

E2A 2026 INFORMATION PACK

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Important

dates and information for

Registration

Date June 22-26, 2026

Theme “Reimagining the Evidence-Informed Policy and Decision Making Ecosystem in Africa”

Location ISSER Conference Hall, University of Ghana

The Evidence to Action (E2A) Conference 2026 will serve as a platform to advance dialogue, learning, and action on strengthening Africa-led evidence systems that meaningfully inform policy, practice, and governance.

The conference will feature *two days of pre-conference and side events, followed by three days of plenary sessions, parallel technical sessions, interactive labs, and an exhibition.*

This conference seeks to learn from what has worked, how and where and what has not worked in the evidence to policy and action ecosystem.

Exhibition Opportunities

The Evidence to Action Conference is also a platform to demonstrate skills, ideas, and a public display of posters and items of interest on the conference grounds to an international audience.

For Exhibition Information: bit.ly/E2A2026Exhibit



Sponsorship Opportunities

There are opportunities to sponsor various aspects of E2A 2026, through financial support and in-kind contributions. The sponsorship options offer different tiers with corresponding benefits for sponsors, including an allocated number of representing delegates, an exhibition booth, and more.

For Sponsorship Information: bit.ly/E2A2026Sponsor

Registration

Registration for E2A 2026 is free and allows the conference organizers to plan for the right numbers. The information that is collected as part of registration is only used for logistical planning and event communications, before, during and after the conference.

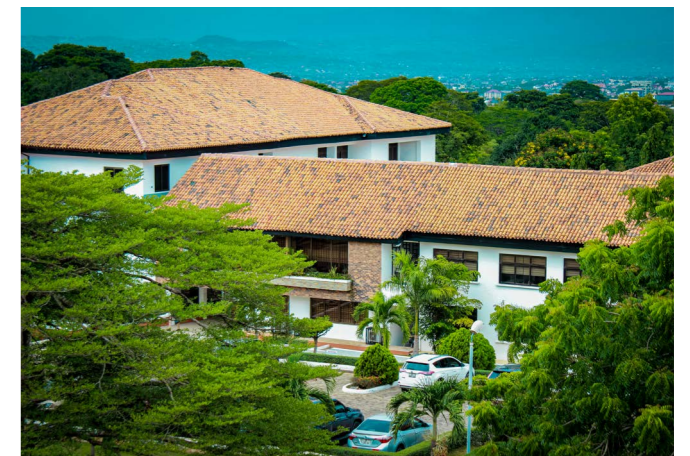
Delegates are responsible for their transportation, accommodations, and general meals. Registration for E2A 2026 includes access to the full conference as well as lunch and coffee breaks, provided on conference days.

Registration link: bit.ly/E2A2026Register



Top: An aerial view of the ISSER Conference facility

Bottom: ISSER peeks through lush campus trees



E2A 2026 Conference Venue

The venue for this year's Evidence to Action Conference is the Institute of Social and Economic Research (ISSER), located on the University of Ghana - Legon campus, adjacent to the School of Engineering Sciences.

ISSER is among the leading quantitative empirical academic social science research institutions in Sub-Saharan Africa and plays a crucial role in research and policy analysis related to social, economic, and

statistical matters in Ghana. Today, ISSER continues to play a vital role in generating knowledge, informing policy, and building capacity for sustainable development in Ghana and beyond. Through its research, training, and outreach activities, the institute remains committed to advancing social and economic development and improving the well-being of people in Africa.

Website: isser.ug.edu.gh
Contact: isser@ug.edu.gh

About Ghana

Ghana is a nation rich in history, culture, and natural beauty. It does not only boast as the centre of the world as it has closest land mass to the equator, longitude 0 degree, but also takes pride as the centre of cultural heritage, centre of ecotourism, centre of adventure, and centre of fun and leisure. Located in the sub region of West Africa and spanning a land mass of 238,535km² (92,099 sq. mi), Ghana is bordered by the Ivory Coast in the West, Burkina Faso in the North, Togo in the East and the Gulf of Guinea to the South.

