

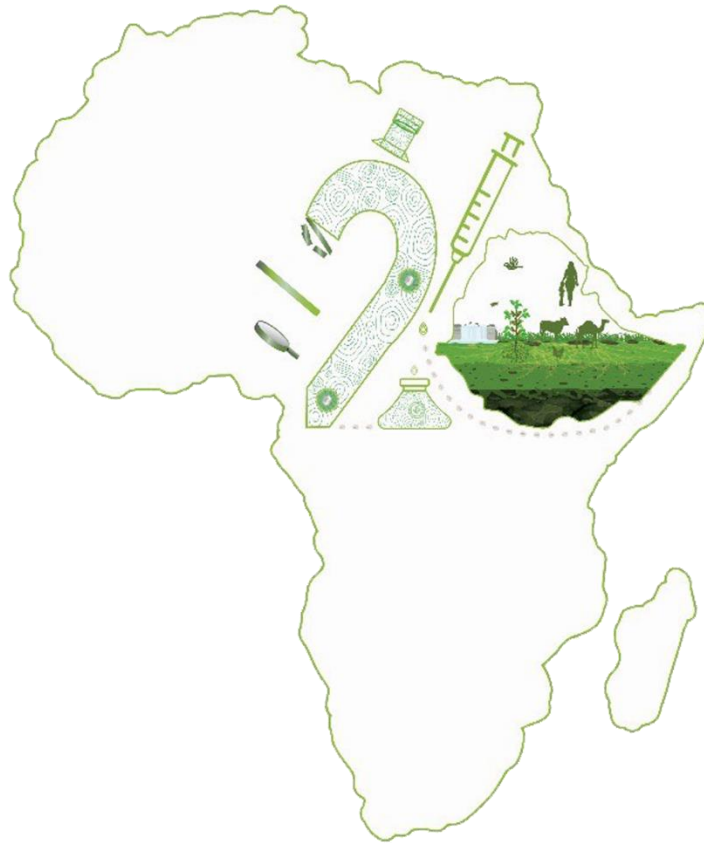


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THE 26TH CONFERENCE OF
THE REGIONAL COMMISSION FOR AFRICA
February 4 – 7 2025
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Participant Guide



LA SANTÉ ANIMALE POUR ASSURER la
SÉCURITÉ ALIMENTAIRE, la NUTRITION et
la SANTÉ PUBLIQUE en AFRIQUE

ANIMAL HEALTH FOR FOOD AND NUTRITION
SECURITY AND PUBLIC HEALTH IN AFRICA

In this guide

This travel guide provides participants with valuable information to help your stay in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia enjoyable and memorable. Thus, this guide will provide

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Welcome to Ethiopia!

THE LAND OF ORIGINS

- Ethiopia is located in the Horn of Africa, and it remains the only country which has never been colonised.
- Addis Ababa is its Capital City.
- Ethiopia is the origin of Lucy – the oldest human ancestor estimated to have lived some 3.2 million years.
- Ethiopia has a population of 120 million, and is a land of enormous diversity comprising about eighty nationalities, more than 80 languages spoken and with over 200 dialects.
- Amharic is the National Working Language. It has its own letters and numbers.

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- Ethiopia is endowed with a wide variety of flora and fauna.
- Ethiopia is the origin of Coffee – Coffee Arabica
- It is a place for rich ancient cultures and historical heritages, some of which include the rock-cut Christian Church of Labella, Axum Obelisks, Harar Jegol Ginb, and many more.
- Ethiopia has a unique calendar with 13 months of sunshine. Twelve of the months each have 30 days but the 13th month has 5 or 6 days. Now in Ethiopia the year is 2017 and currently the month is called 'Tir'. The New Year in Ethiopia is on September 11 and in Amharic the month is called 'Meskerem'.
- Ethiopia is in the +3 hrs GMT time zone.
- Ethiopia is the leading African country in livestock population and the 5th in the world.
- Ethiopia has welcoming people and climate

Conference Venue and Location

The 26th Conference of the Regional Commission for Africa (RC26) will be held at the UN Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA). Please use the post code below to find conference venue location on google map.

Location: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/kkSjxbwzEi3ZBewq6> Addis Ababa (Menelik II Avenue)

Conference Itinerary

Follow the links below to have access to the English and French versions of the conference programme

[ENG PROVISIONAL-PROGRAMME](#)

[FRA PROGRAMME PROVISOIRE](#)

Dinner Programs

Three dinners are arranged for conference participants on February 4, 5 and 6, two of which by Ministry of Agriculture and one by WOA. H.

Transportation: Buses are arranged

| Date | Time | Location / Hotel |
|-------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| February 04, 2025 | 6:30 PM-8:30 PM | 2000 Habesha Cultural Restaurant |
| February 05, 2025 | 6:30 PM-8:30 PM | Radisson Blu Hotel |
| February 06, 2025 | 6:30 PM-8:30 PM | Inter Luxury Hotel |

Some information about the Delicious Ethiopian Dishes

Feel free to try Ethiopian cuisine - please be informed most of the dishes are spicy but delicious, and most of the dishes are served with 'Injera' - staple Ethiopian food which is a thin, spongy sourdough bread.

