

FAMSA GA 2024



Invitation Package

**38th Federation of African Medical Students'
Associations General Assembly & Scientific
Conference (FAMSA GA 2024)**

3rd to 8th November, 2024.

Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Nigeria.

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CHAIRPERSONS' ADDRESS

Dear Colleagues,

Obafemi Awolowo University Medical Students' Association, formerly Ife University Medical Students' Association (IFUMSA), established in 1972, is one of the oldest MSAs in FAMSA, with two IFUMSA members attending the 9th FAMSA General Assembly in Alexandria, Egypt in 1978 and presenting two outstanding research papers.

Today, we are excited to extend our warmest invitation to you for the 38th FAMSA General Assembly and Scientific Conference holding from 3rd - 8th November 2024 in the ancient city of Ile-Ife, Osun State, Nigeria.

Registration will be open soon and we have put in efforts to make sure it is seamless through our online registration portal. We are available to help you with the littlest of concerns regarding your registration, payment, transportation, and more.

We have scheduled the General Assembly to offer the opportunity for all delegates to have an all-around memorable experience. So we encourage you to submit your papers and register for the side-events; we can't wait to see your trendsetting ideas, high-impact research projects, as well as innovative and sustainable solutions

All of us on the Organizing Committee are hardworking and committed medical students working tirelessly to give you a memorable experience, and we encourage you to be prepared to have the best week of your life in Ile-Ife by November.

Till we meet at the Opening Ceremony.

Always at your service,

Temitayo Femi MATTHEW
Oluwapelumi Blessing SOBAYO
Abdulrahman Adedayo LAWAL

Organizing Committee Chairpersons,
38th FAMSA General Assembly & Scientific Conference
2024



Temitayo Femi Matthew



Abdulrahman Lawal



Sobayo Oluwapelumi

FAMSA PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Dear Esteemed Colleagues and Delegates,

It is with immense pleasure and great honor that I extend this invitation to you for the FAMSA Scientific Conference and General Assembly 2024, to be held in the historic and culturally rich city of Ile Ife, Nigeria.

The Federation of African Medical Students' Associations (FAMSA) has always stood as a beacon of excellence and a pillar of unity in the medical community across our continent. This year's conference, themed *“Aligning Global Practices with Local Realities for Healthcare Transformation in Africa”*, promises to be an extraordinary gathering of minds, dedicated to pushing the boundaries of medical education and healthcare delivery.

Ile Ife, often regarded as the cradle of Yoruba civilization, offers not only a profound historical backdrop but also a vibrant and dynamic environment for intellectual exchange. Its unique blend of tradition and modernity provides an inspiring setting for us to explore groundbreaking ideas and forge lasting collaborations.

Our program is designed to cater to a wide array of interests and expertise, featuring keynote addresses from renowned medical professionals, interactive workshops, cutting-edge research presentations, and ample opportunities for networking. Moreover, this conference is more than just an academic endeavor. It is a celebration of our shared vision for a healthier, more equitable future for all Africans. It is an opportunity to reaffirm our commitment to the values of solidarity and service that FAMSA embodies.

I invite you to join us in Ile Ife, to immerse yourself in a week of insightful discussions, hands-on learning, and meaningful connections. Together, we can inspire change, drive progress, and build a robust network of future leaders in healthcare.

Your presence will not only contribute to the success of this event but also to the ongoing efforts to improve healthcare systems across Africa. Let us come together to share knowledge, inspire one another, and work towards a brighter, healthier future for our communities.

We look forward to welcoming you to Ile-Ife and to an unforgettable conference experience.

With warm regards,

Cinamon B. Nyagaka

President, Federation of African Medical Students' Associations (FAMSA)



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President, FAMSA.

About the University



Obafemi Awolowo University, established a year after the country's independence as the University of Ife, not only nurtures a teaching and learning community and advances frontiers of knowledge but also plays a significant role in engendering a sense of selfless public service and adding value to African culture, a heritage we all share.

Dubbed Africa's Most Beautiful Campus, it was rechristened by the Federal Military Government as the Obafemi Awolowo University on May 12, 1987, in honour of one of its most distinguished founding fathers, and eminent nationalist, politician, lawyer, statesman, and former chancellor, Chief Jeremiah Obafemi Awolowo.

The university is organised into 13 faculties, 2 colleges, and several institutes, which offer a range of undergraduate courses, postgraduate education, and several training, cultural, agricultural, and public health institutes.

The university, sitting on a vast piece of land, the second biggest in the country, is a sight to behold, with several buildings that are architectural marvels. It serves several professors, past and present, of international repute, including Wole Soyinka, who received the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1986 as the first black man while lecturing at the University of Ife.