Ghana has a unique authentic cultural heritage, featuring a calendar of regular festivals, ancient traditions, artisans, excellent goldsmiths, and wonderful wood carvings. Ghana is dotted with historical monuments such as over 30 forts and castles built during the 14th to 18th centuries by eight different European empires of which some are preserved as UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Notable among them are Cape Coast Castle, Elmina Castle, Kwame Nkrumah Memorial Park, Okomfo Anokye Sword Site, Larabanga Mosque.

Ghana is also a home to breathtaking natural landscapes, including the lush rainforest of Kakum National Park, the serene beaches of the country's Coastline, and the scenic waterfalls of Wli and Boti. The ecological systems offer a unique combination of eco-tourism products of nature, wildlife, adventure, and community-based experiences you can never miss. Participants can immerse themselves in the country's biodiversity, with opportunities to spot rare wildlife and bird species in their natural habitats. From the sunshine beaches, through the rain forest, mountain hike and paragliding adventures, through to the exciting animal reserves and waterfall experiences, there is never a dull moment for guests visiting Ghana.

In addition to that, Ghana is renowned for its warm hospitality and friendly people, who welcome visitors with open arms and a genuine smile. Whether sampling the local cuisine at a roadside "chop bar", dancing to the rhythm of traditional drumming and music, or exploring the country's rich cultural heritage, travellers to Ghana are sure to be captivated by the experience.

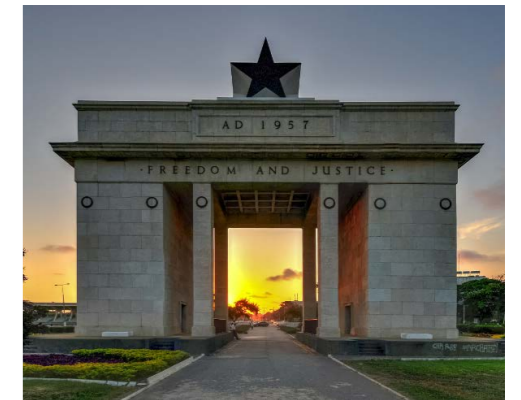


The Aburi Botanical Gardens, located in the Eastern Region, displays a variety of Ghana's native flora and fauna.

You are welcome to experience the magic of Ghana - a land of radiant colours, intense historical culture, and endless possibilities. Discover the warmth of its people, the richness of its culture, and the splendour of its landscapes. Ghana awaits, ready to enchant and inspire all who visit.

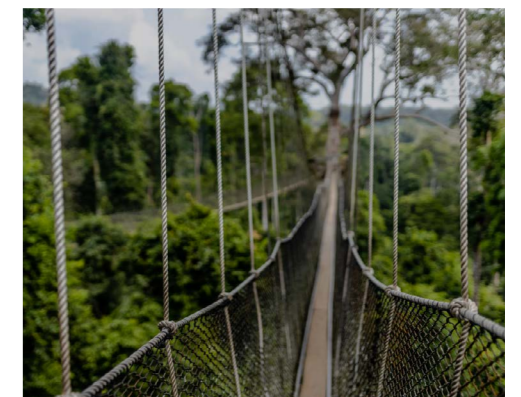
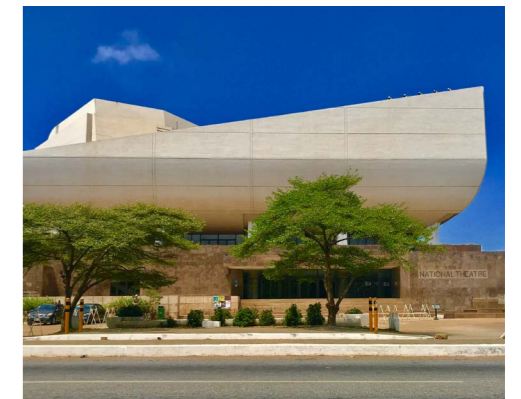
Major Attractions

