



# IADI-AFRICA REGIONAL COMMITTEE WORKSHOP

Accra, Ghana 

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# Workshop Information Pack



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# Welcome Message

**D**ear Distinguished Guest, thank you for honouring our invitation to participate in the IADI-Africa Regional Committee (ARC) Workshop in Accra, Ghana.

It has been almost five years since the Ghana Deposit Protection Corporation (GDPC) hosted the IADI-ARC Technical Workshop in 2019. Thus, GDPC is very excited about welcoming you to yet another insightful IADI-ARC workshop in Accra, themed ***"The Increasing Role of Deposit Insurance Systems in Bank Resolution."***





In today's rapidly evolving financial landscape, the role of deposit insurance systems in bank resolution has become increasingly important as we witnessed during a number of recent bank failures across the globe. This workshop serves as a crucial platform for us to delve into this pertinent theme and exchange insights, experiences, and best practices that are instrumental in fostering effective bank resolutions and financial stability.

Throughout our time together, we aim to facilitate robust discussions surrounding the challenges and opportunities inherent in bank resolution, with a particular focus on

the expanding role of deposit insurance systems.

I encourage each of you to actively participate, share your perspectives, and engage in meaningful deliberations during the workshop. Together, let us harness the power of collective knowledge to address the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

Once again, I extend my sincere welcome to all participants. May our discussions be fruitful, our insights profound, and our bonds strengthened as we embark on this journey together.

Akwaaba !  
Thank you.

# What Attendees Should Expect



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- **Expert-led discussions**

Immerse yourself in in- depth panel discussions, and interactive sessions. Throughout the workshop, we will delve into the crucial role of Deposit Insurance Schemes (DIS) in navigating the complex landscape of bank resolution, particularly in the context of evolving financial markets and regulatory frameworks.





# What Attendees Should Expect

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- **Networking Opportunities**

Engage with a diverse gathering of participants from around the world, comprising influential policymakers, industry pioneers, and chances to establish fresh collaborations, acquire perspectives, and unite efforts on endeavors aimed at advancing the role of Deposit Insurance Schemes in promoting financial stability and protecting depositors' interests.



## 3

- **Cultural Engagements**

Experience a diverse range of cultural events and warm hospitality that showcase the deep-rooted heritage of Ghana, creating a lively atmosphere for the discussions and networking sessions at the IADI ARC workshop.





# General Information and Logistics

## Venue:

Labadi Beach Hotel

## Conference language:

All presentations and information documents relating to the conference will be provided in English.

## Workshop Format:

Technical sessions for 3 days (16 - 18 June), and excursion/tour on fourth day (19 June).

## Lunch and Coffee Breaks:

Lunch and coffee breaks with a selection of snacks, including non-alcoholic beverages will be provided for all during the workshop.

## Entry Visa Requirement:

National passport holders from the following countries do not require a visa to enter Ghana:

Nigeria, Senegal, Gambia, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Sierra Leone, Burkina Faso, Togo,

Ivory Coast, Mali, Niger, Liberia, Benin and Cape Verde. Singapore, Trinidad and Tobago, Mauritius, South Africa, Lesotho, Botswana, Namibia, Malawi, Swaziland, Tanzania, Uganda, Zimbabwe, Kenya and Rwanda.

Entry visa for Ghana is required for participants traveling with all other national passports. Kindly reach out to the Ghana mission in your country for further assistance. For more information, visit the website:

<https://diasporaaffairs.gov.gh/ghanaian-missions-abroad/PRESIDENT>

## Currency and Exchange Rate

Bank of Ghana rate is currently:

1 USD = GHS 15.00

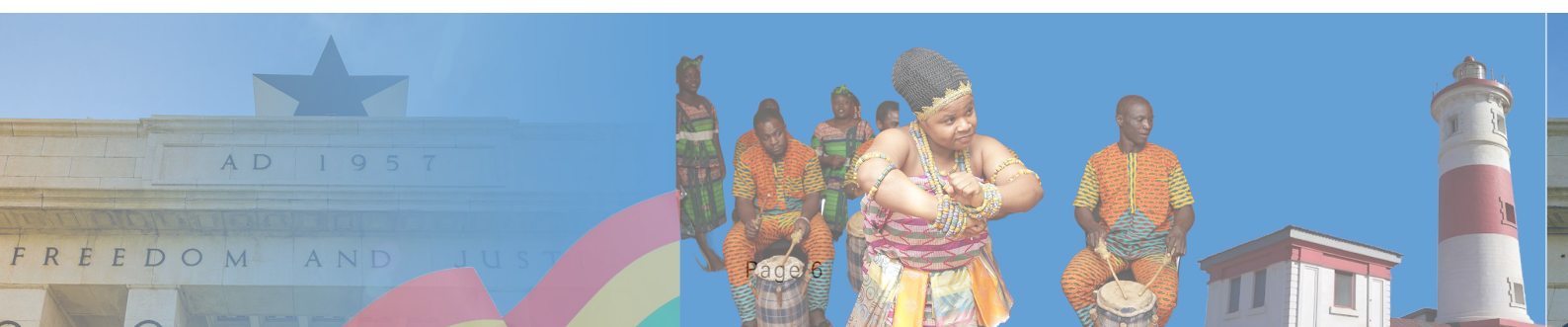
1 GBP = GHS 17.92

1 EUR = GHS 15.25

*Please note: These rates are subject to change.*

## Internet Connectivity

Wi-Fi connectivity will be made available at the conference venue throughout the IADI-ARC Workshop.







