prowess, and influence.

With over 200 million inhabitants, this demographic advantage translates into a vibrant and youthful society, bustling with energy and innovation. Nigeria's strategic location and abundant natural resources make it a key player in both regional and global markers. Strategically located on the network of air and sea routes, Nigeria serves as a crucial link between Africa and the global community.

#### **Transcorp Hilton**

The ASIF Conference is scheduled to hold at Transcorp Hilton Maitama, Abuja. Located 42 minutes from Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport, and only a short drive from the heart of Abuja, Transcorp Hilton is within easy reach of cosmopolitan dining, shopping, and major cultural and historical sights.



#### **Transportation**

- Shuttles will be stationed at Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport for all delegates.
- Delegates will be responsible for their flight and accommodation.

Reliable and Safe Transportation Options in Abuja:

- Ride-Hailing Apps: Bolt and Uber are the most reliable and widely used for safe and convenient rides. Estimated fares vary based on demand.
- Hotel Shuttles: Most major hotels, including Transcorp Hilton, offer shuttle services—check with your accommodation for availability.
- Private Car Hire: Available through hotels or travel agencies; advisable for ease, security, and flexible schedules.
- Taxis: Traditional taxis are available but metered fares should be negotiated before the trip. This option is generally not recommended for first-time visitors.

#### **Recommended Hotels**

- Transcorp Hilton, Maitama, Abuja (Recommended)
- Fraiser Suites, Central Business District Abuja (Recommended)
- Stratton Hotel, Asokoro Abuja (Recommended)
- Abuja Continental Hotel, CBD
- The Envoy Hotel, Diplomatic Zone
- · Bellanova Hotel, Maitama

Browse the hotel links to view available room types and rates. **Book Now** 

A shuttle service will be provided to transport participants from their hotels to the event venue.

#### **Visa Information**

The host will offer assistance with the visa process and required documentation if necessary.

- Citizens of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) do not require a visa or entry permit to travel to Nigeria.
- Citizens of **non-ECOWAS member states** must apply for and obtain the appropriate visa from the **Nigeria Immigration Service (NIS)** before traveling.

For more Information on Visa Processing please refer to the ASIF Portal

#### ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

#### 1. Proof of Funds

Visitors must have proof of sufficient funds and a confirmed hotel reservation.

# 2. Compulsory Vaccination

No vaccination is required on arrival, except against yellow fever for travelers who have recently visited a country where the disease is present, but this, however, is not compulsory. The <a href="Nigeria Health Declaration Form">Nigeria Health Declaration Form</a> must be completed by all incoming travelers to Nigeria. Paper-based versions will be provided on arrival in Nigeria to passengers unable to complete the form. Check the <a href="Latest vaccine recommendations for Nigeria">Latest vaccine recommendations for Nigeria</a>. It is advisable that this declaration is completed and printed ahead of arrival.

# 3. Travel days for international flights in Nigeria

\* Disclaimer: The flight schedules are indicative only. Changes may be made by the airline at any time.

Country	Flight	Route	Days of Operation
Morocco	Air Maroc	Casablanca to Lagos	Daily
	Air Maroc	Casablanca to Abuja	Sundays, Wednesdays and Fridays
Senegal	Asky	Dakar-Lome-Abuja	Daily
Gabon	Africa World Airlines	Accra to Abuja	Daily/All week
Rwanda	RwandAir	Kigali to Lagos	Daily except Tuesdays and Saturdays
Angola	Angola Airlines	Luanda Angola to Lagos	Mondyas, Wednesdays, Thursadys and Fridays
		Lagos to Angola	Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays
	Ethiopian Airlines	Luandan to Abuja	Daily with 11hour layover both inbound and outbound
Djibouti	Ethiopian Airlines	Djibouti to Abuja	Daily with 11hour layover both inbound and outbound
	Qatar Airlines	Djibouti to Lagos	Irregular; Qatar Airlines flies from Djibouti into Lagos but there are irregularities on the flight schedules. For Qatar, please note that there is an 8hour layover in Doha on the return segment regardless of the flight date.
South Africa	South African Airlines	Johannesburg to Lagos	Sundays, Wednesdays and Fridays
		Lagos to Johannesburg	Sundays, Wednesdays and Fridays
	Ethiopian Airlines	Abuja to Johannesburg	Daily
		Johannesburg to Abuja	Daily
Ethiopia	Ethiopian Airlines	Addis Ababa to Abuja	Daily

Botswana	Not confirmed		
Libya	Turkish Airlines	Benghazi Libya to Abuja	Sundays and Tuesdays
	Turkish Airlines	Abuja to Benghazi Libya	Sundays and Wednesdays
Guinea Conakry	Asky Airlines	Abuja to Guinea Conakry	Everyday of the week
	Air Cote D Ivoire	Abuja to Guinea Conakry	Sundays, Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays
Egypt	Egypt Airways	Cairo to Abuja	Sundays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Friday
	Egypt Airways	Cairo to Lagos	All days of the week
Mauritius	Kenya Airways	Mauritius to Lagos	Sundays, Monday, Tuesdays, Wednesdays,Thursdays and Friday
	South African Airways	Mauritius to Lagos	Sundays and Fridays
	Kenya Airways	Lagos to Mauritius	Monday, Wednesday and Saturday
	South African	Lagos to Mauritius	Sundays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Note no direct flight to Abuja
Egypt	Egypt Airways	Cairo to Abuja	Sundays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Friday
		Cairo to Lagos	All days of the week

## **Arrival and Departure Information:**

The preferred airport for all arrivals is **Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport (ABV)**, **Abuja**, as the conference will be held in Abuja. We strongly encourage guests to book flights directly into Abuja where possible. If you are only able to fly into **Murtala Muhammed International Airport (LOS)**, **Lagos**, please note that you will need to **transfer from the international terminal to the domestic terminal**, which is approximately an **11-minute drive**. From there, you will need to take a **domestic flight to Abuja**.