You may need to visit the Kwame Nkrumah Memorial Park, built to honour Ghana's first President which showcases his legacy and contributions to independence. In the same neighbourhood is the Osu Castle (Fort Christiansborg), a historic fort with a complex past, the Jamestown Lighthouse, Independence Arch, the Black Star Square (Independence Square) hosts national events and celebrations and the Accra Zoo, not forgetting the National Museum of Ghana and the Arts Centre. You should also consider spending a relaxing moment at Bojo Beach, with its white sands, beautiful sunsets, and fresh seafood dishes.



Top: Black Star Square sits at the heart of Accra, Ghana's capital.

Bottom: The National Theatre, in Accra, hosts creative arts events and exhibits for visitors and locals alike.



Top: Kakum Canopy Walk, in the West, is an exciting nature experience.

Bottom: The Jamestown Lighthouse overlooks the coast in Accra.



Shopping

When it comes to shopping centres around Legon, there are three notable options: Legon City Mall, Accra Mall, and the A&C Mall, all offering shopping, dining, entertainment options, banking services and health clinics.

Souvenirs and Artisan Crafts

The Accra Arts Centre is the most popular spot for souvenirs or African-made products, including clothing, jewelry, arts, and much more. Located in the heart of Accra, close to other tourist sites, the Arts Centre is a hub of local artisans and vendors. Other popular spots for souvenir shopping include Oxford Street, in Osu, and the hill in front of Accra Mall. Haggling is expected and even welcomed at these artisanal shops.



General Shopping

There are many areas for shopping in the city, ranging from supermarkets and malls to smaller shops and local markets. Most communities have small shops owned by locals that provide basic necessities; these are typically called “provision shops” and are located on almost every street or neighbourhood. For fresh local fruits and produce, shoppers typically go to local markets, which are open on a daily basis from the early morning to late afternoon or evening.

There are several supermarkets and two main open food and grocery markets in the University community serving mainly students and staff. The All-Needs supermarket located towards the south of the campus in the banking hub of the University is stocked with a wide range of general goods and groceries.

Restaurants & Food

Accra hosts an array of international cuisines and local traditional foods accessible all over the city. Among the traditional eateries, there is a wide range of options for every budget, from affordable quality meals to high-end gastronomical experiences. The Tasty Treats restaurant, located on the University of Ghana campus, serves a wide range of both local and continental meals to the university community.

Night markets are popular places to gather with friends in the evening. You can find whole meals like fufu, fried fish and pepper, or rice and suya (spiced kebab).

Street vendors can be found selling light snacks and food. They grill, roast, and fry various meats and vegetables. Roasted plantain and peanuts is a very popular snack with Ghanaians.

Waakye is a popular Ghanaian meal made with rice, black eyed peas and sorghum leaves, often accompanied by spicy stew, fried pepper, spaghetti, and dehydrated cassava, aka *gari*. It is usually eaten in the morning to early afternoon.



Transportation



Ghana offers a variety of transportation options for both locals and visitors. The best form of payment is often in cash, particularly for public transportation. Google Maps also helps with finding directions.

Taxis

Taxis are readily available everywhere. Passengers typically negotiate fares with drivers. Ensure you agree on the fare before starting your journey.

Ride-hailing apps

Services like Uber and Bolt operate in Ghana's urban centres, offering convenient and safer alternatives to traditional taxis. Passengers can book rides through mobile apps, enjoy transparent pricing, and secure payments.

Buses

Public buses and private bus companies provide intercity transportation. Public buses are known as "long-distance" buses and connect major cities, while private companies offer more comfortable and scheduled services between popular destinations.

Domestic flights

Domestic airlines operate routes between major cities like Accra, Kumasi, and Tamale, offering a faster means of travel for longer distances. Domestic airports are equipped with basic facilities for passenger convenience.