- If you are a vegan, better to ask for "Fasting Food" in Amharic "Yetsome Migib", some of the common dishes are:
 - 'Yestome Beyaynetu' - a vegan food with platter of vegetables and curries made from lentils, chickpea, rice,
 - 'Misir Wat' - Lentil stew
 - 'Shiro Wat' - chickpea stew
 - 'Kik Wat' - Split pea stew
- There are variety of non-fasting dishes both traditional and non-traditional. The traditional ones include:
 - 'Kitfo' - (minced meat with butter, served with cottage cheese, kocho - false banana bread, cabbage)
 - 'Doro Wot' - Chicken Stew
 - 'Siga Tibs' - Toasted beef or lamb
 - 'Siga Wot' - Meat Stew

Interacting with local community

Ethiopia has very welcoming people. Some of the common greeting Amharic words to get you connected with the community are indicated below

'Selam' - to mean Hello

'Ameseginalehu' - Thank you

'Yikirta' - I am sorry

'Ebakih/Ebakish' - Please (for both Male/Female)

Dehna Aderk - Good morning, if greeting a man

Dehna Adersh - Good morning, if greeting a woman

Dehna Aderachihu - Good morning, if greeting more than one person at a time

Dehna Eder - Good night, if a man

Dehna Ederi - Good night, if a woman

Dehna Ederu - Good night, for a group

'Migib' - Food

'Wuha' - Water

Visit Locations and Schedules

Visits are scheduled for **February 7**, and participants will have the opportunity to select any of the optional locations described in the sections below.

Location A: Visit to National Veterinary Institute and AU-PANVAC

National Veterinary Institute (NVI) is one of the well-known veterinary vaccine producing institutions in Africa. The institute possesses more than 60 years of experience in the production and distribution of veterinary biological products for both domestic and international markets (to more than 26 African countries). The vaccine production capacity of the institute in the early years was about 4 million doses per year, but currently it has a capacity of producing more than 300,000,000 doses.

Details about NVI can be found here ([National Veterinary Institute – National Veterinary Institute](#)).

The AU-PANVAC was established as a Specialized Technical Office (STO) of the AUC based in Ethiopia. The Center is at the forefront of the fight against animal diseases as well as zoonotic diseases with its mission to “Promote the use of good quality vaccines and reagents for the control and eradication of animal diseases in Africa”. It is mandated to provide International Independent quality control of all veterinary vaccines produced or imported into Africa.

[About Us – AU-PANVAC](#)

Both NVI and AU-PANVAC are located in Bishoftu town of Oromia Regional State - some 45 kilometres from the capital city, Addis Ababa.

Itinerary and travel arrangements

- **When:** Friday, February 7, 2025
- **Maximum number of visitors allowed = 50**

| Time | Activity | Detail info |
|----------------|---|--|
| 7:30 AM | Departure time from Addis Ababa to Bishoftu Town | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two buses are arranged • It will take approximately 1 hour and 20 minute or less on Addis Ababa–Adama Expressway, depending on the traffic in Addis Ababa. • Address: Q272+58C, Bishoftu |
| 8:30–9:30 AM | Reception at NVI Introductory session and orientation by NVI and AU-PANVAC | |
| 9:30AM–12:30PM | Visit to NVI and AU-PANVAC facilities | A maximum of 50 visitors are allowed |
| 12:30-02:00PM | Lunch at Kuriftu Resort – Bishoftu | Organized by NVI |
| 02:00 PM | Return to Addis Ababa | |

Location B: Adwa Victory Memorial Museum and Unity Park

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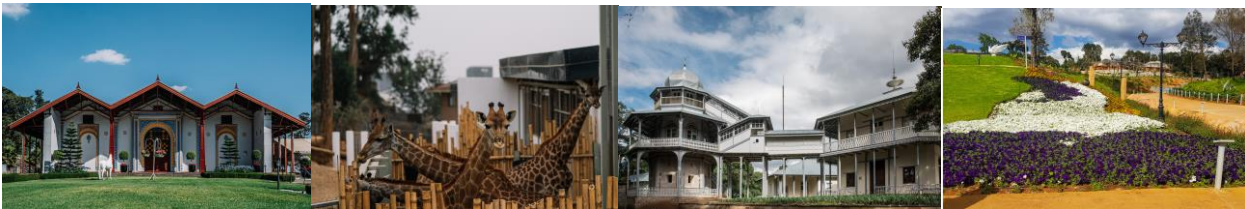
Adwa Victory Memorial Museum

Historic monument built to commemorate the valour and triumph of our ancestors at the Battle of Adwa.

If you required more information about the place follow this link [Adwa Victory Memorial](#)



The Unity Park



The construction of Unity Park was initiated by Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed (Dr.) in 2018 and officially inaugurated and opened to the public on October 10 / 2019. Unity Park is located in the premises of the Grand Palace and it is composed of various historical, natural, and cultural sites. The Grand Palace, where Unity Park is located, was established in 1887 and without counting Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed (Dr.), the palace served as the living and working space of seven Ethiopian leaders. The palace covers an area of 40 hectares and contains myriads of historical buildings and plants that date back to the time of Emperor Menelik II. For more detail visit the web site: [Grand Palace-Unity Park](#)

When: February 7, 2025, beginning from 8:30 AM in the morning.

