



West Africa Energy Transition Week 2023

8th Edition of the ECOWAS Sustainable Energy Forum (ESEF) 2023

Empowering Sustainable Energy in the ECOWAS Region

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Logistics Notes

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1. About ESEF 2023

Under the patronage of His Excellency, the Prime Minister of the Republic of Cabo Verde, Dr. José Ulisses Correia e Silva, the ECOWAS Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (ECREEE) has the honor to welcome you to the 8th Edition of the ECOWAS Sustainable Energy Forum (ESEF2023).

ESEF2023 is the largest sustainable energy gathering in the West African region that will be held from 12 to 13 October 2023 at the National Assembly in Cabo Verde - Praia.

The ECOWAS Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (ECREEE) appreciates you very much for your interest and registration to participate in this prestigious event.



2. About Cabo Verde

Location

Located 450 km from the West African coast, in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean, Cabo Verde benefits from a strategic geographic location, between the African, European and American continents, about one hour by flight from Dakar, Senegal, and less than 4 hours by flight from Europe and America. The country consists of 10 islands of which 9 are inhabited, divided into two groups:

The Barlavento Islands, to the North: Santo Antão, São Vicente, Santa Luzia (uninhabited and nature reserve), São Nicolau, Sal, and Boa Vista. The Sotavento Islands, to the South: Maio, Santiago, Fogo, and Brava.

Official Languages

Portuguese is the official language. The State promotes the conditions for the officialization of the Cabo-Verdean mother tongue, on par with the Portuguese language.



2. About Cabo Verde

Capital of the Republic

The Capital of Cabo Verde is the city of Praia, on the island of Santiago, and enjoys a special administrative status, under the terms of the law.

Country Profile

Climate: Dry tropical, with an average temperature of 25° and sea temperature of 22°, with two seasons of the year, the longest the dry season that lasts most of the year, and the wet one that goes from August to October

Area: 4,033 km², 10 islands

Population: 587 925 estimated (2021)

Currency: CVE, Cabo-Verdean escudos Currency, 1 € = 110,265 CVE

Major Religions: Christian (Roman Catholic and Protestant)

Political System: Multiparty (stable parliamentary regime).



3. Travel Arrangements

Sponsored Participants

ECOWAS Member State officials invited to ESEF 2023 and some participants are fully sponsored by ECREEE. Upon confirmation of registration, an email will be sent to you to confirm your travel arrangements. We expect you to send us a copy of your travel passport and airport of departure as early as possible so that we can pre-arrange other ground logistics in Praia, Cabo Verde.

Non-Sponsored Participants

Participants who are not sponsored by ECREEE are responsible for making their own travel arrangements. They must register online on the ESEF platform at: esef2023.ecreee.org. **Participants should ensure they receive a confirmation email, before they can make travel preparations to the event.** After confirmation of your participation, please **send an e-mail** to esef2023@ecreee.org with the following information:

1. The participant (s) first name and last name in the e-mail subject
2. A copy of your valid passport
3. The arrival flight details (date), time, flight number.
4. The ESEF2023 partner hotel chosen (check part 5)

We strongly recommend that participants take out travel insurance.



3. Travel Arrangements

Flights to Praia, Cabo Verde

Nelson Mandela International Airport offers direct flights to guarantee a smooth journey to attend the ESEF 2023. The following Companies offers flights to Praia from Lisbon, Paris, Amsterdam, Dakar, Lomé, Casablanca, Azores, Boston, by the following flight companies:



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3. Travel Arrangements

Airport Reception and Transportation

ECREEE is pleased to welcome all the participants of ESEF 2023 at the Nelson Mandela International Airport in Praia, Cabo Verde. A dedicated protocol desk labelled with the ESEF 2023 banner will be clearly visible for further supports, if needed.

Before your trip, make sure you have:

1. your flight ticket (round trip)
2. your invitation letter or confirmation of participation
3. your hotel reservation
4. your provision to pay airport taxes
5. your valid international vaccination certificate

Transport Hotel/Venue

Pick up and Drop Offs service will be provided between designated ESEF 2023 hotels to the meeting venue. Please be aware of the shuttle bus schedule available prior to the event. Schedules will be shared with you at the airport pick-up and will also be available in the lobby at the ESEF2023 Partner Hotels and at the venue.



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Note that ESEF2023 will provide a shuttle only to/from the ESEF2023 Partner Hotels as provided in the list below. Detours to hotels outside of this list will not be allowed. In case you cannot locate the welcoming team at the airport, please call:

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4. Health Requirement



Since September 15, 2022, Cabo Verde Removed All COVID19 Restrictions.