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## Dress Code:

**Workshop:** Business/formal attire  
**Day 1 Cocktail:** Beach wear/smart casual  
**Day 2 Night event:** Casual  
**Day 3 Dinner:** Dinner Wear

## Climate:

In Accra, temperatures in July generally range between approximately 23 degree celsius to 28 degree celsius, offering a refreshing environment for visitors to explore the city's rich history and interesting sites.

## Electricity:

The standard voltage in Ghana is 220 - 240V and the standard frequency is 50Hz. Two round pin plugs and three-pin plugs are frequently used. Participants are reminded to bring their own adapters and transformers.

## Mode of Electronic Payments:

International credit cards including Visa, and Master Card are accepted at major business establishments in Ghana.

## Smoking:

Smoking restrictions are applicable at indoor public places including meeting venues in Accra.

## Travel and Transportation

Kotoka International Airport is approximately 8km away from the workshop venue (approximately 16 minutes drive). Participants arriving at Kotoka International Airport should kindly remember to bring along an international vaccination card as this will be inspected upon arrival.

Please be reminded that transportation from the Kotoka International Airport to the hotel and back will be provided by the workshop organizers. Participants lodging at the three official Event hotels will also be transported to and from the conference venue on a daily basis.

## Other useful information

**Time zone:** UTC/GMT

**Country calling code for Ghana:** +233



## Accommodation

The workshop organizers have secured special discounted rates at Labadi Beach Hotel, Midindi Hotel, and Embassy Gardens for your accommodation during the workshop. To take advantage of these concessionary rates, we highly recommend booking your stay at one of these hotels:

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### Labadi Beach Hotel



The Labadi Beach Hotel, Ghana's Premier 5-star Hotel is the venue for the workshop. The hotel is set amidst tropical landscaped gardens and in close proximity of 10 minute's drive to the Kotoka International Airport and 15 minutes drive to the Central Business District. The hotel is located adjacent to Ghana's most popular Pleasure Beach and boasts a well-maintained private beach with 24 hours security surveillance offering colorful cocktails and bites as you watch the sunset. To book your accomolf you wish to lodge at Labadi Beach Hotel, kindly click on the link below to book your accomodation and take advantage of the concessionary rate:

<https://labadibeachhotelgh.com/gdpc-conference-2024/>

For more information about this accomodation option, kindly visit:

[www.labadibeachhotelgh.com](http://www.labadibeachhotelgh.com).



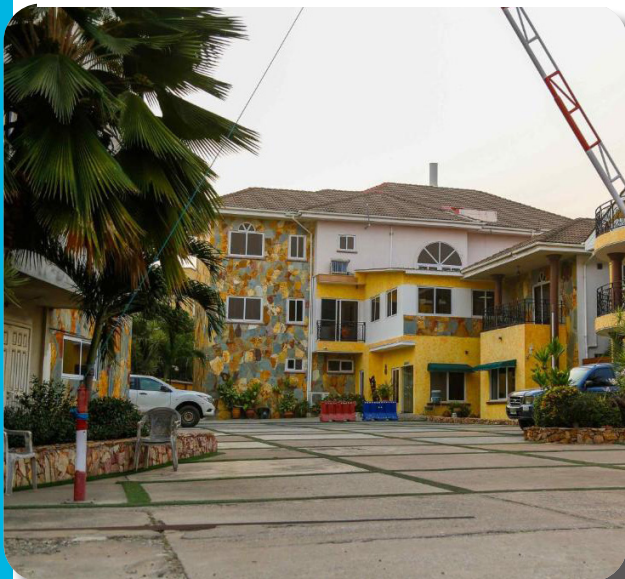
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### Midindi Hotel



**M**idindi Hotel is a uniquely crafted Boutique hotel set in Accra's upscale Cantonment neighbourhood. Located just about 8 mins drive from the Kotoka International Airport, the hotel is strategically sited in a safe and secure district of the capital, and it offers affordable luxury rooms and suites, world-class conference and dining facilities and excellent recreational facilities (swimming pool and gym for your fitness and relaxation). For more information about this accommodation option, kindly visit: <https://www.midindahotel.com>.