Important

information for

Visa Requirements



COVID-19 guidelines

Please ensure that you are fully vaccinated for COVID-19 and you carry along your vaccination card. We strongly encourage participants to acquire full vaccination to minimize any potential inconveniences and please carry along some face masks as you might need them to enter some public spaces.

Yellow fever

Proof of yellow fever vaccination may be required for travellers arriving from countries at risk of transmission. Ensure you have a valid yellow fever card with you to avoid compulsory vaccination upon entry into Ghana.

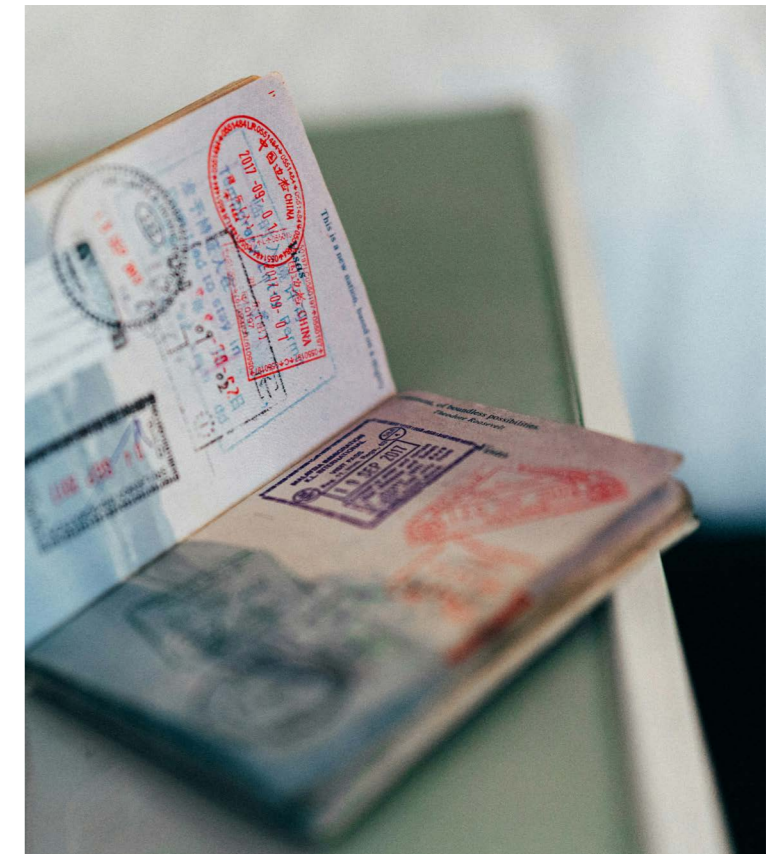
Visitors to Ghana may require a visa depending on their nationality. Some nationalities can obtain single-entry visas upon arrival at Ghana's airports, but it is advisable to check visa requirements beforehand.

Information can be found on the official [Ghana Immigration Services website](#) or through the nearest Ghanaian Embassy or consulate. Remember that a visa is not a guarantee of entry into Ghana; it is subject to regularization and fulfilment of other conditions at the point of entry.

Please refer to the following requirements:

Letter of introduction for for visa application

Should you require a letter of introduction to support your VISA application process, kindly send an email to e2a@iced-eval.org with your details—full name, designation, organization, country of departure and passport biometric details—to enable us to prepare the letter for you.



What to know about Tourism in Ghana

Currency and money

The Ghanaian cedi (GHC) is the official currency used in Ghana. While international currencies like the US dollar and the euro are accepted in some establishments, it is advisable to carry local currency for transactions. ATMs are widely available in major cities for convenient cash withdrawals.

Forex services

You can exchange your foreign currency at banks and foreign exchange bureaus, as street vendors may offer unfavourable rates. Universal banks and foreign exchange bureaus are the only institutions licensed to trade in foreign currencies in Ghana.



