

# WAPES World Congress 2025

## May 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – Abidjan, Ivory Coast

### PRACTICALITIES

*This WAPES event is organised in collaboration with our colleagues from the Agence Emploi Jeunes from Ivory Coast and the committed support of the WAPES African Region Vice-Presidency, ANPE Mali and the African Association of Public Employment Services AASEP.*



## Venues and dates

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Monday May 5<sup>th</sup>,  
2025

### Managing Board

*Only for WAPES' members of the Managing Board*

**Place:** NOOM HOTEL ABIDJAN

Salle Nelson Mandela – 5th floor

Boulevard de Gaulle, 01 BP 7393 Abidjan 01

Tuesday May 6<sup>th</sup>,  
2025

### General Assembly

*Only for WAPES' members*

**Place:** NOOM HOTEL ABIDJAN

Salle Nelson Mandela – 5th floor

Boulevard de Gaulle, 01 BP 7393 Abidjan 01

Wednesday May  
7<sup>th</sup> and Thursday  
May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025

### World Congress

**Place:** Parc des Expositions

Abidjan, Boulevard de l'Aéroport

Friday May 9<sup>th</sup>,  
2025

### Cultural event

Visit of the historical city of Grand-Bassam

#### ✦ Interpretation

Meetings will be conducted in French, English and Spanish, with simultaneous interpretation.

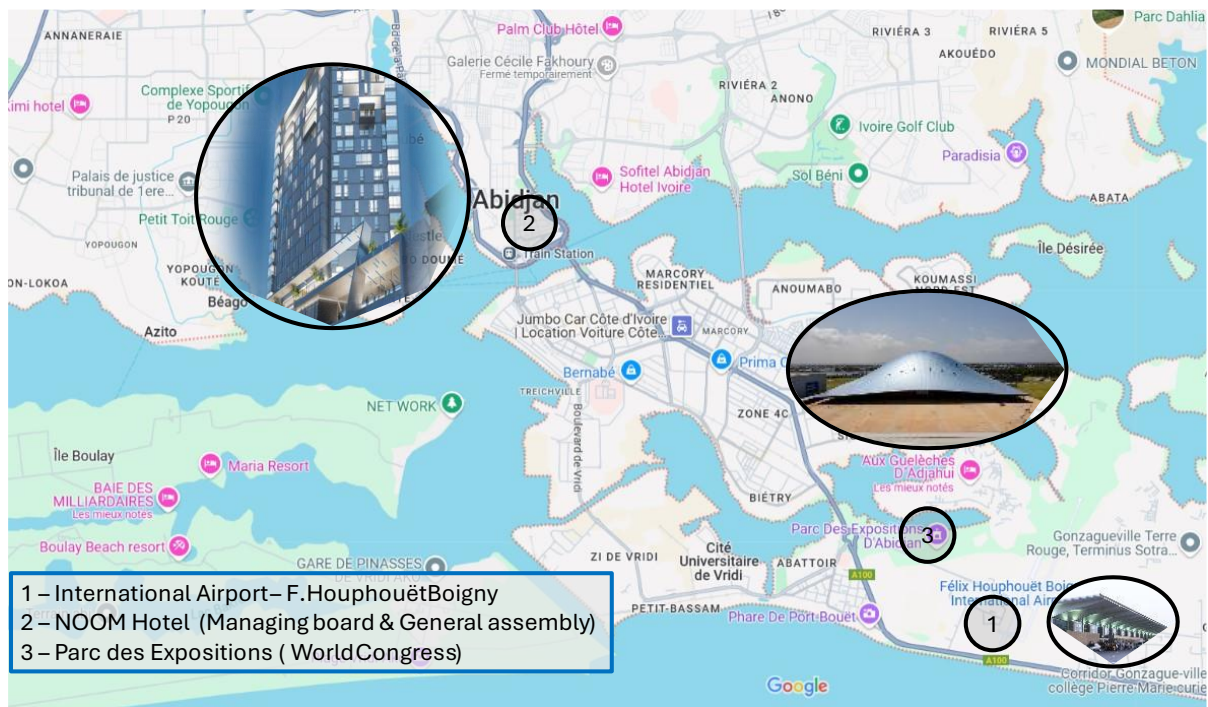
#### ✦ Lunches

Lunches during the General Assembly and the World Congress will be provided for participants.

