

African Region

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## **INFORMATION BULLETIN**



TRAVEL AND STAY IN BRAZZAVILLE

### ENTRY VISA



• An entry visa to the Republic of Congo is mandatory, except for nationals of Member States of the Economic Community of Central African States (CEMAC). Visas can be obtained at the Embassy or Consulate of the Republic of Congo in your country of nationality or residence.

- If there is no diplomatic representation of the Republic of Congo in your country, an authorization of entry into the Republic of Congo must be obtained from the Congolese authorities at least 10 (ten) days prior to arrival via the WHO Regional Office for Africa, by providing a copy of your passport and indicating your country of departure and flight details. *A support letter will be made available to participants to facilitate the issuance of the visa on arrival.*
- In this case, the visa will be issued to you upon arrival at the Brazzaville International Airport (Maya-Maya) or the Autonomous Port (Beach) after payment of CFAF 20 000, or €35 or US\$ 50.
- Nationals of CEMAC Member States do not require an entry visa; they are only required to have a valid passport.
- Nationals of Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Mauritania, Morocco, Niger, Senegal and Togo may obtain their visas on arrival.
- Holders of diplomatic passports and the United Nations Laissez-Passer will be issued a visa on arrival free of charge.

#### **Immigration formalities**

On arrival, you will be received by members of the Organizing Committee, who will provide you with the necessary assistance.

#### Handling of luggage on arrival

You are requested to keep your luggage tags and present them at the exit to the customs officials. You can entrust the withdrawal and transfer of your luggage to uniformed porters with the assistance of the WHO AFRO team.



### **GETTING THERE – VENUE AND TRANSPORT**

The Seventy-fourth session of the Regional Committee for Africa will be held at the **Tours Jumelles in Brazzaville, Congo.** Please, note that the **Opening Ceremony** will be held at the *Palais des Congrès*.

The Organizing Committee will arrange for the transfer of participants from Maya Maya International Airport to their hotels and back to the airport upon their departure.

The Organizing Committee will also arrange for the transfer of participants from the hotels listed in the Annex to the meeting venue every morning and back to the hotels at the end of the daily sessions. The Organizers will not provide transport during lunch breaks, as all lunch will be provided at the meeting venue.



### HOTEL RECOMMANDATIONS

The list of hotels recommended for the Seventy-fourth session of the Regional Committee is annexed to this information bulletin. It is highly recommended that you make your booking in one of these hotels in order to benefit from the shuttle service that will be put in place by the organizers between the recommended hotels and the meeting venue.

Participants are requested **to make their own hotel bookings directly with the recommended hotels**. To make a booking with the hotel, please refer to the Annex, where you will find the room rates and contact addresses of each hotel.

# **REGISTRATION AND BADGES**

All information pertaining to confirmation of participation, including flight details, requirements for obtaining the Congolese entry visa and hotel bookings should be communicated through the online registration platform at <u>http://indico.un.org/e/RC74</u>.

Should you need assistance, please contact the nearest WHO country office or send an email to AFRGO/RC Registration at <u>GoverningBodiesAfro@who.int</u>.Participants will be required to register online and obtain identification badges prior to the opening of the Regional Committee session. For identification and security purposes, the official badge should be worn by all participants at all times during the Regional Committee session and at official social functions.

Badges will be available at the Tours Jumelles and before the Opening Ceremony at the *Palais des Congrès*.

### Guidance for online registration

- (a) Copy and paste this link <u>https://indico.un.org/e/RC74</u> into your Chrome, Microsoft Edge, Safari or Opera web browser.
- (b) On the RC74 page, click on the link "**Register now**";
- (c) You will be redirected to the connection page. Next, click on "Create a new account".
- (d) Fill in the form that appears and click on "Confirm".
- (e) You should receive an account activation email after a few minutes.
- (f) Click on the account activation link to activate your account.
- (g) Your account is now active and you will be redirected to the RC74 page.
- (h) If you are not yet connected, you can do so using your new username and your Indico password. You may use this same account in the Indico system for all other governing body meetings of the Regional Office for Africa.
- (i) The registration form for the conference has been pre-filled with some of your details. Please, upload an identification document with a photo or use the Webcam to take a photo; then populate all fields on the form. Click on "Register" when you finish filling the form.
- (j) You will receive an automatic email acknowledging receipt of your registration form. Subsequently, you will receive an email informing you on whether your request has been approved.