Yellow Fever: A valid yellow fever vaccination certificate may be required to enter Cabo Verde for certain countries. We recommend you bring your international vaccination certificate.



First aid will be provided by medical personnel at the meeting venue.



5. Entry formalities

Visa

All participants must have a passport valid for at least six (6) months. ECOWAS nationals are exempt from visa requirements for Cabo Verde.

The Government of Cabo Verde has authorized the issuance of Courtesy Visas on entry to all ESEF 2023 participants, if necessary. To obtain the visa on arrival, participants will have to present the invitation letter and the visa authorization letter to the immigration authorities. For more information about the trip to Cape Verde, see: <https://travel.gov.cv/>.

Airport taxes

All foreign citizens who intend to travel to Cabo Verde are obliged to pre-register through the online platform EASE - Efficient, Automatic and Secure Entry Process for Travelers (www.ease.gov.cv), up to 5 days before the start of the trip.



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Taxas Aeroportuárias

The pre-registration stage essentially consists of the traveler providing passport details and information on the dates they are due to enter national territory, their flight number, date of departure from the country and place of accommodation, with a view to a prior security check of travelers by the national authorities.

When pre-registering, passengers must also pay the Airport Security Tax (TSA) of 3,400 CVE (around 30.80 EUROS and 35.00 USD) for international flights.

Payment can also be made at the border.

Passengers traveling with special passports (diplomatic, service, laissez-passer) are exempt from paying the airport security fee.



6. Accommodation

We kindly ask you to organize your own hotel reservation. ESEF 2023 has negotiated special rates at **partner hotels** (see list in link below or visit our [ESEF2023 website](#)).

Please indicate that you are attending ESEF2023 to get the negotiated rate. *Considering the fact that October is a high season period in Praia, we recommend that you book your hotel the soonest.*

ESEF2023 Partner Hotels and negotiated Hotel Rates in Praia, Cabo Verde: please check the link www.esef2023.ecreee.org (detail list attached, subject to regular update).



7. Hotel list

HOTEL NAME	PRICE (EUR & CVE) PER DAY	CONTACT
HOTEL PESTANA TRÓPICO (93 rooms, single, double and suites)	€110 to €192EUR 12,129 to 21,170 CVE including breakfast and internet Tourist tax apart 275 CVE	Address: Prainha, Praia - Santiago Tel. + 238 261 42 00 Email: reservas.tropico@pestana.com Website: https://www.pestana.com/pt/hotel/pestana-tropico
HOTEL SANTIAGO (20 single rooms)	€ 48 EUR 5,276 CVE including breakfast, internet Tourist tax apart 275 CVE	Address: Achada Santo Antonio, Praia - Santiago Tel. + 238 260 49 80 Cell phone: + 238 590 47 14 E-mail (1) : hotelsantiagocv@gmail.com E-mail (2) : comercialhotelsantiago@gmail.com Website: https://hotel-santiago.cape-verdehotels.com/
HOTEL PRAIA MAR	€112 to €140 EUR 12,350 to 15,437 CVE including breakfast and internet Tourist tax apart 275 CVE	Address: Prainha, Praia - Santiago Tel. + 238 260 84 40 Email: reservas.praiamar@oasisatlantico.com Website: http://www.oasisatlantico.com
VISTA HOTEL (10 suites, 10 double & 20 Singe rooms)	€50 to €73 EUR 5,500 to 8,000 CVE including breakfast and internet Tourist tax apart 275 CVE	Address: Achada Santo António, Praia - Santiago Tel. + 238 260 25 70 Cell phone: + 238 590 47 14 E-mail: vistahotel11@gmail.com Website: https://hotel-vista.cape-verdehotels.com/

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HOTEL NAME	PRICE (EUR & CVE) PER DAY	CONTACT
HOTEL VIP PRAIA (40 rooms, single, double and suites)	€77.54 to €90.72 EUR 8,500 to 9,930 CVE Including breakfast and internet Tourist tax apart 275 CVE	Address: Praia Shopping, Quebra-Canela, Praia - Santiago Telephone: + 238 260 32 80/ 81/ 82 Email: booking@hotelvippraia.cv Website: www.hotelvippraia.cv
HOTEL BERA MAR	€57 EUR 6,300 CVE including breakfast and internet Tourist tax apart 275 CVE	Address: Chã D'areia, Praia - Santiago Tel. + 238 261 64 00 E-mail: beramarhotel@hotmail.com Website: https://hotel-beramar.cape-verdehotels.com/pt/
HOTEL SANTA MARIA (36 rooms)	€47 to €56 EUR 4,767 to 5,667 CVE including breakfast, internet Tourist tax apart 275 CVE	Address: Plateau, Praia - Santiago Tel. + 238 261 43 37 E-mail: hotelsantamaria@girassol.cv Website: https://www.hotelsantamaria.cv/
HOTEL PRAIA CONFORT (17 rooms)	€52 to €68 EUR 5,776 to 7,552 CVE including breakfast, internet Tourist tax apart 275 CVE	Address: Plateau, Praia - Santiago Tel. + 238 260 02 00 E-mail: praiaconfort@gmail.com Website: https://hotelpraiaconfort.cv/