About the City

Ilé-Ifè, “The Land of Expansion” [founded in the 6th century], is the ancestral and spiritual home for all Yoruba and the source of human-race existence according to Yoruba mythology.

The ancient city is a site of historical civilization and heralds several exciting antique developments, from a pre-colonial Late Iron Age smelting site of unprecedented efficiency to glass artefacts dated between the 11th and 15th centuries AD.

The city is rooted in African spiritual supremacy and is known for its 401 deities, with the OONI, king of Ife, being the 401st and only human deity. Ife is home to many worshippers of these deities and is where they are routinely celebrated through festivals to this day.

Ilé-Ifè is famous worldwide for its ancient and naturalistic bronze, stone, and terracotta sculptures, dating back to between 1200 and 1400 CE, and other interesting symbolic artefacts like the staff of Oranmiyan (Oranyan), an 18-foot (5.5-meter) granite monolith in the shape of an elephant’s tusk.

It retained modern importance in Nigeria’s political history. In 1948, Ife was the site of the inaugural Conference of the Society of the Descendants of Oduduwa, a group of Yoruba nationalists who formed the core of the Action Group, a national political party. Afterward, the antepenultimate OONI of Ife served as the Governor of the Western Region immediately after independence.

It currently houses several higher institutions of learning, including Obafemi Awolowo University, and is situated in present-day Osun State, about 218 kilometers northeast of Lagos.



Nigeria, Giant of Africa

History & Culture

Nigeria, often referred to as the “Giant of Africa,” stands as a beacon of cultural richness and economic potential on the continent. With a history dating back to ancient civilizations like the Nok culture and the kingdoms of Ife and Benin, Nigeria gained independence from British rule in 1960, marking a new era of self-determination. Home to over 250 ethnic groups and more than 500 languages, Nigeria’s cultural diversity is celebrated through vibrant festivals and a thriving Nollywood film industry, which is the second largest in the world.

Economy & Politics

Nigeria boasts the largest economy in Africa, driven by its oil industry and a diversifying portfolio that includes agriculture, telecommunications, and technology. Lagos, the commercial capital, is a hub of innovation, hosting numerous tech startups. Politically, Nigeria plays a pivotal role as a founding member of the African Union and ECOWAS, contributing to peacekeeping and regional stability.

Healthcare

The Country showcases remarkable strides in its healthcare

sector, leading the continent in leveraging technology to improve access and quality of care. Innovations like telemedicine and mobile health applications extend medical services to remote areas, setting an example for other African nations. The government’s initiatives, such as the Basic Health Care Provision Fund (BHCPF), are strengthening primary health care and reducing the burden of diseases like polio and malaria. However, to match global standards, Nigeria needs to address its infrastructural deficits and healthcare personnel shortages, ensuring a robust, universally accessible healthcare system that can fully realise its potential and serve as a beacon for the rest of Africa.

Tourists Attractions

- Obudu Cattle Ranch
- Olumo Rock
- Olumirin Waterfall
- Yankari Game reserve
- Agodi Gardens
- Art Galleries like Nike’s, Tunde Odunlade’s etc
- Osun Sacred Forest



Visa and Immigration

Nigerian Visa Requirements

Visitors to Nigeria require a visitor Visa unless they come from one of the Visa exempt countries. For the purpose of this document, countries would be categorised into two:

CATEGORY A: This includes countries whose nationals do not require a Nigeria Visa to visit Nigeria. This category includes member countries of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS).

CATEGORY B: This includes countries whose nationals do require a Nigeria Visa prior to visit. This includes all countries except ECOWAS Countries.

How to Apply

Step 1:

Apply online by visiting www.immigration.gov.ng
Complete the online visa application and print the completed form.

Step 2:

Pay online and print the payment receipt.

Step 3:

Affix 2 passport-size photographs to complete Visa Form IMM22, along with the other requirements, and submit through any of the following:

- Via Post to the Embassy/High Commission/Consulate of Nigeria where the applicant is resident.
- In person at the designated Visa Application Centre (where applicable) or,
- In person at the Embassy/High Commission/Consulate of

Nigeria where the applicant is Resident

- Note: Applicants may be invited for an interview if necessary.

Visa on Arrival

Nigeria Visa on Arrival is a class of short visit visas issued at the port of entry. The facility is available to intending visitors who may not be able to obtain visas at the Nigerian Missions/Embassies in their countries of residence due to the absence of a Nigerian mission in those countries or exigencies of urgent travels.

For more information about this, visit immigration.gov.ng/visa-on-arrival/

Nigeria Visa Fees

Category B nationals who are to apply for Visa before visit, can check the visa fees for their country by visiting www.immigration.gov.ng/visa-fees/

Requirements

Additionally, nationals of both categories would need to satisfy some requirements, including:

1. The passport is valid for at least 6 months with at least 2 blank visa pages for endorsement.
2. Valid return ticket
3. Evidence of sufficient funds
4. Address of host in Nigeria or Evidence of hotel reservation.
5. Invitation letter from the host in Nigeria.