#### ✦ Gala dinner

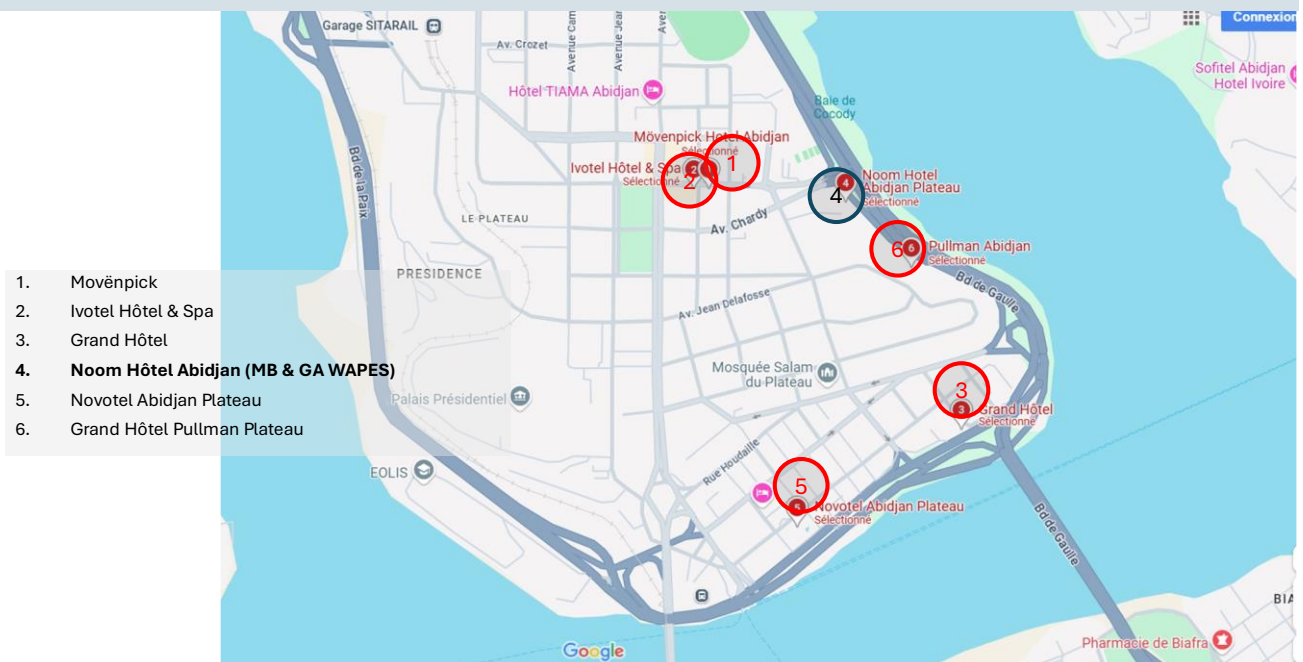
A gala dinner will be held on Thursday May 8<sup>th</sup>, at the ice rink of the Sofitel Hôtel Ivoire.

## Location of the meetings venues



## Location of the hotels

### OPTIONS FOR ACCOMMODATION



## I. Accommodations

Hotels are listed below for your information:

Please use the reference 'WAPES WWC' to access the preferential rates.

