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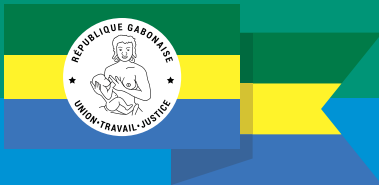


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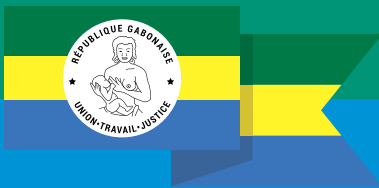


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BELOW IS SOME PRACTICAL INFORMATION ON TRAVEL AND LOGISTICS REGARDING THE CONFERENCE.

- 1. VENUE:** The conference will be held at Angondjé Conference Centre near Amitié Stadium at Akanda in the suburbs of Libreville.
- 2. TRANSPORT:** Shuttle will be available to pick up participants from the airport to selected hotels in town. During the entire period of the conference specific buses will be available to convey participants from the different hotels to the venue of the conference and back at selected times of the day. Participants may also opt for taxi services at their own expense.

Shuttle buses are available to convey participants staying at Park Inn, Radisson Blu and Meridien Rê Ndama hotels.

Kindly provide the organizing committee with your flight details (airline, flight number, date and time of arrival) so that they can arrange your pick up to the hotel. Confirmation and bookings for your return flights will be done by the Secretariat of the meeting. Delegates and participants are therefore requested to send your air tickets to the Secretariat to enable them to book/confirm your return flight, as well as to complete the registration form.

- 3. VISA:** Participants are kindly requested to make all necessary visa arrangements prior to their departure. **Holders of a UN Laissez-passer on official visit to Gabon do not need an entry visa.** The same applies to nationals of CEMAC countries (Congo, Cameroon, Chad, Equatorial Guinea, Central African Republic) holding a biometric passport.

Holders of ordinary passports may obtain their entry visa preferably online by visiting the following site: <https://evisa.dgdi.ga>

Applicants for an online visa should provide the following:

- 1)** An e-mail address;
- 2)** An invitation letter in PDF from the WHO Office in Libreville. To receive the invitation letter participants are kindly requested to send a scanned copy of your passport to: capitat@who.int and egazog@who.int;
- 3)** An electronic ID photo in colour (35x45mm);
- 4)** Name, profession and telephone numbers of a Focal Point in Libreville (mention Mr Tony Capita, WHO Operations Officer, Mobile 04.84.64.43).

After submitting your online application, the system will immediately generate a "Registration Receipt". Once the application is processed and the visa is granted, the system immediately generates a "Gabon Entry Permit". The applicant should print these two documents ("Registration Receipt" and "Gabon Entry Permit") and present them to the immigration officers at Libreville Airport. An entry visa will then be stamped in your passport against payment XAF 45 000 or 70 Euros or about USD 77 (depending on the exchange rate). Please pay the exact amount. The online visa application process is in 4 stages and takes only 3 - 5 minutes. The processing time is 72 hours.

4. ACCOMMODATION Please note that WHO has negotiated a special rate from 5 hotels. The list of recommended hotels is attached below. Participants are advised to make their own reservations in the selected hotels and are responsible for settling their bills accordingly. Guests who will be staying at these hotels will have the following included in their daily rates: (1) Bed and Breakfast; (2) Free wireless internet; (3) Daily complimentary bottles of mineral water.

Special Note:

- ➔ For WHO funded participants (WHO staff, Ministers, Experts, Panellists) accommodation during your stay will mainly be in these three following hotels: Radisson Blu, Park Inn and Méridien Rê Ndama. During the stay, the accommodation will directly be settled by WHO (please note that deductions will be made on your Travel Requests including the conference package during the meeting days).
- ➔ For the self-sponsored participants, you will be required to pay your accommodation bills directly with the hotel. All participants will be required to settle other incidentals incurred during their stay. The transport from and to the airport will be provided by the hotel.

All visa or credit cards are accepted in Gabon.

List of recommended Hotels

N°	Hotel	Phone	Email	Nb negotiated room	Rate negotiated	Type of room	Geo - Location
1	Radisson		Info.libreville@radissonblu.com	110	136 000	Standard	seaside
2	Park'inn		Info.libreville@radissonblu.com	60	96 000	Standard	Seaside
3	Meridien Re Ndama	01 79 32 00 - 07 29 70 17	amie.itoua@lemeridien.com	150	65 000 80 500	Standard Executive	Glass
4	Etoile d'OR Sablière	01 44 69 80 - 05 40 68 81	letoiledorhotel@yahoo.fr	50	65 000	Standard	Sablière
5	Nomad Appart'Hotel	01 45 45 45 - 05 40 77 29	info@nomadlibreville.com	30	90 000	Suite	Sablière

5. CATERING FACILITIES: Coffee breaks and lunch will be served free of charge at the venue of the meeting by the organizers during the period of the conference. Participants will cover their own dinner.

6. CLIMATE: The average maximum daytime temperature in Libreville in November is a warm 28°C (82°F) with high heat & humidity. The average night-time temperature is usually a warm 22°C (72°F). There are usually 4 hours of bright sunshine each day, which represents 36% of the 12 hours of daylight.

7. PER DIEM & CURRENCY: National delegations should ensure that they have received their per diem in their country of residence **before travelling**. The Ad Hoc per diem for Libreville, with regards to the hotels, is:

- ➔ Méridien Rê Ndama et Etoile d'or Sabliere: 246 USD/day equivalent to 195 000 XAF.
- ➔ Park'Inn by Radisson: 284 USD/day equivalent to 160 500 XAF
- ➔ Radisson Hotel: 369 USD/day equivalent to 208 700 XAF
- ➔ Méridien Rê Ndama (Executive luxe): 240 USD/day equivalent to 152 700 XAF
- ➔ Le Nomad: 258 USD/day equivalent to 146 000 XAF



The local currency is the CFA Franc. For the UN system, the exchange rate for the month of September 2018 is 1 USD to XAF 560. The exchange rate for the Euro is fixed; i.e. 1 euro to 655.957 CFA francs.

8. HEALTH:

VACCINATION: Yellow Fever vaccination is mandatory for all travellers to Gabon.

The city pharmacies are adequately stocked with essential medicines which can be bought with a prescription. If you are using medications, make sure you bring a sufficient quantity of medicines for the duration of your stay.

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE: An emergency medical service will be available during the conference.

9. GETTING AROUND: Taxis (red/white, blue/white and green/white) do not have meters. The basic taxi fare in town is XAF 2000. From 21:00, the fare is doubled. However, there are metred taxis, which charge according to distance.

10. TELEPHONE AND INTERNET: It is easy to purchase a local SIM card on presentation of your passport. There are three main Internet service providers in the country, namely LIBERTIS, AIRTEL, MOOV. The country code is +241.

All of them offer 4G Internet service. Internet connection is easy and most hotels provide free WIFI access in the rooms.

11. LANGUAGES: The official language is French understood and spoken by the vast majority of the population. In addition, there are several national languages.

12. WATER AND ELECTRICITY: Electricity supply in Gabon is 220 volts. Two-pin round plugs are the standard format to connect electrical appliances. Please remember to bring appropriate converters for your 110 volt electrical appliances or if you use different plugs.

Tap water is safe to drink. However, bottled mineral water is readily available in local shops.

13. SECURITY: For security reasons, it is not advisable to walk around late in the night and to carry large sums money or jewels.

14. USEFUL ADDRESSES:

WHO Country Office:

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Tel: +241 04 87 56 88/02 52 03 80

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Clinique El Rapha

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