Nigerian Embassies in Africa



S/N	Country	Address	Contact Details
01	ALGERIA (ALGIERS)	Embassy of Nigeria No.7 Chemin Doudou Mokhtar Ben Aknoun, Algiers B.P. 227, Algiers 16000, Algiers	Fax: 213-2-91.63.88 Telex: 61191 Tel 312-2-916387, 916391
02	ANGOLA (LUANDA)	Embassy of Nigeria Rua Presidente Boumedienne, 120 C.P. 479, Luanda, Angola	Tel: 244-2-340084, 244-2-340089, 244-2-340088 Fax: 244-2-340089
03	BENIN REPUBLIC (COTONOU)	Embassy of Nigeria Avenue de France, Marina, Cotonou B.P. 2019, Cotonou, Republic of Benin	Tel: 229-30 11 42, 229-30 18 70 Fax: 229-30 11 13
04	BOTSWANA (GABORONE)	Nigeria High Commission Plot 1086/92 Queen's Road, The Mali Gaborone G.O. Box 274, Gaborone, Botswana.	Tel: 267-313561 Fax: 267-351965,267-313738 Telex: 2415 BD
05	BURKINA FASO (QUAGADOUGOU)	Embassy of Nigeria B.P. 132, Avenue d'Oubritenga Rue de l'Hopital Quagadougou, Burkina Faso	Tel: 226-30 66 67 Fax: 226- 31 52 02 Telex: (0978) 5236 BF E-mail: embrig@liptonfor.bf
06	CAMEROUN (DOUALA)	Nigeria Consulate Boulevard de la Liberte, Akwa Douala, B.P. 1553, Douala, Republic of Cameroun	Tel: 237-43-21-68, 237-43-21-61 3432168 Fax: 237-42-07-66,3420766 Telex: (0970) 55556
07	CAMEROUN (YAOUNDE)	Nigeria High Commission B.P. 448, Yaounde, Republic of Cameroun	Tel: 237-22-34-55, 237-23-45-23: 22234551 Fax: 237 2235551 Telex: (0970) 8267 E-mail: nig.yde@camnet.cm
08	CAMEROUN (BUEA)	Consulate-General of Nigeria Bokwango P.M.B. 30, Buea South West Province, Republic of Cameroun	Tel: (237) 332 2528 (237) 332 2801
09	CENTRAL AFRICAN REP. (BANGUI)	Embassy of Nigeria Avenue B. Boganda P.O. Box 1010, Bangui Central African Republic	Tel: 236-61-07-44 Fax: 236-61-07-44 Fax: 236-61-12-79 E-mail: nigemb@intnet.cf
10	CHAD (NDJAMENA)	Embassy of Nigeria 35 Avenue Charles de Gaulle, B.P. 752, Ndjamenas, Republic of Chad	Tel: 235-52 2498,235-522647 Fax: 235-52 30 92 Telex: (0976) 5242 KD
11	CONGO (BRAZAVILLE)	Embassy of Nigeria 11, Avenue Lyautey B.P. 790, Brazaville, Republic of Congo	Tel: 242-811022,242-811031 Fax: 242-811055
12	CONGO (KINSHASA)	Embassy of Nigeria 141 Boulevard du 30 Juin, Kishasa/Gombe, B.P. 1700, Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo	Tel: 243-88-43273 Fax: 243-88-43274 Telex: 21173 E-mail: nigerianemba@ic.cd