Transportation: Buses are arranged and guests will have the chance to see a glimpse of major developments in Addis Ababa while routing to their visit locations.

Lunch: Lunch boxes will be arranged

| Time | Activity | Detail info |
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| 8:30 AM | Departure time from Radison Blu Hotel Addis Ababa | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two buses are arranged It will take approximately 20 - 30mins to reach each respective destination |
| 9:00 AM | Greet on site by Translators and visitors guide at Adam and Unity Park | |
| 9:30AM–12:30PM | Tour on facilities, park and visit to Unity Park and Adwa Victory Memorial Museum facilities | A maximum of 50 visitors are allowed per each facility |
| 12:30-02:00PM | Outdoor take away lunch at each respective facility | Sponsored by organizers |
| 02:00 PM | Return to Radison Blue Hotel | |
| | Afternoon town shopping by participants | Personal free time |

Ethiopian Currency and Market

- Local currency is Birr. Currency exchanges are determined by Respective Banks in Ethiopia. You should exchange currencies only from Banks and avoid other sources. Visit the National Bank for more details. ([Banks - National Bank of Ethiopia](#)) ([Market & Rates - National Bank of Ethiopia](#))
- If you want to buy souvenirs, cultural dresses or related resources please consult your hotel reception for nearby locations.
- Carry spending money only - Don't carry too much money; use the hotel safe for most cash and valuables.
- Most shops are opened during working hours 8:00 am to 6:30 pm. Hence, supermarkets, cafeterias and restaurants are opened till 10 pm. Always consult your hotel receptionists for clear guidance.

Important Numbers and Locations

Hospitals in case of medical emergency

Private Hospitals

1. SAINT GABRIEL GENERAL HOSPITAL PLC, - TEL NO. +251-11-6613622/624482/661 30 22, <https://g.co/kgs/n3XnCRE>
2. HAYAT HOSPITAL - TEL NO. +251-11-6614250/624488
3. BETHZATHA GENERAL HOSPITAL - Tel No +251-11-5514141/527100
4. ADDIS HIWOT PLC – Tel. No +251-11-6180449/6623915-16
5. ST. YARED GENERAL HOSPITAL - Tel. +251 116454697 / 04
6. TEZENA GENERAL HOSPITAL - Tel: +251-11-3711210/3711208
7. GIRUM HOSPITAL - Tel: +251-11-2757676/2755092
8. KADISCO GENERAL HOSPITAL - Tel: +251-11-6298904/02
9. LAND MARK HOSPITAL - Tel: +251-11-5525463
10. INTERNATIONAL CARDIOVASCULAR HOSPITAL - +251 11-442-4680 /81
11. ADDIS SPECIALIZED CARDIAC HOSPITAL - +251 116180709 / 0116634720
12. BETHEL HOSPITAL - Phone : +251-11-3720125 or 123126 or 511960
13. ETHIO-ISTANBUL GENERAL HOSPITAL - +251 96 521 2223, <https://g.co/kgs/E9ZHj8Q>
14. LANDMARK GENERAL HOSPITAL - +251 11 552 5719, <https://g.co/kgs/JP5XMHP>
15. NORDIC MEDICAL CENTRE - +251 92 910 5653, <https://g.co/kgs/QL4FT4Z>
16. MEQREZ HEALTH SERVICES - +251 95 227 2727, <https://g.co/kgs/k5NP1jJ>
17. YANET GENERAL HOSPITAL - +251 90 377 7755, <https://g.co/kgs/xQTWeXq>
18. WASHINGTON MEDICAL CENTER ADDIS ABABA, +251 11 663 5969, <https://g.co/kgs/T67vnjh>
19. AMIN GENERAL HOSPITAL, +251 94 710 1010, <https://g.co/kgs/XXYd79G>

Government Hospitals

1. BLACK LION HOSPITAL - Tel. +251-11-5511211
 2. MENELIK II HOSPITAL – Tel. +251-11-1234272
 3. ZEWDITU HOSPITAL – Tel. +251-11-5518085
 4. YEKATIT 12 HOSPITAL – Tel +251-11-1553065-68
 5. SAINT PAUL HOSPITAL – Tel. +251-11-2750125/132137
 6. RAS DESTA DAMTEW HOSPITAL – Tel. +251-11-1553399
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Police

1. Federal Police Commission - 991
2. Addis Ababa City Administration Police Commission - +251-11 1559122

Event Organizing Committee Contact Numbers

If you want to contact the organizing committee, please use the following numbers

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| Meron Solomon | PRANA EVENTS | +251996066631 | animalscience@pranaevents.net |
| Dr. Wubshet Zewde | Ministry of Agriculture | +25191219 4164 | wubvet1921@gmail.com |

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