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Global
Learning
Forum



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Travel guide and general information

Travel overview

The Global Learning Forum (GLF) is a flagship convening under the [Healthy Cities for Adolescents \(HCA\)](#) Programme, a global initiative led by Fondation Botnar. The programme supports adolescent health and wellbeing in intermediary cities across six countries. The GLF brings together project partners, programme teams and key stakeholders to share learning, celebrate progress, and co-create strategies for sustaining impact beyond 2026.



The GLF will take place from 2 to 6 February 2026 in Ghana, with activities hosted in Ho and Accra. General logistical planning is coordinated by the HCA-II Global Team led by Ecorys UK, in close collaboration with and with support from the local hosts, Ecorys GH.

Venue details (Ho & Accra)



Ho – Volta Serene Hotel:

Located in the heart of Ho, the capital of Ghana's Volta Region, the [Volta Serene Hotel](#) offers a tranquil setting ideal for focused dialogue and collaboration. The venue features modern conference facilities, reliable internet, and comfortable accommodation, all within easy reach of local amenities. The hotel also offers dining options and panoramic views.



Accra – Accra City Hotel:

Situated in Ghana's vibrant capital, the [Accra City Hotel](#) provides a dynamic urban backdrop for the latter part of the Forum. The hotel is centrally located, offering convenient access to cultural landmarks, dining options and transport links, while maintaining a professional and secure environment for participants.



Transportation

Ecorys UK will provide and cover all transportation arrangements for participants throughout the GLF to ensure a smooth and safe travel experience.

Transportation will be coordinated by the Ecorys GH Team in accordance with safety and accessibility standards.



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Airport transfers:

- Airport pick-up and drop-off arranged have been made for all invited participants. These services will be provided by Accra City Hotel.
- The local logistics team will guide participants upon arrival.

Intercity travel: Accra – Ho – Accra:

Round-trip transportation between Accra and Ho will be provided by Ghana Car Rental, a trusted local partner. Two 50-seater, air-conditioned buses will be used, equipped with seatbelts and operated by experienced, licensed drivers.

Local transportation in Ho:

- Additional shuttles or vehicles will be arranged as needed for site visits, group activities, or official engagements.
- All coordinated movements will be supervised by the logistics team.

Cultural Exchange



On the journey back from Ho,
the team will make a short
detour to [Shai Hills Resource](#)
[Reserve](#).

This reserve is one of Ghana's most accessible wildlife and eco-tourism sites, known for its dramatic rocky hills, scenic landscapes, and a variety of wildlife including baboons, antelopes, ostriches, and a wide range of bird species.

The area also holds cultural and historical significance, with several ancient caves once inhabited by the Shai people. The stop will offer the team a brief yet enriching opportunity to experience nature, learn about the reserve's heritage, and enjoy panoramic views before continuing the journey.



Accommodation



Covered by Ecorys UK:

- **Volta Serene Hotel (HO):** Participants will be accommodated in super deluxe rooms during the Ho segment.
- **Accra City Hotel (Accra):** Participants will be accommodated in standard single-occupancy rooms during the Accra segment.



Accommodation covers the full duration of the Forum (2-6 February 2026).



All meals, including breakfast, lunch, and dinner, will be provided at the event venues throughout the Forum.

Check out

All participants are expected to check out from the Accra City Hotel by 12:00 pm on 6 February. If you require a late check-out, please inform the logistics team by Thursday, 5 February.

Safety & local guidelines



Safety

Ghana is known for its political stability, hospitality, and relatively low crime rates. However, participants are encouraged to:

- Keep personal belongings secure and follow staff guidance.
- Carry any necessary prescription medication.
- Carry Yellow Fever vaccination cards, passports, or other valid forms of identification at all times.



Weather & Clothing

February is warm and dry.

- Light clothing is recommended.
- Smart-casual outfits are advised for official sessions.



Cultural Etiquette

- Greetings are important, and simple salutations are appreciated.
- Modest dress is recommended for formal events.

Frequently asked questions (FAQ)



Who is covering my travel expenses?

Ecorys UK will cover all inbound/outbound flight, in-country transportation, accommodation, and meals for confirmed participants.



Will there be internet access at the venues?

Yes, both hotels offer reliable Wi-Fi in meeting rooms and guest areas. Additional internet access will also be provided as a contingency in case of any connectivity issues.



Do I need a visa to enter Ghana?

Visa requirements depend on your nationality. Please check with your local Ghanaian embassy or consulate. An official invitation letter can be provided to support your visa application if required.



Can I extend my stay in Ghana after the Forum?

Yes, participants may extend their stay. Tourist visas are typically valid for up to three months. However, any accommodation, transport, or other expenses incurred beyond the official event dates will need to be covered by the participant.

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