13	COTE D'IVOIRE (ABIDJAN)	Embassy of Nigeria Nigeria House, 01 B.P. 1906, Abidjan 01, Cote D'ivoire (Ivory Coast)	Tel: 225-223082,225-211982, Tel. 7353907, 7356042
14	EGYPT (CAIRO)	Embassy of Nigeria No. 13 Gabalaya Street, Zamalek, Cairo	Fax: 7557359,202-7357359 Telex: 20238EMBNIG UN E-mail: embassy@nigeriancairo.org
15	EQUATORIAL GUINEA (MALABO)	Embassy of Nigeria 4 Paseo de Los Cocoteros, Malabo P.O. Box 78, Malabo, Equatorial Guinea	Tel: 240-9-2386, 240-9-3194, 240-9-2583 Fax: 240-9-3385
16	ERITREA (ASMARA)	Embassy of Nigeria Ras Dashan Street House No. 10, Zonel, ADM 09, P.O. BOX 1241 Asmara, Eritrea	Tel: 00291-1-125606 Fax: 00291-1-125578
17	ETHIOPIA (ADDIS ABABA)	Embassy of Nigeria Azage Ayale Street, W9, K21, Addis Ababa, P.O. Box 1019, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia	Tel: 251-1-55-06-44 Fax: 251-1-55-23-07 E-mail: nigeria.embassy@telecom.net.et
18	EQUATORIAL GUINEA (BATA)	Consulate-General of Nigeria Zambia Street, P.O. Box 217, Bata, Equatorial Guinea	Tel: 240-8-2402,240-8-2157, 240-8-2906 Fax: 240-8-2157, 240-8-2906 Telex: (999) 5218
19	GAMBIA (BANJUL)	Nigeria High Commission No. 52 Garba Jahumpa Avenue, Bakau, The Gambia P.O. Box 630, Banjul, The Gambia	Tel: 220-495803,220-495804 Fax: 220-495803,220-49580 or 494305 Telex: (220) 2297 E-mail: nigeriahc@qanet.gm
20	GABON (LIBREVILLE)	Embassy of Nigeria Avenue Leon Mba B.P. 1191, Libreville, Republic of Gabon,	Tel: 241-73-22-03, 241-73-03-22 Fax: 241-73-29-14 Telex: (0973) 5605 E-mail: nigeriamission@internet.gabon.com .
21	GHANA (ACCRA)	Nigeria High Commission No.5 Josef Broz Tito Avenue, P.O. Box 1548, Accra, Ghana	Tel: 233-21 776158, 233-21 776159 Fax: 233-21 774395 E-mail: nighcom@africaonline.com.gh
22	GUINEA (CONAKRY)	Embassy of Nigeria Coleah Cornich Sud, B.P. 54, Conankry, Republic of Guinea	Tel: 224-461 241 Fax: 224-462775
23	GUINEA (BISSAU)	Embassy of Nigeria No.6 Avenida 14 de Novembro, CPO 199, Bissau, Republic of Guinea	Tel: 245-20 10 18 Fax: 245-20-25 64
24	KENYA (NAIROBI)	Nigeria High Commission Lenana Road P.O. Box 30516, Nairobi Kenya	Tel: 254-2-564116, 254-2-570226, 254-2-576896 Fax: 254-2-575871 (25420-575871) Telex: 22194,582440 E-mail: nigken@todays.co.ke
25	LIBERIA (MONROVIA)	Embassy of Nigeria Tubman Boulevard, Sinkor, Monrovia P.O. Box 366, 1000 Monrovia 10, Liberia	Tel: 231-227345 Fax: 231-226135
26	LIBYA (TRIPOLI)	Embassy of Nigeria Shara Narjis, Hai Al-Zuhour, Tripopli P.O. Box 4427, Tripoli, Libya	Tel: 218-21-4443036,218-21-4443037 Fax: 21-21-4443035
27	MALI (BAMAKO)	Embassy of Nigeria Rue 34, Badalabougou SEMA-Est, Bamako B.P. 57, Bamako, Mali	Tel: 223-22-57-71,223-23-39-73 Fax: 223-22-52-84,223-23-39-74
28	MAURITANIA (NOUAKCHOTT)	Embassy of Nigeria E-Nord No. 191, Nouakchott B.P. 367, Nouakchott, Mauritania	Tel: 222-252304,222-252314 Fax: 222-252346 Telex: (0974) 5869