### 1. Pullman Abidjan Plateau

Address: Rue Abdoulaye Fadiga, Abidjan

[Website](#)

Type of rooms	Prices in CFA	Prices in Euros	Information
Standard room	120 000 XOF	183 €	Breakfast included
Premium Junior	325 900 XOF	497 €	Breakfast included
Junior Suite	315 900 XOF	482 €	Breakfast included
Presidential Suite	610 000 XOF	930 €	Breakfast included

### 2. Novotel Abidjan Plateau

Address: 10 Avenue du General de Gaulle, Abidjan, Plateau

[Website](#)

Type of rooms	Prices in CFA	Prices in Euros	Information
Standard room	105 000 XOF	161 €	Breakfast included
Junior Suite	173 000 XOF	264 €	Breakfast included
Suite	250 000 XOF	382 €	Breakfast included

### 3. Mövenpick Hôtel Abidjan

Address : Avenue Terrasson De Fougères Angle, Rue Gourgas, Abidjan

[Website](#)

Type of rooms	Prices in CFA	Prices in Euros	Information
Standard room	125 000 XOF	191 €	Breakfast included
Premium	253 350 XOF	387 €	Breakfast included
Executive suite	303 250 XOF	463 €	Breakfast included

#### 4. Hôtel Ivotel

Address: Avenue Terrasson de Fougères, Abidjan

[Website](#)

Type of rooms	Prices in CFA	Prices in Euros	Information
Standard (single )	75 000 FCFA	115 €	Breakfast included
Standard ( double )	85 000 FCFA	130 €	Breakfast included
Deluxe	100 000 FCFA	153 €	Breakfast included
Junior suite	120 000 FCFA	183 €	Breakfast included
Appartement	160 000 FCFA	244 €	Breakfast included

#### 5. Noom Hôtel Abidjan Plateau

Address: Boulevard de Gaulle, Abidjan, Plateau

[Website](#)

Type of rooms	Prices in CFA	Prices in Euros	Informations
Standard	125 000 FCFA	191 €	Breakfast included
Executive	155 000 FCFA	237 €	Breakfast included
Suite	275 000 FCFA	420 €	Breakfast included

#### 6. Grand Hôtel

Address: 1 rue Léon Montigny, Abidjan

[Website](#)

Type of rooms	Prices in CFA	Prices in Euros	Informations
Standard (double)	62 000 FCFA	95 €	Breakfast included
Standard ( Twin)	70 000 FCFA	107 €	Breakfast included
Supérieure King	80 000 FCFA	122 €	Breakfast included
Junior suite	95 000 FCFA	145 €	Breakfast included
Suite Appartement	125 000 FCFA	191 €	Breakfast included

## **II. Entry into Ivory Coast**

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### **A) Visa requirements**

Please note that all participants are responsible for obtaining a visa to enter the country. Please also contact your Ministry of Foreign Affairs if necessary. For further information, you can also consult the [E-visa – SNEDAI GROUPE](#) website and obtain information on e-visa procedures (e-visa, exempted countries, etc.).

If you need a letter of invitation to obtain a visa, please indicate this when you register online, giving us details of your flight details and exact dates of arrival and departure.

### **B) Yellow fever**

To enter Ivory Coast, you must be vaccinated against yellow fever in order to prevent the international spread of the disease and to protect individual travellers who may be exposed to yellow fever infection.

If you would like to find out more, please visit the official WHO page on yellow fever by clicking on the following link: [Yellow fever](#)

Below you will find a list of national vaccination requirements and WHO recommendations for vaccination against yellow fever, polio and malaria prophylaxis for international travellers: [vaccination-requirements-and-who-recommendations-ith-2022-country-list.pdf](#)

## **III. How to get from the airport to the hotels**

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Shuttles will be provided between the airport and the hotels listed above. You will need to provide us with your flight plans as soon as possible so that we can organise your pick-up.

## **IV. From the meeting venue to the hotels**

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Shuttle buses will be available to take you between the hotels listed above and the various venues.

If you choose another hotel, you will have to arrange your own transfers.

The public transport options in Abidjan are as follows:

- [Official taxis \(metered taxis\)](#)



Metered taxis can be found in Abidjan and are generally identifiable by their orange or red colour.

Recommendations:

- Favour metered taxis to avoid complicated negotiations.
- Use local apps such as Yango or Heetch to order journeys in complete safety.
- Check that the driver is familiar with your destination.

