



## **THE COMMONWEALTH ASSOCIATION OF TAX ADMINISTRATORS**

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### **31st CATA Annual Technical Conference Abuja, Nigeria 10th to 16th October 2010**

### **Additional Information about Nigeria**

#### **Location:**

Nigeria is located in West Africa, bordering on Republic of Benin to the West, Gulf of Guinea to the South, Niger to the North, Chad to the North East and Cameroon to the East.

#### **Population:**

Nigeria has a population of 140 million. (Source: Legal Notice on Publication of the 2006 Census Report). It has a total area of 923,773 sq km (356,668 sq miles). The population density is estimated at 46.9 per sq km.

#### **Capital City:**

Abuja

#### **Head of State and Government:**

His Excellency, President Umar Musa Yar'Adua

#### **Language:**

English is the official language while Hausa, Igbo, Yoruba, Fulani, Edo and more than 200 other languages are spoken by the various ethnic groups in the country.

#### **Religion:**

The country has a mixture of Christian and Muslim communities amongst other religions.

#### **Customs Information:**

Persons making temporary visits to Nigeria are allowed to bring in with them the following duty free goods:-

##### **a.) Passengers Baggage**

1. Personal and household effects, the property accompanying a passenger.
2. Personal and household effects, the property of a passenger landed at any Customs Airport or Customs station within two months of the arrival of the passenger within

such further period as the Minister may allow, to the extent permitted by the Minister and subject to any condition imposed by it.

Provided that "baggage" shall not be interpreted to include any vehicle or any goods intended for sale, barter or exchange.

**b.) Life Saving Appliances**

It is advised that the following goods are not brought into the country.

- a. Indecent or obscene prints, paintings, books, cards, engravings or any indecent or obscene articles.
- b. Manilas
- c. Spirits, other than:
  - i) alcoholic bitters, liquors, cordials and mixtures*
  - ii.) brandy*
  - iii.) drugs and medicinal spirits,*
  - iv) gin*
  - v.) methylated or denatured spirits*
  - vi) perfumed spirits*
  - vii.) rum*
- d. Narcotic drugs under international control.
- e. Soaps and Detergents H.S Code 3401.1110 in retail packs.
- f. All counterfeit/pirated materials or articles including base or counterfeit coin of any country.

A complete list of prohibited goods and restricted goods is available in the Third Schedule, the Fourth Schedule of the Nigeria Customs Service Board 2008-2012 Common External Tariff and the Eight Schedule part B paragraph 4(6) of the VAT Act 2005 all of which can be accessed on the Nigeria, Federal Inland Revenue Service website. [www.firs.gov.ng](http://www.firs.gov.ng)

**Electricity:**

220/240 volts AC, 50Hz. UK type square plugs with three pins. The light sockets are Bayonet-type.

**Security:**

Nigeria is generally safe and secure. Extra security measures are in place to ensure delegates have a memorable stay in Nigeria.

### **International Flight:**

Virgin Atlantic, Arik , British Airways, South African Airlines, Emirate Airlines, Air France, Lufthansa, Kenyan Airways, KLM, Ethiopia Airlines, Egypt Air, Bellview, Qatar and Delta Airlines, among others

### **Domestic Flight:**

There are several airlines that operate domestic flights to different tourist destinations within the country including: AeroContractors, Arik Air, Chachangi Airlines, DANA Air and Virgin Nigeria among others.

### **Currency and Exchange Rates:**

The official currency is the Naira. Notes are available in denominations of ₦1,000, ₦500, ₦200, ₦100, ₦50, ₦20, ₦10, ₦5

There are numerous bureaux de change located at hotels where visitors could change foreign currency. Banks also offer bureaux de change service.

Travellers Cheques are widely accepted Credit cards are also widely accepted by major hotels, travel agencies, safari companies and restaurants.

Visitors may also bring in as much foreign currency into the country as they wish, subject to necessary disclosures.