29	MOROCCO (RABAT)	Embassy of Nigeria 70 Avenue Omar Ibn El Khattab Agdal Rabat, Morocco B.P.347, Rabat, Morocco	Tel: 212-7-671856,212-7-673856 Fax: 212-7-672739
30	MOZAMBIQUE (MAPUTO)	High Commission of Nigeria Avenida Kenneth Kaunda, 821 Maputo P.O. Box 4693, Maputo, Mozambique	Tel: 258-1-490105,258-1-492457 Fax: 258 • 1-490991 E-mail: nigermoz@vircomm.com
31	NAMIBIA (WINDHOEK)	Nigeria High Commission No.4 Omuramba Road, Eros Windhoek, Namibia P.O. Box 23547	Tel: 264-061-232103, 264-061-232104 Fax: 264-061-221639, 264-061-232105 Telex: 667 WHK E-mail: nignam@namib.com
32	SAO TOME & PRINCIPE	Embassy of Nigeria Bairro de fevreiro Avenida das Nacoes Unidas C.P. 1000, Sao Tome & Principe	Tel: 239-12.25404,25405 Fax: 239-12-25406 Office: 239-12-25404,25407
33	SENEGAL (DAKAR)	Embassy of Nigeria Avenue Cheikh Anta Diop, Dakar B.P. 3129, Dakar, Senegal	Tel: 221-824 43 97,221-8246922 Fax: 221-8258136 E-mail: ambnig@telecomplus.sn
34	SIERRA LEONE (FREETOWN)	Nigeria High Commission Nigeria House 37 Siaka Stephens Street, Freetown, Sierra Leone	Tel: 232-22-224224, 232-22-224229 Fax: 232-22-224219
35	SOMALIA (MOGADISHU)	Embassy of Nigeria (temporarily closed) Kilometre 5, P.O. Box 980 Mogadishu, Somalia	
36	SOUTH AFRICA (JOHANNESBURG)	Consulate -General of Nigeria 6 Bolton & Newport Roads Parkwood 2193, Johannesburg P.O. Box 1014, Saxonworld 2132, Johannesburg, South Africa	Tel: 27-11-442-3620, Fax: 27-11-442-3841,27-11-447-4625 Telex: 431410 E-mail: nigcon@iafrica.com
37	SOUTH AFRICA (PRETORIA)	Nigeria High Commission No. 971 Schoeman Street, Hatfield 0083, Pretoria P.O. Box 27332, Sunnyside 0132, Pretoria, South Africa	Tel: 27-12-342 0805,27-12-342 0905, 27-12-3420808 Fax: 27-12 3420718 E-mail: nhcp@afrika.com
38	SUDAN (KHARTOUM)	Embassy of Nigeria No. 17 Sharia M'C Nimier, P.O. Box 1538, Khartoum, Sudan	Tel: 2-49-11 779120,2-49-11-779 121,2-491 779122 Fax: 2-49-1 771491
39	TANZANIA(DAR-ES-SALAAM)	Nigeria High Commission 83 Haile Selassie Road P.O. Box 9214, Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania	Tel: 255-51 666000, 255-51 667620, 255-51666834 Fax: 255-51 668947 E-mail: nhc-dsm@raha.com
40	UGANDA (KAMPALA)	Plot 33, Nakasero Road, P.O. Box 4338, Kampala, Uganda	Tel: 256-41-233691,256-41-233692 Fax: 256-41-233691,256-41-233692, E-mail: nighicom@swiftuganda.com
41	ZAMBIA (LUSAKA)	Nigeria High Commission 5203 Haile Selessie Avenue, Diplomatic Triangle, Longacres, Lusaka. P.O. Box 32598, Lusaka, Zambia	Tel: 260-1-253177,260-1-253265 Fax: 260-1-252535 E-mail: nigeria-hc.lusaka@zamnet.zm
42	ZIMBABWE (HARARE)	Nigeria High Commission 36, Samora Machel Avenue P.O. Box 4742, Harare, Zimbabwe.	Tel: 263-4-790/65,263-4-790766, 263-4-790767,263-4-790768 Fax: 263-4-725004,263-4-790763



Registration

All registration will be done via an official FAMSA form via this link:

<https://forms.gle/K58xhiCmYnAMcFDc8>

The form has been designed to collate information about the delegate necessary for communication and other purposes. It has been made easily comprehensible to ensure a hitch-free registration. Kindly read the terms and conditions regarding registration for this conference before commencement of the registration process.

ELIGIBILITY:

- Medical Students across Africa and around the world
- Healthcare Students around the world
- All Healthcare professionals
- Everyone

Deadlines:

Early registration: **June 29 - August 17, 2024 23:59GMT**

Late registration: **August 18 - October 13, 2024 23:59GMT**



Payment Instructions

Your registration only becomes effective upon receipt of payment of the conference fees. The conference fee is per participant.. Confirmation of payment should be sent to famsaga2024@gmail.com using the mail provided during registration.

Categories	Students		Professional		Virtual
	Early	Late	Early	Late	
Registration (Compulsory)	\$60	\$70	\$80	\$90	\$25
Accommodation (Optional)	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	-
Excursion (Optional)	\$35	\$40	\$35	\$40	-
Pre & Post-GA Transport (Optional)	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	-

N.B:
Registration fee covers conference souvenir, lunch, intra-city transportation and a ticket to the dinner.
Accommodation fee comes with complimentary breakfast and dinner and lodging for 5 nights.
Excursion fee covers breakfast, lunch, dinner, and lodging for 1 night as well as access to unlimited fun and excursion sites.

Payment Channels

International Delegates:

Account name : Oluwapelumi Sobayo
 Account number : 1691236877
 Swift code: ABNGNGLA
 Bank name: Access Bank
 IBAN: GB27CITI18500811071211
 Branch code: 224
 Country: Nigeria
 Sort code: 00044292227
 Bank address: Access Bank Plc, Ile Ife Branch

National Delegates:

Account name: Medical Students' Association, OAU
 Account number: 0121231019
 Bank name: Wema Bank

Alternative Payment Platforms:

Ria, Western Union and World Remit
 Details:
 +2348022288495
 Oluwapelumi Sobayo

Cancellation, Substitution and Refund Policy

Delegates are entitled to a refund based on the date of application for refunds. A delegate is also entitled to a transfer of registration to another delegate (substitution). However, it is worth knowing that a full refund will not be given back to a delegate due to some processing fee incurred during the transfer. The following are the various categories of refund based on the time of application, the processing fee percentage and the deadline for cancellation.