## VACCINATION AND HEALTH INFORMATION

Yellow fever vaccination is mandatory. Check the validity of your health certificate and update if necessary. You are required to present your vaccination certificate to health workers upon arrival.

Vaccination against typhoid fever, hepatitis A and B virus, meningitis, tetanus and poliomyelitis is advised.

With regard to malaria, Congo is classified in zone C, mainly owing to the presence of *plasmodium falciparum*. The risk of contracting malaria especially from *plasmodium falciparum* exists all year round. Antimalaria prophylaxis appropriate for each individual is recommended before your departure, and until two weeks after your return. The use of other individual protection measures such as sprays, creams, electric mosquito killers and mosquito nets is recommended.

The Clinic of the Regional Office for Africa, in collaboration with the Ministry of Health (MoH) Congo, will be operating mobile clinics at the conference venue, equipped to handle a range of medical emergencies. The clinics will be open during all conference hours and also provide 24/7 support for emergencies.

It is compulsory for all delegates to obtain and maintain adequate international medical insurance coverage including repatriation evacuation under their national, institutional, or private health insurance schemes.



### **BANK AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE**

An automatic teller machine (ATM) is available at the Tours Jumelles accepting Visa cards. It is accessible 24/7. Other ATMs operated by some banks in the city centre also operate on a 24-hour basis.



## SECURITY

All UN staff require security clearance before travelling to the Republic of Congo. To obtain a security clearance, a request is submitted through the web site <u>https://dss.un.org</u>.

Visitors must take reasonable security measures to guard against theft or fraudulent practices, including requests for financial assistance and bad faith offers of goods and services. Caution and common sense should guide your actions at all times, whether in the hotel, on the street, in a taxi or just on the phone.

In case of emergency, call the following telephone number: +242 06 508 1087 WhatsApp.



### CLIMATE

The Republic of Congo has a tropical climate. The average temperature in August is about 24°C, and the average rainfall is very low. The relative humidity is 70%.

Seasons:	Average temperature						
February – March: Short dry season		25° C					
April – May: Short rainy season		25° C					
June – September: Long dry season		23° C					
October – January: Long rainy season		25° C					



## LANGUAGES

French is the official language of the Republic of Congo. The two local languages most commonly spoken are Lingala (in Brazzaville and the north of the country) and Kitouba (in Pointe-Noire and the south).

## ELECTRICITY

The recommended voltage for electrical appliances is: 220 volts–230 volts, 50 AC.

## CUISINE



Congolese cuisine is quite varied. The popular national dishes served in restaurants include:

- Saka-saka: Pounded cassava leaves, seasoned and prepared with groundnut paste or palm oil and served with rice.
- Chicken à la Mouambe (Mossaka): Chicken cooked or roasted in groundnut paste or thick palm oil sauce and served with rice or pounded plantain.
- Maboke: Freshwater fish, boiled in spices, piri-piri (a variety of chilli) and other seasoning, wrapped in leaves.
- Grilled piri-piri chicken (or barbecued).
- Mutton stew in groundnut sauce.
- Cabbage palm salad.
- Asparagus spears.
- Smoked fish (moukalou): eaten as stock/bouillon or with koko (thinly sliced leaves) and groundnut paste (same as with salted fish).