- Private chauffeur-driven transport

This option is ideal for visitors who want a personalised, secure service. Companies such as AVIS, Europcar or local agencies offer this service.

Advantages :

- Comfort and reliability.
- Local knowledge of the driver.
- Often offered with an air-conditioned vehicle, which is appreciated in tropical climates.

- VTC (chauffeur-driven car) applications

Popular recommendations :

- Yango: Widely used in Abidjan, offers clear pricing and a reliable service.
- Uber or Heetch: Two other popular local apps.

Advantages: Transparent pricing, real-time tracking and security.

## **V. About Abidjan**

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To know more about Abidjan, please visit the following site: [Ivory Coast Tourism - Welcome to the official website](#)



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In general, the average temperature in Abidjan at the beginning of May is 30°C (86°F). As the month progresses, temperatures tend to fall moderately, reaching an average of 29°C (84.2°F) at the end of May.



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## **VI. Time zone**

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Abidjan is located in the UTC +0 time zone (Coordinated Universal Time).

## **VII. International dialling code**

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The international dialling code for Ivory Coast is +225.



For Abidjan, which is the largest city in Ivory Coast, you also use the +225 area code, followed by the specific local number. There is no separate area code for Abidjan; it uses the same area code as the rest of the country.

## **VIII. Electricity supply**

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The main voltage for electricity in **Abidjan** (and throughout Côte d'Ivoire) is **220 volts** at a frequency of **50 Hz**.



Type C and E electrical sockets are used.

## **IX. Dress code**

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- **For official (formal) sessions:**
  - Men: Light suit (breathable fabric, such as cotton or linen) with tie, or dress shirt. A jacket may be optional depending on the heat.
  - Women: Dresses or business suits (trousers or skirt with blouse). Choose light fabrics and sober colours.
  - Local option: Guests can also wear elegant traditional African outfits, such as a *boubou*, *pagne* or *kaba*.
- **For cultural or informal events:**
  - Men: Short-sleeved shirt or traditional African shirt (e.g. bazin shirt or local printed fabric).
  - Women: Dress or relaxed but elegant outfit. Garments made from loincloth or local prints are particularly popular.
- **Climate and culture:**
  - Climate: Côte d'Ivoire has a tropical climate. Choose light, breathable and comfortable clothing, while maintaining a professional style for official sessions.
  - Cultural respect: Avoid clothes that are too short, transparent or provocative, out of respect for local norms.
- **Accessories and other recommendations:**
  - Participants can incorporate local clothing to show their interest in Ivorian culture.
  - Bring hats or caps for outdoor activities.
  - Wear comfortable shoes, suitable for long working days or visits.
  - Bring appropriate clothing for gala evenings (cocktail dress or more formal suit).

## **X. Money, banks, credit cards and ATMs**

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The official currency in Abidjan (and Côte d'Ivoire) is the CFA Franc (XOF), available in the following denominations:

**Coins:** CFA 1, 5, 10, 25, 50, 100 and 200

**Banknotes:** 500, 1,000, 2,000, 5,000 and 10,000 CFA francs.

Exchange rates are published in Ivorian newspapers and can also be consulted on the website of the Central Bank of West African States (BCEAO) at the following address:

[www.bceao.int](http://www.bceao.int)

Banking hours are generally 08:00 to 12:00 and 14:00 to 16:00, Monday to Friday (some branches close for lunch).

ATMs are available throughout Abidjan, accepting all major credit and debit cards, and instructions are often available in English.