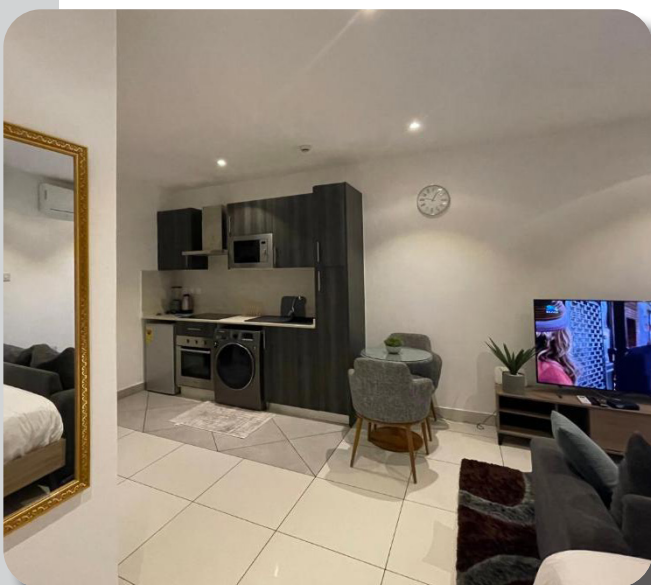
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### Embassy Gardens



Embassy Gardens is an exceptional Garden Square Community facility located just 500m from the US Embassy in Accra's most prestigious residential area, Cantonments. Designed around residents' wellbeing, the facility's immaculate, light filled apartments border a series of tranquil communal gardens and pools. With an on-site concierge and hotel-class accommodation facilities, you will immediately feel at home whether you're staying for one night, one month or one year. For more information about this accommodation option, kindly visit: [www.rentegclifton.com](http://www.rentegclifton.com).





## Concessionary Rates

Kindly note that the host has negotiated concessionary rates at these facilities for all workshop participants. For any further enquiries about accomodation, please contact Adela via: [adela.baniako@gdpc.gov.gh](mailto:adela.baniako@gdpc.gov.gh) / +233249108915 Or Ebenezer via: [ebenezer.kpentey@gdpc.gov.gh](mailto:ebenezer.kpentey@gdpc.gov.gh) / +233 243340223.

### Negotiated Rates (USD)

La Beach Hotel	- \$ 240
La Beach Hotel (Early bird)	- \$235
Midindi Hotel (Single Occupancy)	- \$ 91
Midindi Hotel (Double Occupancy)	- \$111
Embassy Gardens (Studio)	- \$115
Embassy Gardens (Single bedroom)	- \$170

## Places To Visit While in Ghana



### **Cape Coast Castle**

Fortified castle that is one of the biggest and best-preserved of the slave castles along the coast of West Africa. It began in 1555 as a Portuguese trading post called Cabo Corso (“Short Cape”), from which it got its name.



### **Jamestown Lighthouse**

Situated on the Prof. Atta Mills High Street in Accra, The Lighthouse stands as a historic emblem in Jamestown. This iconic landmark, comprised of a tower and an adjacent maintenance residence, dates back to its initial construction by the British in 1871.



### **Kwame Nkrumah Mausoleum**

Dedicated to the prominent Ghanaian leader Osagyefo Dr. Kwame Nkrumah, the memorial complex was dedicated in 1992, and is situated on the site of the former British colonial polo grounds, where the independence of Ghana was declared in Accra.



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### Labadi Beach

Indulge in a leisurely day at Accra's premier beach destination, ideal for basking in the sun, taking refreshing swims, and immersing yourself in the vibrant flavors and rhythms of local cuisine and music.



### Artists Alliance Gallery

Immerse yourself in Ghanaian art at this gallery featuring sculptures, paintings, and artifacts by local artists.



### Kakum National Park, Cape Coast

The Kakum national park encompasses an area of 145 square miles (375 sq km). The park is named after the Kakum River. This is Ghana's most visited natural attraction. The prominent landscape of the park is tropical forest accounting for 90% of the park landscape.



## Guided Tours

### Accra City Tour

Accra City Tour: Guests have the opportunity to participate in exclusive guided tours, exploring prominent landmarks across Accra, such as the National Museum, offering a comprehensive insight into Ghana's rich history.

### Tours focusing on culture and heritage:

Delve into Accra's vibrant cultural legacy and its neighbouring areas with specialized packages, featuring immersive experiences like drumming and dance workshops.

## Emergency Contact Information

### GDPC Emergency Hotline:

For any urgent enquiries or emergencies, please contact Adela P. Baniako via: [adela.baniako@gdpc.gov.gh](mailto:adela.baniako@gdpc.gov.gh) / +233249108915 Or Ebenezer H. Kpentey via: [ebenezer.kpentey@gdpc.gov.gh](mailto:ebenezer.kpentey@gdpc.gov.gh) / +233 243340223

For issues related to accomodation, call +233243183273 / +233209531416

For issues related to Airport pick up, call +233209588550 / +233209531416

### Local Police Service:

For immediate security concerns or incidents: 112 (local emergency number) or +233 302 779300

### Fire Service:

112 (local emergency number) or +233 302 2772446

### Ambulance Service:

112 (local emergency number)





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