

# PacNOG 10 - Educational Workshop & Training

Noumea, New Caledonia 21-26 November 2011 Le Méridien Hotel

The PacNOG 10 will be held at the Le Meridien Hotel from Monday November 21st through to Saturday November 26th, 2011.

This PACNOG is kindly hosted by OPT New Caledonia.



## 1. LOGISTICS

## ONLINE REGISTRATION, SELECTION & PRE-REQUISITE

All interested participants are required to meet or exceed the pre-requisites. Online application registration form is available online.

## FACE TO FACE REGISTRATION AND IDENTIFICATION BADGES

Name badges will be at the Registration Desk during registration. For identification and security reasons.

all delegates are requested to wear the meeting badges at all times during the meeting.

#### 1.1 VENUE

The workshop training will be held at the Le Meridien Hotel, Noumea.

Le Méridien Noumea Hotel

Tel: +687 26 50 00 Fax: +687 26 50 03

Email: Le.meridien@lemeridien.nc

WEBSITE URL: www.lemeridien.com/noumea

## 1.2 TRAVEL INFORMATION

#### 1. Travel to New Caledonia

New Caledonia is served by major airlines:

- Air Caledonie International in partnership with Qantas and Air New Zealand
- Air Austral

Delegates are advised that Changes in the above may be expected, so check with travel agents and/or airlines.

## 2. Transport from Tontouta Airport to Noumea City:

Tontouta is New Caledonia's international airport. It is located approximately 60km away from Noumea City (45 minute drive).

- Shuttle bus are available for transfers and will be stationed outside Arrivals at Tontouta Airport. For pick up from airport. Fare is approximately 3000 XPF (around 33 USD) single way.
- Alternatively, approximate taxi fare from airport to NOUMEA City is about 10 000 XPF (around
- 111 USD).

Delegates will need to indicate in their registration form flight arrivals and departures

### 1.3 VISA & IMMIGRATION REQUIRMENTS

All delegates are requested to have a valid passport for at least 3months of the date of arrival. Please check with your travel agents the appropriate visas and documentation necessary for your entry into New Caledonia. Please note that OPT-NC will transmit a "hosting confirmation" letter in order to facilitate VISA applications and will be made available upon request. Applicants are solely responsible



for obtaining a visa prior to the departure. Due to long delays in visa processing, it is important to apply ahead of time.

A VISA to enter New Caledonia is compulsory except to holders of passports from the following countries: (Please see attached list of countries requiring visas or not)

- Australia
- Canada
- European Union countries
- Japan
- New Zealand
- USA

VISA could be applied for at the French Embassies/Consulates situated in Australia (Sydney and Canberra), Fiji (Suva), New Zealand (Auckland and Wellington), Papua New Guinea (Port Moresby) and Vanuatu (Port Vila).

Holders of passports from countries where France has diplomatic representation (Embassy/Consulate) and requiring an entry visa into New Caledonia must obtain a valid entry visa before arriving in New Caledonia. That includes Fiji, PNG and Vanuatu passport holders. A visa waiver request cannot be arranged in these cases.

Useful links: http://www.rocket-guide-newcaledonia.com/visas.html

## 1.4 DEPATURE TAX

Departure taxes are normally included in tickets.

#### 1.5 ACCOMMODATION

All Participants are required to do own booking.

All rates are quoted in Pacific francs (XPF) currencies.

As of February 23rd, 2011, the current exchange rates were:

1.00 FJD = 47.2056 XPF

1.00 AUD = 86.7026 XPF

1.00 NZD = 64.9924 XPF

1.00 USD = 86.4674 XPF

For easier money converter see http://www.oanda.com/lang/fr/currency/converter/

## 1. Meridien Hotel Noumea also VENUE

Room category	Rate per night HOT included*	Buffet breakfast
Standard & Superior room (twin or double room) (42 m <sup>2</sup> + balcony)	16 000 XPF	Included
Junior Suite (84 m²+ balcony)	28 500 XPF	Included
<b>Diplomatic Suite</b> (106 m <sup>2</sup> + balcony)	58 500 XPF	Included
Presidential Suite (210 m² + large balcony)	83 500 XPF	Included

<sup>\*</sup> Hotel Occupancy Tax included: 1000 XPF per night

Early check-in/Late check-out (full night) 9 000 XPF Check-in: 2 PM; Check-out: 12:00 PM (noon)

Extra fees

Extra charges for guaranteed lagoon view room + 3 000 XPF

A price supplement applies for a third person if over 12 years of age. + 7 900 XPF



Note: Standard room can be shared by two people at no extra cost. Triple occupancy is only available in king-size bedded room, on request & subject to availability.

Free WIFI included in all our rooms and public area Bus shuttle to/from airport: 3.000 XPF per person, per way

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#### ALTERNATE HOTELS IN VICINITY AREA

## 1. Nouvata Park Hotel Complex

- (1.3 km from Le Méridien - 3 mins by taxi approx 700 XPF one way)

Ph: +687 26 05 16 (reservations)

Fax: +687 26 05 26

Email: commercial@glphotels.nc Copy: acom@glphotels.nc Website: www.glphotels.nc

#### Overview:

The Nouvata Park Complex is made up of three hotels surrounding the largest swimming pool in New Caledonia. The hotels include the three star *Park Hotel* (now called Le Parc), the two star *Pacifique hotel*, and the three star *Nouvata hotel*.