## **USEFUL CONTACTS**

## Restaurants

• Mami Wata, on the cornice, on the banks of River Congo	<b>2</b> 05 534 2879
• Le Terminalia. 3, Rue des Caravanes, located around City Hall	<ul> <li>05 361 92 92</li> <li>06 773 73 47</li> </ul>
• Le Feu des Saveurs, Avenue Amilcar Cabral – Radisson Blu	<b>a</b> 05 803 60 65
• O'Sympathic, next to the CNSS building in the city centre, <b>close to SNPC</b>	<ul> <li>6 677 21 70</li> <li>0 6 595 84 14</li> </ul>
Butcher Block, Rue de Pavie	<b>2</b> 05 674 7777
• Jaipur Restaurant & Pizzeria, rue des Compagnons de Brazza, opposite Congo-Telecom	<b>a</b> 05 327 07 07/04 482 11 11
• Hippocampe, rue Béhangle	<b>a</b> 06 668 60 68
• Ci Gusta, 39, rue Colbert	<b>a</b> 06 859 37 66
• Le Jardin des Saveurs, opposite Olympic Palace Hotel	<b>a</b> 05 525 22 61/05 617 20 85
L'Assiette, Avenue de l'amitié	<b>a</b> 05 514 22 22
Olympic Palace, Avenue de l'amitié	<b>2</b> 06 660 66 71
Restaurant l'Oriental, Avenue de l'amitié - Olympic Palace	<b>2</b> 22 281 1249
• Le First Restaurant Brazzaville, Avenue Amilcar Cabral, opposite Radisson Blu, in the Hall	<b>a</b> 05 537 04 01
Paul, Avenue Amical Cabral	<b>2</b> 06 748 48 48
La Mandarine, Avenue Foch	<b>2</b> 22 81 13 40/06 666 66 00
• Pavillon, Avenue Alphonse Fondère, opposite Rond-point la coupole	<b>a</b> 06 681 04 04
La Cantine, Rue Alfassa, close to Rond-point la Coupole	<b>a</b> 05 743 48 17
Gourmandine, Avenue Nelson Mandela	<b>a</b> 05 366 66 33
Royal Spice, 175, Avenue de l'Amitié	<b>2</b> 05 376 55 55
Restaurant Royal, Rue Nelson Mandala	<b>a</b> 06 942 88 88/ 04 403 72 22
• Restaurant La Pirogue, Avenue des Anciens Enfants de Troupe. behind Lycée NGANGA Edouard	<b>a</b> 06 613 60 60
• Pizzeria La Capricciosa, Avenue du Maréchal Lyautey, opposite <b>CHU</b> , close to the pharmacy	<b>a</b> 04 030 47 30
• La Grande Cascade, 2, rue du Tourisme. Camp Clairon. Next to REMO private school	<b>a</b> 06 630 84 94
• Le Cosy, Avenue du Sergent Mélamine, City centre, opposite X-Oil petrol station, after Milles Travel	<b>a</b> 05 692 4747/06 596 3332
<ul> <li>Nord Est Restaurant, 54, Avenue Felix Eboué, located diagonally from the ECOBANK head office</li> </ul>	<b>a</b> 06 786 46 13
• Southern Fried Chicken, Avenue du Maréchal Foch, opposite City Hall	<b>a</b> 06 479 96 32
• Le Concept Restaurant, Avenue Prosper Gandzion, <b>Reference PSP</b> guard-rail, MFOA Poto-Poto	<b>a</b> 05 023 55 55 / 06 919 19 78



### **Emergency call**

- **Police: 117**
- Fire brigade: 118

### Hospitals and clinics

- Centre Hospitalier et Universitaire de Brazzaville (University Teaching Hospital CHUB)
- Hôpital Central des Armées Pierre Mobengo
- (Army Central Hospital)
- Net Care (opposite SNDE, Avenue du Maréchal-Lyautey)
- COGEMO
- Clinique Vérano

### WHO Regional Office for Africa

- Mr Amadou Diouf, Logistics Team, RC74
- o Ms Marie-Paule Rutabuzwa, Travel Services Officer
- o Ms Enikö Andrea Mankampa Toth, Conference and Protocol Officer
- $\circ \quad \mbox{Mr Abdoulaye Doumbia, Field Security Officer}$
- $\circ \quad \mbox{Dr Henry Otim, Regional Staff Physician}$
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Regional Office Web site: http://www.afro.who.int

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  - **a** +06 511 83 68.