	START	END
Cancellation with full refund	20th July, 2024	20th August, 2024
Cancellation with 50% refund	21st August, 2024	21st September, 2024
Cancellation with 25% refund	22nd September, 2024	6th October, 2024
Substitution	1st October, 2024	20th October, 2024



Accommodation

Delegates will be hosted at the **IFE GRAND RESORT AND LEISURE** suited within 15KM from the conference venue.



The Ife Grand Resort & Leisure is the hospitality-care center, where visiting foreign tourists and our indigenous people can enjoy the luxury of large and well-appointed rooms, professional services, and enjoy a seamless mélange of western culture and African tradition. The Resort is located on an expansive hilltop, adjacent the Ife-Ibadan Expressway at about 4km from the heart of the ancient and culturally important city of Ile-Ife, in the State of the Living Spring, Osun State, Nigeria. The Resort has an impressive array of amenities such as:

- Swimming pools
- Mini football pitch
- Basketball pitch
- Lawn tennis ball court
- Game Village
- Horse riding trail
- African village etc



Transportation will be made available to ease movement between the venue and the hotels. Delegates will be informed of the transport plans including arrival and departure time from the hotels to the conference venue.



Please Note: Payment for accommodation is separate from registration fee.

Transportation

PRE AND POST GA TRANSPORTATION

Murtala Muhammed International Airport (MMA) is an international airport located in Lagos State, Nigeria. All international delegates are strongly advised to travel through this airport. A logistics team will be available to receive you at the airport. Buses will be on ground to transport you from the airport to the resort. The journey is estimated to take about 4-5 hours. A detailed transportation plan will be sent to each delegate after registration.

INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION

Delegates can travel down to Ife by road or air.

BYROAD

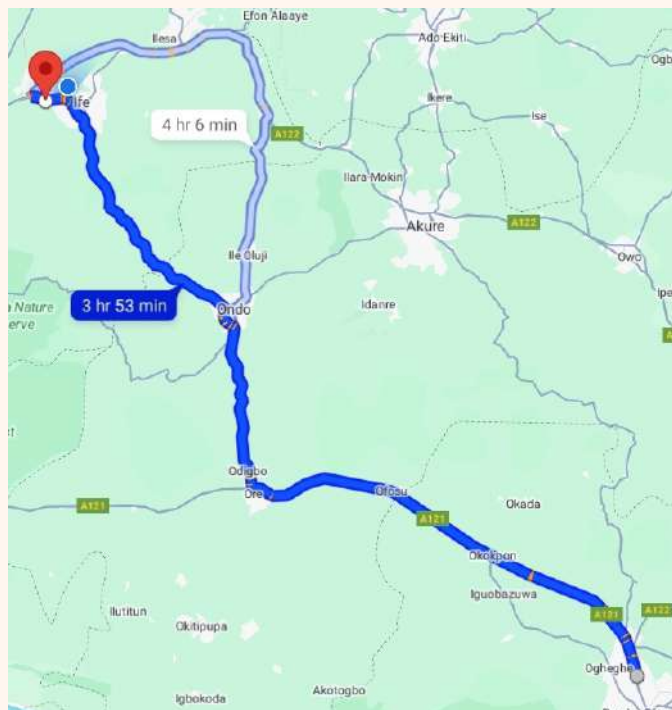
National delegates travelling by road can follow the directions listed below using Google Map services.

North West (NW)

From the North West, take the A2 highway south towards Benin City, and then continue until you reach the Benin-Ore Road.

North East (NE)

From the North East, take the A3 highway south towards Benin City, and then continue until you reach the Benin-Ore Road.



South East (SE)

From the South East, take the A232 and then the A3 highway westbound towards Onitsha, then continue on the A3 highway until you reach the Benin-Ore Road.