Mobile phones

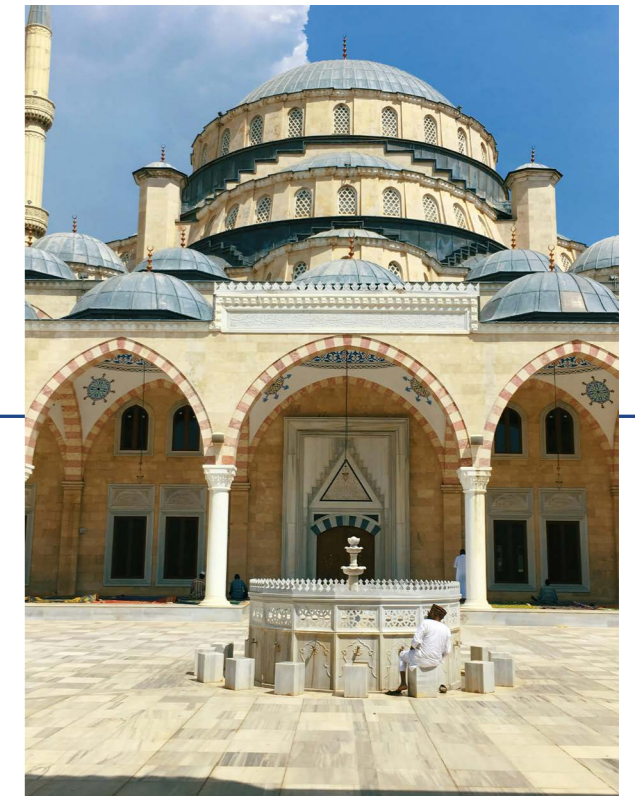
Local SIM cards are available for purchase, allowing travellers to use their mobile phones in Ghana. Major telecom providers offer reliable coverage and services, including data, calls, and text messages. For the best mobile data network coverage, we would recommend MTN and Vodafone. When buying a prepaid sim card in Ghana bring your passport.

Weather advisory

Ghana experiences tropical weather, with rainy seasons typically occurring from April to June and September to November. Participants should pack accordingly, including rain gear and appropriate clothing for hot and humid conditions as the country undergoes unexpected changes in weather conditions.



Right: *The Ghana National Mosque is the second largest mosque in West Africa. It was built with the support of the Turkish government, and is located in the heart of Accra.*



Places of worship

Religion holds significant importance in the social fabric of Ghana, shaping its culture, traditions, and societal norms. The country is characterized by religious diversity, with Christianity, Islam, and traditional African religions being the major faiths practiced. Christianity, particularly the Catholic and Protestant denominations, has a significant presence, along with Islam, which is predominantly practiced in the northern regions of the country. Additionally, traditional African religions continue to play a role in many communities, maintaining indigenous spiritual practices and beliefs. Ghana is home to various places of worship, with churches and mosques found in almost every town and city.

Medical services

The university hospital and the University of Ghana Medical Centre are available to attend to all health issues during the conference period. Other medical facilities are available in major cities, providing both public and private healthcare services. Participants should consider obtaining travel medical insurance and familiarize themselves with emergency medical contacts and services.

Safety and security

While Ghana is generally safe for tourists, participants should remain vigilant and take precautions against petty theft and swindles. Avoid walking alone at night and keep personal belongings secure. In case of emergencies, contact local authorities or designated emergency hotlines.

Emergency Numbers in Ghana

National Ambulance Service: 112 or 193

Police Emergency Line: 191

Fire Service: 192

Ghana Red Cross Society: 0302-779-823 / 0302-779-824



Top: A trip to the Volta region includes views of traditional fishing practices. Tourists can, respectfully, ask the fishermen to help with pulling in the catch.

Local languages

English is the official language of Ghana, widely spoken and understood across the country. Additionally, different ethnic groups speak various local languages such as Twi, Ewe, Ga, Fante, Hausa, and Dagbani. Learning basic phrases in the local language can enhance communication and interaction with the local people.