### Annex: List of recommended hotels

No.	Hotel	Room type	Number of rooms	Available rooms	Preferential rate (in CFA francs)	Breakfast	Restaurant	Room service	Wi-Fi	Credit card	Safe deposit box
1	TOURS JUMELLES (Twin Towers)										
		Deluxe room	60	60	120 000						
		Executive room	58	58	165 000						
		One-bedroom suite	10	10	199 000						
	Q823+RCJ, Rue Moundzeli Mpila Tel.: +242 06 786 80 21 or +242 06 751 15 15	Diplomatic suite	20	20	439 000	Included in	Yes, in the	Yes		VISA card accepted	Yes, in
	Email: reservation@toursjumelles.com	Presidential suite	8	8	597 000	room rate	hotel		Yes		the room
		Three- bedroom apartment	20	20	439 000						
		Four-bedroom apartment	4	4	559 000						
2	RADISSON BLU M'BAMOU PALACE Hotel				-			1	1		
		Standard room	118	118	135 000						
		Executive room	30	30	239 000						
	Avenue Amilcar Cabral, Corniche.	Junior suite	10	10	270 000						
	Tel.: +242 05 050 60 60 Email: reservations.brazzaville@radissonblu.com or natacha.zoula@radissonblu.com	Executive suite	10	10	280 000	Included in room rate	Yes, in the hotel	Yes	Yes	VISA card accepted	Yes, in the room
		Diplomatic suite	3	3	420 000						
		Presidential suite	2	2	620 000						
		Royal suite	3	3	820 000						
		Penthouse	2	2	1 600 000						

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3	GRAND Hôtel de Kintélé										
		Standard room	174	174	60 000						
	Arrondissment n 9, Djiri	Standard room (person with reduced mobility)	2	2	60 000	-		Yes	Yes	VISA card	
	Tel.: +242 06 624 89 24 or +242 05 645 75 45 Email:	Executive room	8	8	120 000	Included in room rate	Yes, in the hotel				Yes, in the room
	reservation@cick-grandhotelkintele.com or sm@cick-grandhotelkintele.com	Junior suite	10	10	250 000	Toom rate	lioter			accepted	the room
		Presidential suite	4	4	400 000	-					
		Grand Presidential suite	2	2	750 000						
4	ELBO SUITES								1	1	
		Executive one-bedroom suite	5	5	175 000				Yes		
	06 Rue Faidherbe, City centre Tel.: +242 06 510 93 08 Email: info@elbosuites.com	Diplomatic two-bedroom suite	4	4	250 000	Included in room rate	Yes, in the hotel	Yes		VISA card accepted	Yes, in the room
	Eman. mile closuites.com	Presidential three-bedroom suite	3	3	750 000						
5	GRAND LANCASTER (EX LEDGER)	·	·	·	·					·	
	Avenue Auxance Ickonga, City centre Tel.: +242 06 735 16 99 or +242 05 666 96 96	Superior room	146	146	65 000	Included in	Yes, in the	Yes	Yes	VISA card accepted	Yes, in the room
	Email: commerical@grandlancasterbrazzaville.com or info@grandlancasterbrazaville.com	Executive one-bedroom suite	8	8	200 000	room rate	hotel				

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		Ministerial suite	2	2	400 000						
		Presidential suite	1	1	750 000	-					
6	PEFACO MAYA MAYA Hotel										
		Standard room	80	70	70 000			Yes		VISA card accepted	
	Boulevard Denis Sassou Nguesso, Maya International Airport	Executive room	42	15	100 000	Included in room rate	Yes, in the hotel				
	Tel.: +242 05 60 80 30 or +242 05 604 80 31 Email:	Master suite	16	5	130 000				Yes		Yes, in the room
	info@pefacohotelmayamaya.com or vcbakala@pefacohotels.com info	Deluxe suite	8	5	165 000						
		Panoramic suite	8	5	200 000						
7	OLYMPIC PALACE Hôtel										
	15, Avenue de l'Amitié Tel.: +242 05 730 16 16	Standard room	54	40	80 000	Included in	Yes, in the	Vac	Yes	VISA	Yes, in
	Email : direction@olympic-palace-hotel.net or edwige@olympic-palace-hotel.net	Suites	4	4	150 000	room rate	hotel	Yes	Tes	card accepted	the room
8	GHS HOTEL					·		·		·	
	Boulevard Denis Sassou Nguesso, Rond-point la coupole	Standard room	38	34	75 000	Included in	Yes, in the			VISA	Vos. in
	Tel.: +242 06 512 12 12 or +242 05 012 22 22 Email:	Junior suite	14	10	135 000	<ul> <li>Included in room rate</li> </ul>	hotel	Yes	Yes	card accepted	Yes, in the room
	reservation@ghsafrica.com or sales@ghsafrica.com	Ministerial suite	5	3	200 000					accepted	