## **XI. Urgency numbers**

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A concierge and duty service will be on hand if you need to deal with any emergencies, but here are some useful addresses:

Number	Organisms
<b>1. In case of a fire</b>	
180 / 07.07.81.18.18 / 27.20.21.12.89	Military firefighters
<b>2. Security forces</b>	
110, 111 ou 170	Police helpdesk
27.20.22.20.30	General Direction of the Police
27.20.21.00.22	Police headquarters
27.20.21.97.58 ou 27.20.21.01.70 ou 05 05.82.57.05	<i>Gendarmerie</i>

## **XII. Health services**

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A concierge and duty service will be on hand if you need to deal with any emergencies, but here are some useful addresses:

Organisme	Numéro
Service d'Aide Médicale Urgente (SAMU)	185 ou 27.22.44.53.53 (Cocody)
Polyclinique internationale de l'Indénié	146 ou 27 20 3 09100
Polyclinique Farah (Marcory)	27 21 71 11 30 ou 07 47 11 11 11
Polyclinique GMP (Groupe Médical du Plateau)	27 20 25 86 51 ou 01 01 61 19 20 ou 07 47 22 22 21
Centre Hospitalier Universitaire (CHU) de Cocody	27.22.48.10.00 ou 27.22.44.90.38 ou 01 42 35 29 54
Centre Hospitalier Universitaire (CHU) de Treichville	27.21.24.91.22
Institut de Cardiologie d'Abidjan	27 21 21 61 72 ou 07 98 66 15 80
Institut National d'Hygiène Publique	27 21 25 92 54

Some pharmacy addresses :

### 1. Pharmacie du Plateau

Dr Gisèle N'Dia

Immeuble Botreau Roussel- Opposite Immeuble Pyramide and BCEAO, not far from the Pullman Hotel, Plateau (Abidjan)

Tel: +225 20 20 22 79 70 / +225 27 20 32 17 64

### 2. Pharmacie et Laboratoire du Longchamp

01 BP 11 Abidjan 01, Avenue Marchand - Plateau Immeuble Longchamp, near the IBIS hotel, Plateau (Abidjan)

E-mail: labmlong@yahoo.fr

Tel: +225 27 20 22 32 62 / +225 27 20 22 32 63

### 3. Pharmacie Centrale Plateau

01 BP 1863 Abidjan 01 Plateau rue Franchet d'Esperey near MUGFCI and BICICI Plateau (Abidjan)

E-mail: loubna.el09@hotmail.com

Tel: 27 20 22 41 41

### **XIII. Cultural visit of May 9th**

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#### **Tour of the historic city of Grand Bassam**

The first capital of Côte d'Ivoire, the Historic Town of Grand-Bassam, is an example of a late 19th- and early 20th-century colonial town planned with quarters specializing in commerce, administration, housing for Europeans and for Africans. The site includes the N'zima African fishing village alongside colonial architecture marked by functional houses with galleries, verandas and gardens. Grand-Bassam was the most important port, economic and judicial centre of Côte d'Ivoire. It bears witness to the complex social relations between Europeans and Africans, and to the subsequent independence movement. As a vibrant centre of the territory of French trading posts in the Gulf of Guinea, which preceded modern Côte d'Ivoire, it attracted populations from all parts of Africa, Europe and the Mediterranean Levant. (source: UNESCO/CPE)

For more information: [Ville historique de Grand-Bassam - UNESCO World Heritage Centre](#)

- 8:00 a.m.: Departure from Abidjan - bus journey (45 min. to 1 hour depending on traffic)
- 9:00 a.m.: Arrival and visit to the Quartier France (UNESCO World Heritage Site)
  - Exploration of the iconic colonial buildings: Former Governor's Palace - Former Post Office - Ganamet House - Sacred Heart Church
  - Explanation of the colonial history and the role of Grand-Bassam as the first capital of the Ivory Coast.
- 10:00 a.m.: Visit to the National Costume Museum - Collection of traditional Ivorian clothing and cultural objects. History and significance of ethnic dress.
- 10:45 a.m.: Stroll through the craft market - Discover local crafts (sculptures, loincloths, jewellery, decorative objects). Opportunity to buy souvenirs and chat with the artisans.
- 11.30 am: Relaxation break by the lagoon or on the beach
  - Refreshments in a maquis or restaurant by the sea.
  - Tasting of a local juice (bissap, ginger) or a local speciality such as allocos or braised fish.
- 12.30 pm: Return to Abidjan

### **XIV. Contacts**

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