South South (SS)

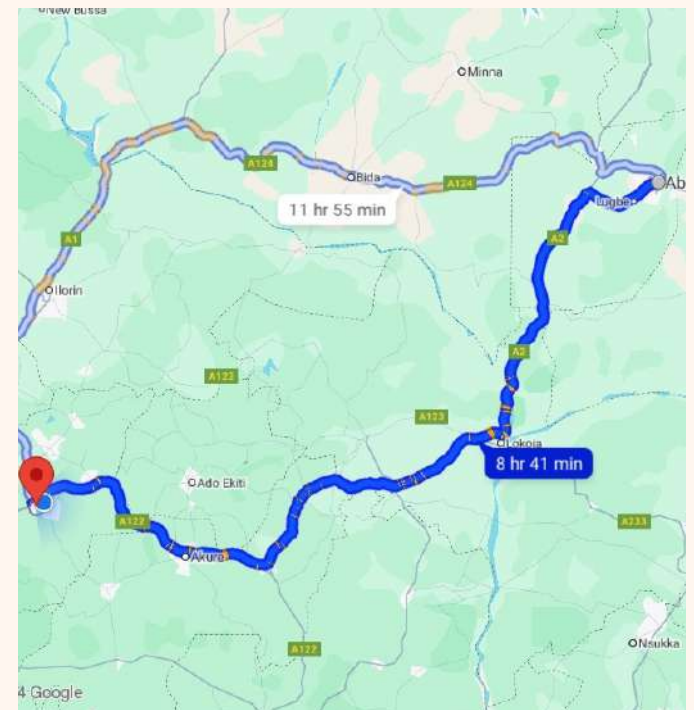
From the South South, enter the Benin-Ore Road directly. On the Benin-Ore Road, take it westbound until you reach the Ife-Ibadan Expressway, and finally, take the Ife-Ibadan Expressway until you reach the resort on your left.

North Central (NC)

From Abuja, take the A2 highway southwest towards Lokoja, and then continue on the A2 highway until you reach the A233 highway. Take the A233 highway south towards Kabba, and then continue on the A233 highway until you reach the A122 highway.

Take the A122 highway southeast towards Ile-Ife, and finally, take the Ife-Ibadan Expressway until you reach the resort on your left. Maps giving directions from Benin-Ore Road to Ife Grand Resort and from Abuja to Ife Grand Resort have been included in this document as well.

NB: A2, A3, A232, A233 and A122 highways are landmarks on Google Map Services.





BYAIR

National delegates travelling by air are advised to travel through Ibadan Airport (IBA) in Ibadan. Cab services are available to transport you from the airport to a local car park in Ibadan. At the car park, a bus or car travelling to Ile-Ife can be boarded with the name of the resort mentioned to the driver.

International delegates are advised to travel through Murtala Muhammed International Airport (MMA) in Lagos. Cab services are available to transport you from the airport to a local park in Lagos. At the carpark, a bus or car travelling to Ile-Ife can be boarded with the name of the resort mentioned to the driver.

INTRA-CONFERENCE TRANSPORTATION

During the conference, buses will be available to cater to movement within and outside the resort. Delegates are therefore advised to adhere to departure times so as to ensure a smooth transportation.

The logistics team wishes all delegates safe travels down to the ancient city of Ile-Ife!



About the Venue

We are set to host you for the 2024 GA in the famous **Oduduwa Hall, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Nigeria**, in a pan-African atmosphere with a wealthy ethnocultural flair.

The Oduduwa Hall, the flagship conference hall of the University, is renowned for hosting several high profile conferences, the annual Royal African Youth Leaders Forum Award, Concerts, National and International Symposia as well as annual 3-day University Convocation Ceremony which receives international delegations.

It affords us a clean and pleasing centre for plenary sessions while catering to our scientific conference needs with state-of-the-art facilities to further camaraderie among continental colleagues.

The Oduduwa Hall is rich in history and has received several important guests, meetings, and symposia of national and international reputations.



Theme Brief

Aligning Global Practices with Local Realities for Healthcare Transformation in Africa

In the pursuit of sustainable development across Africa, healthcare stands as a pivotal cornerstone. The continent faces significant economic, social, and environmental challenges that necessitate a proactive approach towards redefining healthcare systems. Historically, progress under previous development frameworks was uneven (sometimes impressive, other times slow and catastrophic), highlighting the urgent need for a transformative strategy.

Healthcare plays an integral role in the global development agendas. It is essential for uplifting communities and globalisation of overall practices. Africa's current health indices are critically low, demanding a paradigm shift towards comprehensive healthcare reform. This transformation is not merely an aspiration but a necessity to address core challenges, consolidate on the gains of the past, and chart the course for the globalised future, immediate and long-term.

The GA seeks to gather diverse perspectives and expertise. Young minds, professionals, and stakeholders from public

and private sectors across Africa and beyond will converge to explore innovative strategies. This gathering aims to identify the barriers hindering healthcare advancement, deliberate on effective interventions, and chart actionable paths forward.

Key discussions will centre on leveraging digitization, enhancing healthcare infrastructure, strengthening intra-continental health systems governance, and fostering equitable healthcare access. By fostering collaboration and innovation, the conference endeavours to empower Africa to lead its healthcare revolution. Through shared insights and collaborative efforts, participants will aim to cultivate impeccably transformative solutions that ensure equitable health outcomes for all Africans.