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9	MIKHAEL'S Hotel & Residence										
	67, Avenue Nelson Mandela. Tel.: + 242 06 466 66 00 or +242 06 466 66 19	Standard room	43	43	65 000	Included in	Yes, in the	Vee	V	VISA card	Yes, in
	Email: info@mikhaelshotel.com or reservation@mikhaelshotel.com	Ambassador suite	4	4	140 000	room rate	hotel	Yes	Yes	accepted	the room
10	BRAZZAVILLE BEACH Hotel										
	Barrage du Djoué no. 2	Standard room	30	21	35 000					VISA	
	<b>Tel:</b> +242 06 634 85 76 or +242 06 650 79 01	Junior suite	1	1	70 000	Included in room rate	Yes, in the hotel	Yes	Yes	card	Yes, in the room
	Email: brazzavillebeach2003@gmail.com	Ministerial suite	1	1	100 000					accepted	
11	KING MAYA										
		Standard room	6	6	40 000						
	Boulevard Denis Sassou Nguesso	Standard room	5	5	50 000						
	Tel.: +242 06 954 99 96 or +242 05 310 10 15 Email: kingmayahotel2022@gmail.com or reservation@kingmayahotel.com	Standard Premium room	4	4	120 000	Included in room rate	Yes, in the hotel	No	Yes	No	Yes, in the room
		Suite	4	4	150 000						
		Apartment (one bedroom)	2	2	495 000 weekly rate						
		Apartment (two bedrooms)	2	2	385 000 weekly rate						

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12	ROTANA Hôtel										
	Boulevard LYAUTEY, opposite CHU	Standard room	13	13	35 000					NHC A	
	Tel.: +242 06 437 56 57 or +242 06 401 90 90,	Superior room	9	9	40 000	No	No	No	Yes	VISA card accepted	No
	Email: hassanbourgi.86@outlook.com	Suite	1	1	50 000	-					
13	LEON Hôtel	1					1			, 	1
	CL7, Avenue Colonel Brisset Tel.: +242 06 837 52 00 Email: leonhotelbrazza@gmail.com	Standard Premium room	13	10	100 000	Included in room rate	Yes, in the hotel	No	Yes	No	Yes, in the room
14	AMARITSAH										
	Impasse Javouhey, Rue Colonel Brisset	Standard room	23	23	70 000		Yes, in the hotel		Yes	VISA card accepted	
	Tel.: +242 06 848 67 51 / +242 06 486 45 37 Email: reception@brazzahospitality.com	Standard Premium room	8	8	75 000	Included in room rate					Yes, in the room
		Suite	8	8	130 000						
15	PLATINIUM Palace (M. ALI)										
	Avenue de l'Amitié, towards CHU	Standard room	13	13	40 000						
	Tel.: +242 05 777 07 77 or 06 651 22 33 Email: platiniumhotel.cg@gmail.com	Standard Premium room	8	8	60 000	Included in room rate	Yes, in the hotel	No	Yes	VISA card accepted	Yes, in the room
	platinumotence @ ginan.com	Suite	2	2	90 000						
16	PLATINIUM 2										
	Avenue de l'Amitié, towards CHU										
	Tel.: +242 05 311 11 13 Email: platiniumhotelcongo242@gmail.com	Standard room	17	17	40 000	Included in room rate	No	No	Yes	No	No

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17	ÉTOILE Hôtel										
	Avenue de l'Amitié, towards CHU <u>Tel</u> .: +242 05 578 77 77 or +242 06 663 15 15, <u>Email:</u> <u>mahmoudyounos633@hottmail.com</u>	Standard room	15	15	40 000	Not included in room rate Provided at the cost of CFAF 5000	Yes, in the hotel	No	Yes	No	Yes, in the room
18	RIVIERA Hôtel										
	105 Avenue Gallieni, MPILA Tel.: +242 05 000 01 55	Standard room	20	20	60 000	Included in	Yes, in the				Yes, in
	Email: hotelrivieracongobrazza@gmail.com	Standard Premium room	20	20	80 000	room rate	hotel	No	Yes	No	the room
19	SAPHIR Hôtel										
	Charles EBINA pedestrian walkway, not far from the French Embassy	Standard room	35	35	50 000						
	Tel.: +242 06 638 96 12 Email: contact@hotel-saphir-brazza.com or	Standard Premium room	25	25	65 000						
	reservation@hotel-saphir-brazza.com	Suite	4	4	100 000						