Pacifique Hotel – Area: 25m2

Room category	Nett Rate per night
	HOT included*
Standard pool view (Double)	8 500 XPF
Standard lagoon view (Double)	8 500 XPF

<sup>\*</sup> Hotel Occupancy Tax included: 350 XPF per night

Nouvata Hotel – Area: 32m2

Room category	Nett Rate per night HOT included*
Standard pool view (Double)	9 800 XPF
Standard lagoon view (Double)	9 800 XPF

<sup>\*</sup> Hotel Occupancy Tax included: 600 XPF per night

• Parc Hotel - Area: 48m2

Room category	Nett Rate per night
	HOT included*
Standard pool view (Double)	10 800 XPF
Standard lagoon view (Double)	10 800 XPF

<sup>\*</sup> Hotel Occupancy Tax included: 600 XPF per night
A price supplement applies for a 3rd person: 3 000 XPF.

American buffet breakfast 2 000 XPF

Express breakfast (1 hot drink, 1 fruit juice, 1 pastry,toast, bread, butter, marmalade) 1 300 XPF

#### 2. Ramada Plaza Hotel

- (1.5 kms from Le Méridien - 3 mins by taxi, approx 700 XPF one way)

Ph: +687 23 91 03

Fax: +687 23 90 01; Email: sales2@ramadaplaza-noumea.nc

Copy: reservation@ramadaplazanoumea.nc.; Website: www.ramadaplaza-noumea.nc



Room category	Double (but single occupancy rate ) HOT	American buffet
	included *	breakfast
<b>Deluxe – racecourse view</b> (35 m² + 10 m² balcony)	14 900 XPF	Included
Junior Suite – racecourse/sea view (38 m² + 4 m² balcony)	16 900 XPF	Included
Suite Deluxe – lagoon view (54 m² + 22 m² balcony)	18 900 XPF	Included

<sup>\*</sup> Hotel Occupancy Tax: 900 XPF per night

A price supplement applies for a 2nd person: 5 900 XPF.

#### 3. Surf Novotel Hotel

- (2.6 kms from Le Méridien - 4 mins by taxi, approx 800 XPF one way)

Ph: +687 28 66 88 Fax+687 28 52 23

Email: reservations.hotelsurf@sofinor.nc

Website: www.grands-hotels.nc/

Room category Rate per night	Rate per night HOT included*
Standard garden/lagoon view (Double)	8 900 XPF

<sup>\*</sup> Hotel Occupancy Tax: 600 XPF per night.

Buffet breakfast 1 900 XPF

#### Alternate hotel without any negotiated rates:

1. Le Lagon Hotel – (1.8 kms from Le Méridien - 3 mins by taxi, approx 700 XPF one way)

Ph: +687 26 12 55 Fax +687 26 12 44

Email: info@lelagon.nc (information) Email: resa@lelagon.nc (reservation)

Website: www.lelagon.nc

## 2. INTERNET & TELECOMMUNICATION ACCESS

### Internet

Internet access will be provided on conference and training site (wifi and Internet fixed access points).

#### **Telecommunications services**

Communication services in New Caledonia include fixed line telephony, internet and GSM mobile telephone services. See OPT NC website (click on English flag): http://www.opt.nc/

New Caledonia IDD Country code +687

Cost of calls – available on telephone directories and on enquiries through Telecom Contact Center free call 1000.

## GSM Mobile

Mobile network is provided by OPT-NC, New Caledonia offers roaming to most of the developed countries including some Pacific Islands. It operates on 900 MHZ. For those not able to use roaming and prefer purchasing prepaid SIM cards, Starter Packs are available at approx. 5 250 XPF.

## 3. CURRENCY AND CREDIT CARDS

The local currency is French Pacific Francs (XPF).

Banks established in Noumea are:

1. Comptes Cheques Postaux (OPT New Caledonia's financial service),

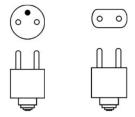


- 2. Banque de Nouvelle-Caledonie,
- 3. Banque Caledonienne d'Investissement (Partnership with Bred),
- 4. Banque Nationale de Paris/Paribas.
- 5. Societe Generale Caledonienne de Banque.

Internationally recognized credit cards are accepted by the hotel (Visa, Master, and American Express) for the purchase of goods and for any other financial transactions.

### 4. ELECTRICITY

Electricity voltage is 220 volts with French plug configuration similar to some European countries (see below). You are advised to take along your universal adaptor if you are from any other country with dissimilar plug configurations and voltages (e.g. many PICTs, New Zealand, Australia, USA, Japan).



## 5. DRESS CODE

Dress standard - Island smart casual - Ties discouraged

## 6. WEATHER AND TIMEZONE

New Caledonia has a tropical climate with November being in its hot season; temperatures ranging between 26-30 degrees Celsius. Cool clothing is advisable.

Local time in New Caledonia is UTC/GMT + 11 hours

## 7. GENERAL INFO ABOUT NEW CALEDONIA:

If planning for a short holiday, New Caledonia is known for its natural beauty and tropical climate and more commonly as a resort destination. It is a unique blend of French and Melanesian cultures surrounded by the world's largest lagoon.

For more information please visit web site on New Caledonia:

- 1. http://www.sponline.com/nc/anglais/ncen.htm
- 2. http://www.nouvelle-caledonie-tourisme.com/anglais/ncen.htm

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