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BOUTIQUE HOTEL PRAIA MARIA	€43 to €71 EUR 4,750 to 7,880CVE including breakfast and internet Tourist tax apart 275 CVE	Address: Plateau, Praia - Santiago Cell phone: + 238 977 24 45 E-mail: hotelpraiamaria@gmail.com Website : http://boutique-maria.cape-verde-hotels.com/en/
VIVI HOTEL (13 rooms)	€36 to €45 EUR 4,000 to 5,000 CVE including breakfast, internet Tourist tax apart 275 CVE	Address: Palmarejo Baixo, Praia - Santiago Tel. + 238 260 25 98 E-mail: vivihotel.gv@gmail.com Website: https://hotelvivi.cv/
DELUXE APARTHOTEL (8 rooms)	€47 to €56 EUR 4,767 to 5,667 CVE including breakfast, internet Tourist tax apart 275 CVE	Address: Plateau, Praia - Santiago Cell phone: + 238 980 65 95 E-mail: hotelsantamaria@girassosl.cv Website: https://deluxe-inn-girassol.cape-verdehotels.com/en/
APARTHOTEL PALACE (14 rooms)	€60 to €127 EUR 6,615 to 14,000 CVE including breakfast, internet Tourist tax apart 275 CVE	Address: Palmarejo Grande, Praia - Santiago Tel. + 238 436 62 60 E-mail: palacecv@hotmail.com Website: https://aparthotelpalace.com/en/
PENSÃO BENFICA (20 rooms)	€41 to €55 EUR 4,500 to 6,000 CVE including breakfast, internet Tourist tax apart 275 CVE	Address: Palmarejo Baixo, Praia - Santiago Tel. + 238 262 74 46 E-mail: pensaobenfica@cvtelecom.cv Website: https://pensao-benfica.cape-verdehotels.com/pt/

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HAPPY DAY HOTEL (32 rooms)	€45 EUR 5.000 CVE including breakfast, internet Tourist tax apart 276 CVE	Address: Palmarejo Grande, Praia- Santiago Tel. + 238 260 30 00 E-mail: comercial@happydayhotel.cv Website: www.happydayhotel.cv
MIRA DOURO DE GAMBOA	€45 EUR 5.000 to 6.000 CVE breakfast, internet Tourist tax apart 276 CVE	Address: Chã de Areia, Praia- Santiago Tel. + 238 261 61 43/ 260 02 95 E-mail: miradourodegamboa@gmail.com Website: www.miradourodegamboa.cv
HOTEL CESARIA	€59 to €77 EUR 6.500 to 8.500 CVE Including breakfast and internet Tourist tax apart 276 CVE	Address: Fazenda, Praia- Santiago Tel. + 238 261 65 56 E-mail: hotelcesaria@gmail.com Website: www.hotelcesaria.com
HOTEL PÉROLA (58 rooms)	€86 EUR 9.500 CVE Including breakfast and internet Tourist tax apart 298 CVE	Address: Chã de Areia, Praia- Santiago Tel. + 238 260 14 40 E-mail: reservas@hotelperola.cv Website: www.hotelperola.cv

8. General Information

Time Zone

Cabo Verde is GMT-1

Mobile Telecommunications Services

There are two mobile phone operators: Alou and Unitel T+. Many foreign mobile telephone companies offer roaming services to their customers in Cabo Verde. You can buy a sim card at the airport. Just after collecting your baggage, before exiting the arrival area, these companies stand are located on your right.

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8. General Information

Safety

Praia is a safe city. However, it is recommended to avoid attracting unnecessary attention to yourself and your valuables. It is not recommended to go on adventures or walk around the city alone, especially at night.

Electricity

The standard voltage in Cabo Verde is 220V supply voltage and 50Hz. For Cabo Verde, standard European plugs are used.

Questions / Info

Please visit the official ESEF2023 website at www.esef2023.ecreee.org to get updated information on the event. For any other question, do not hesitate to send an e-mail to esef2023@ecreee.org

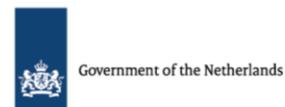




We wish you a safe trip and looking forward to seeing you at ESEF2023!
The ESEF2023 Team



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