Common Twi Phrases

English	Twi
You are welcome	Akwaaba
How are you?	Wo ho te sen?
I'm fine	Me ho y
Yes	Aane
Thank you	Medaase
Sorry	Kose
I don't understand	Men'tease
I'm not well	Me ho n'fa me
Good Morning	Maakye
Good Afternoon	Maaha
Good Evening	Maadwo
Excuse me	Mesere wo
Please	Mepa wo kyew

Gender, disability inclusion and support

Ghana is committed to promoting gender equality, protecting the rights of women, children, and persons with disabilities, and fostering inclusive development. The government has established legal frameworks and institutional mechanisms to address gender-based discrimination and ensure equal opportunities for all citizens.

Efforts to mainstream gender and disability considerations are evident in various sectors, including education, healthcare, employment, and social services. Ghana embraces diversity and strives to provide support and accommodations for individuals with disabilities to participate fully in all aspects of life.

Trained professionals and support services, such as mobility aids, sign language interpretation, and accessibility measures, are available to assist delegates with disabilities. For specific assistance or accommodations, delegates are encouraged to liaise with the protocol office to facilitate arrangements tailored to their needs and ensure their participation in conferences and events.



Where to find

Accommodations

The International Centre for Evaluation and Development (ICED) has negotiated **discounted rates for E2A 2026 delegates** with several high-quality hotels in Accra. These hotels will provide a variety of amenities and services (including airport shuttles) to make your stay and movement within Accra easier.

You can browse the offerings on the E2A website and book your rooms in anticipation of a wonderful experience in Ghana. To book your rooms, follow the steps below:

Note:

Rooms are on a first-come, first-serve basis, and rooms per hotel are limited.

Booking your room for E2A 2026

- Step 1** — Visit the E2A website (iced-eval.org/e2a) to browse the various hotels and the rooms available.
- Step 2** — Decide which hotel and room you want to book.
- Step 3** — Use the contact information provided for each hotel to book your room.
Note: For emails, use the subject line, "E2A 2026 ICED/ISSER Conference", and in the body of the email, use the code "E2AGH26".
- Step 4** — Wait for a confirmation email from the hotel for your booking.

FAQs

Frequently Asked Questions

As the Evidence to Action Conference and Exhibition (E2A) is coming up, we know you have questions about the E2A experience. Here are some Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and answers to make your E2A 2026 experience smoother.

Where can I register for E2A 2026?

You can sign up to attend E2A 2026 at bit.ly/E2A2026Register

Where can I find information about the event programme?

You can find E2A 2026 programme information at www.iced-eval.org/e2a/programme

I'll be attending in-person. Is there a preferred accommodation I can book?

Special negotiated rates have been arranged for our conference participants, and it's important to mention that you are an E2A Participant when making your reservation.

Due to limited availability, we urge you to secure your rooms as soon as possible to avoid any inconvenience. Additionally, we advise arranging airport transfers directly with your chosen hotel.

Do I need a visa for Ghana?

Some countries in West Africa and in Africa are exempt from obtaining a visa for entry into Ghana. Other countries are also eligible for visas on arrival. To make sure you have the most accurate information, visit the Ghana Immigration Services website: gis.gov.gh/visas/

If you need a visa support letter, you can contact us at e2a@iced-eval.org and an organizing team member will assist you.

Can I get a travel sponsorship for E2A 2026?

Travel and accommodation sponsorship is not currently available for E2A delegates.

If you are unable to join us in-person, we will also be making provision for online attendance. You can stay informed on the E2A website, through the email newsletter (register for E2A to receive this) and follow us on social media for any updates about livestreaming.

Will transportation be provided?

More information about transportation will be available on the website closer to the conference date. For questions about accommodating disabilities or special needs, contact us at e2a@iced-eval.org.



E2A 2026 on Social Media

E2A will be covered on the major social media platforms by the communications teams of the organizing institutions.

Follow us using the hashtags and tag us using the social media handles below!

Hashtags

#E2A2026
#EvidenceForImpact
#ReimagineWithAfrica
#AfricaLeadsTheEvidence

Social Media Handles

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