The FAMSA GA 2024 overarching goal is clear: to effectively incorporate global practices into local realities, serve as a platform of realisation of healthcare transformation in Africa and a driving force of progress across all facets of human well-being.

Explore the City

Ife and its environs have very beautiful scenery. Ile-Ife is an ancient city with a lot of historical and cultural sites to feed one's gaze upon. There are a number of places with nice scenery that Delegates could visit to help them have a lasting feel and experience of the city. Places like;

1. **Ooni's palace:** this is where the King, Ooni Ogunwusi resides. It is in the heart of Ile-Ife. It has beautiful architectural structures and it is a place to visit, as it shows the finery of the Yoruba culture
 2. **Opa Oranmiyan:** basically, is a staff which belongs to one of the Yoruba ancient gods 'Oranmiyan'. It serves as a tourist attraction as most people marvel about the mysterious and historical existence of the staff.
 3. **Adire Textile Hub:** the Adire enterprise is owned by the Queen of Ile-Ife. Adire is an ancient Nigerian traditional attire peculiar to the Yorubas. It is basically made from the process Tie and Dye. it can be used for traditional attire or decorations.
 4. **Scrap Art Museum by Dotun Popoola:** this is a museum that makes use of recyclable products to make ancient statues or figures that are relevant to the Yoruba history.
 5. **Nike Art Gallery:** it is a gallery that houses a number of ancient relics, art, portraits and artefacts that preserve the Yoruba culture. It is located in the city of Osogbo
 6. **Osogbo Sacred Grove:** is an historical grove by the bank of Osun river. It is several centuries old. In recognition of its global significance and its cultural value, the Sacred Grove was inscribed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2005.
- There would be an organised tour of the city to give the Delegates a total feel of the city, State in general. The excursion and visit will entail going to at least 2 of the places listed above.



Socials

A line up of events have been put together to give Delegates a memorable and amazing experience through their stay in Ile-Ife. These events are aimed at having the delegates interact amongst themselves and having fun whilst at it.

It is an avenue for Delegates to relax and chill as well. There would be different events and activities for the different days to keep everyone engaged. Below is a list of events put together for the General Assembly;

- Game and Karaoke night
- Paint & Sip
- Pool party
- Cultural night
- Car pool / Movie Night
- Dinner night

The specific days for the events will be communicated in due time.



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What is FAMSA GA 2024?

The Federation of African Medical Students' Associations' General Assembly (FAMSA GA) is the highest representative policy-making body of the Federation. The General Assembly serves as the annual meeting of African medical students under the umbrella of FAMSA. The FAMSA GA also hosts a scientific conference which includes plenary sessions, breakout sessions, oral and poster presentations, workshops, short courses, and training. The Conference welcomes students, healthcare professionals, policy makers, researchers, industry experts and enthusiasts from all over the world, to discuss tropical matters regarding global health and sustainable development.

Why should I attend this conference?

The mission of the conference is to inspire a generation of healthcare students and participants to take charge and play active roles in structuring the future of healthcare in Africa for sustainable development. By attending this conference, you are playing a key role in building a healthier and prosperous Africa. The networking opportunity this conference offers is amazing as top speakers from various organisations, and healthcare students from all over Africa are set to be in attendance. It is set to be a historical one!

Can I pay my registration fee on arrival?

No, all delegates must register and pay before arriving at the venue. This is to ensure adequate logistics planning for delegates. To pay for the conference, kindly register, and follow the instructions in the reply mail. Also, check the registration page in this document for more details.

Is the Scientific conference different from the General Assembly (GA)?

Yes, they are different. The General Assembly is the highest policy making body of the Federation. This is where the



activities of the Federation are reviewed with the rules of legislature, and also the electoral gathering for the appointment of new executives of the Federation. It is at the General Assembly that the ongoing executive council are reviewed and dissolved, and another council elected in its place for another administrative year.

Everyone can and should attend the Scientific Conference which includes plenary sessions, oral presentations, workshops, short courses, trainings, hackathons and social events.

Can non-Africans attend the General Assembly?

Non-registered medical students' associations (MSAs) may wish to observe the assembly only and cannot participate. Only registered MSAs will be allowed to participate (that is, make contributions) in the FAMSA general assembly. During the electoral process, only the delegation appointed by appropriate authorities of the respective medical students' associations (Dean of faculty, association president or as according) can vote. The modalities for this meeting will be sent to MSA representatives before their arrival.

Can I present my research work during the conference?

Yes, a call will be released for submission of abstracts.

How can French speaking delegates benefit maximally from this General Assembly and Scientific Conference?

Official documents and information regarding the conference will be made available in both French and English languages, however the official language to be used during the conference will be English including the Conference materials. There will be a brief summary of the sessions in English and French by the Masters of Ceremonies.

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