For **departures via Lagos**, please ensure your domestic flight from Abuja arrives in Lagos at least 3 hours before your international flight to allow enough time for the terminal transfer and check-in.

Our team will be available to assist with logistics and coordination to support your journey.

### 4. Dress code

In view of the significance and professional nature of the event, we recommend you dress formally. Your adherence to this dress code will elevate the event's atmosphere and reflect positively on all participants.

Event	Dress code	
Cocktail Night	Business Casual	
Conference	Formal	
Gala Night	Traditional Attire	

#### 5. Health services

Public medical facilities and private clinics provide medical services for a fee. For the event, emergency medical services will be available at the venue and hotels.

#### Other Practical Information

#### **Time and Telecommunications**

Nigeria is one hour ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) and follows West Africa Time (WAT). Nigeria does not observe Daylight Saving Time, so the time difference remains constant throughout the year.

Complimentary internet access is provided at the venue and designated hotels, ensuring seamless connectivity and access to information globally.

#### Currency

The Nigerian Naira is the national currency, Foreign exchange services are available at designated points within the airport and select hotels.

#### **Credit Cards**

Dollar-denominated cards are accepted by most hotels and some shops. Please have some Nigerian naira with you to ease transactions.

#### Climate

In June, the average daily temperatures in Abuja range from 23°C to 30°C. The evenings can be cooler, with the evening temperatures dropping to about 20 degrees.

#### **Electricity supply**

The electricity supply operates at a voltage of 220 - 240V. The region uses type D and G power plugs and sockets. Travelers should ensure they have the appropriate adapters for their electronic devices.

#### Language

English is the official language, however, Hausa, Yoruba, and Igbo are the three major languages within Nigeria.

# **Emergency Contacts**

#### 1. General Emergency Number

• 112 – The universal emergency number in Nigeria that connects you to various emergency response agencies.

#### 2. Police Emergency Number

- 199 Direct line to report crimes or request police assistance.
- 0803 200 3913 Additional helpline for urgent police response.

#### 3. Fire Service

- 112 Can be used for fire emergencies.
- 0803 200 3913 Alternative fire service helpline.

# 4. Medical Emergency (Ambulance & Hospitals)

• 112 – National medical emergency hotline.

#### 5. Road Safety & Accidents (FRSC)

• 122 – Report road accidents or call for road safety assistance.

# Official emergency numbers for ASIF 2025 are: +234 8176480817 or 08061497799 Business & shopping hours

Shopping hours in Abuja are from 9.00 am to 7.30 pm (Monday-Saturday). Some shops are open from noon on Sundays and public holidays.

For further inquiries, please reach out to: <a href="mailto:asif25@nsia.com.ng">asif25@nsia.com.ng</a>.

### **Protocol & Airport**

The organizers will provide **free protocol services and airport transfers** for all participants.

- A protocol team will be on the ground to receive delegates upon arrival.
- A dedicated protocol desk tagged the African Sovereign Investors Forum 2025 will be available at the Nnamdi Azikiwe International Airport in Abuja.
- There will be free transfer from the Murtala Muhammed International Airport in Lagos to the domestic airports for delegates arriving via Lagos.

• There will be free transfers to the official hotels for all participants upon arrival at the Abuja airport. Delegates are required to provide their travel itinerary and full flight details on May 26, 2025, and June 2, 2025.

## **Transportation**

- Pick-up And Drop Off service will be provided between designated hotels and the meeting venue.
- Transfers from the meeting venue to the hotel and vice versa will be provided for delegates. The shuttle will leave an hour before the meeting starts and pick participants up after the meetings.
- Transportation will only be available at the designated hotels listed below.

Transcorp Hilton Hotel Fraser Suites Stratton Hotel

# **Accommodation Options (See Travel Information Tab** → **Accommodation)**

**ASIF Accommodation Partner** 

For the ASIF Conference (June 2025, Abuja, Nigeria), we have partnered with Transcorp Hilton Abuja to offer exclusive rates for delegates. An information desk will be placed at the arrival hall, and our protocol officers will provide the necessary information on the shuttles.

Transcorp Hilton Abuja

Phone: +234 803901 3333

Email: reservations.abuja@hilton.com Discounted

rates apply.

#### Other Recommended Hotels

Fraser Suites Abuja (Luxury stay)

Phone: +234 906 283 4368

Email: reservations.abuja@frasershospitality.com

Discounted rates apply

• Stratton Hotel Abuja (Affordable & Comfortable)

Phone: +234 803 575 6828

Email: reservations@strattonhotelasokoro.com

Discounted rates apply

Shuttle buses will be provided from Fraser Suites and Stratton Hotel to the event venue.

# **Alternative Accomodation**

- The Envoy Hotel Diplomatic Zone
- Abuja Continental Hotel
- Bellanova Hotel, Maitama