

RC64: GUIDE AND IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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ACCESS TO THE INTERNET

Internet facilities are available throughout the Conference Centre and can be accessed via WIFI RC64 networks. The **Password is 12345678**

Cyber Cafe facilities are also available in the first floor of the Conference Centre.

TRANSPORT

A travel desk is available at the entrance of the Conference Centre.

Delegates are kindly requested to confirm their return flights by filling in the form that is in their folders and send it back to the Secretariat at the Travel Desk.

Bus shuttles will depart from the Hotels to the Conference Centre and vice versa. Shuttle timetables will be made available in the hotel lobbies.

EVENTS AND SPECIAL SESSIONS

MONDAY, 3rd NOVEMBER:

- All day RC64 exhibition
- 17:00 Meeting of the Subcommittee on Credentials
- 17:00 Staff Awards ceremony
- 19:00 Dinner hosted by H.E. The President of the Republic of Benin

TUESDAY, 4th NOVEMBER:

- 19:00 Reception hosted by the WHO Director-General and Regional Director

CURRENCY AND BANKING

The official currency used in Benin is the CFA franc (CFAF), available in denominations of 10,000, 5,000, 2,000, 1,000 and 500 bank notes. The exchange rates of the CFAF to the US Dollar (US\$) and the Euro (€), the two foreign currencies most widely used in the country, are approximately:

1 Euro = 665 CFAF

1 USD = 527 CFAF

Shuttles are available to transport delegates to banks or foreign exchange bureaus to withdraw or change money. Automated Teller Machines (ATMs) are also available in all the main hotels.

HELP DESK

For any inquiries or assistance, please call the Help Desk on:

61 69 40 87

RC64 EXHIBITION

The exhibition, located at the entrance of the Conference Centre, is open throughout the duration of the meeting.

The following items from countries and WHO are displayed: publications, other medical literature, posters etc.



64th SESSION OF THE WHO REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR AFRICA

Available on the Internet : <http://www.afro.who.int>

ISSUED IN ENGLISH, FRENCH AND PORTUGUESE

WELCOME MESSAGE OF THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR

No. 01: 3rd November 2014

Dear Heads and members of Delegations,

On behalf of Dr Margaret Chan, the WHO Director General, I welcome you to the 64th Session of the WHO Regional Committee for Africa, in the Republic of Benin.

I wish to express my sincere gratitude to His Excellency President Dr Thomas Boni Yayi, the Government and the people of Benin, for the kind hospitality and the excellent arrangements made for the meeting.

This meeting comes when part of our continent is grappling with the deadly Ebola Virus Disease that threatens regional and global public health. This challenge calls for support and urgent response.

At the same time, consultations are in advanced stages to define the post-2015 Development Agenda taking into account the lessons learned from the implementation and the unfinished business of the MDGs. While several countries have made significant progress on the MDGs, there is still a lot to do.

The Common African Position on the post-2015 Development Agenda launched at the African Union Commission provides a unique opportunity to reach consensus on common challenges, priorities and aspirations to improve health outcomes.

Finally, this session marks the end of my tenure as Regional Director. You will choose the next Regional Director that will carry our public health vision forward. The struggle for health in Africa continues.

My sincere appreciation to all of you – Honourable Ministers of Health, development partners, colleagues at all levels of WHO and the people of Africa for the support and collaboration during my tenure.

The daily RC Journal will provide updates on the meeting, interviews with delegates and information on our daily programme of work. The WHO Secretariat is at your disposal to ensure a successful meeting.

Dr. Luis G. Sambo
Regional Director



64th SESSION OF THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE OPENS TODAY IN COTONOU, BENIN

The 64th session of the WHO Regional Committee (RC) for Africa opens today in Cotonou, Republic of Benin. This WHO Governing Body for the African Region is composed of Ministers of Health from the 47 Member States.

From 3rd to 7th November 2014, delegates will have the opportunity to listen and discuss the report of the Regional Director on the work of WHO in the African Region (2012-2013) and a range of health issues namely: progress towards the achievement of the health-related Millennium Development Goals in the African Region; Ebola Virus Disease outbreak in West Africa; African Public Health Emergency Fund; Regional Strategic Plan for Immunization 2014-2020 and Viral Hepatitis.

The RC will also discuss the implementation of the WHO Programme Budget 2014-2015 in the African Region; the WHO Reform: the process for developing the Programme Budget 2016-2017; the strategic budget allocation and the framework of engagement with non-State actors.

Information will also be shared on the report on WHO staff in the African Region; regional matters arising from reports of the WHO internal and external audits; poliomyelitis in the African Region; the Pan African programme for public health and climate change; and the draft provisional agenda and dates of the 65th session of the Regional Committee as well as the place of the 66th session of the RC.

During this session, the Committee will nominate the new WHO Regional Director for the African Region.

The Regional Committee will in addition honour the late Dr Comlan A. A. Quenum, WHO Regional Director (1965-1984) for his contribution to public health in Africa.

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PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME: OPENING CEREMONY

Monday 3rd November 2014, Cotonou

- 08:30 Arrival of delegates
- 09:30 Arrival of the President of the Republic of Benin,
H.E. Dr Thomas Boni Yayi
- 09:40 National Anthem of the Republic of Benin
- 09:45 Welcome Address by Honourable Prof. Dorothée Kinde Gazard,
Minister of Health of the Republic of Benin
- 09:50 Statement by Mr François Ibovi, Chairman of the Sixty-third session of the
Regional Committee and Minister of Health and Population of the Republic
of Congo
- 10:00 Statement by Dr Luis Gomes Sambo, WHO Regional Director for Africa
- 10:10 Statement by Dr Margaret Chan, WHO Director-General
- Statement by Mr Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations
(read by the WHO Director-General)
- Official Opening of the Sixty-fourth session of the WHO Regional Committee
for Africa by the President of the Republic of Benin, His Excellency
Dr Thomas Boni Yayi
- 11:00 Group photo followed by refreshments
- 11:45 End of Opening Ceremony



Cotonou Handicraft Promotion Centre

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME OF WORK – DAY 1: Monday 3rd November 2014

09:00 - 11:00	Agenda item 1	Opening of the meeting
11:00 - 11:45	<i>Group photo followed by tea break</i>	
11:45 - 12:00	Agenda item 2	Constitution of the Subcommittee on Nominations
12:00 - 14:00	<i>Lunch break</i> <i>(Meeting of the Subcommittee on nominations)</i>	
14:00 - 14:30	Agenda item 3	Election of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairmen and the Rapporteurs
	Agenda item 4	Adoption of the Agenda and the Programme of Work (Document AFR/RC64/1)
	Agenda item 5	Appointment of members of the Subcommittee on Credentials
14:30 - 15:30	Agenda item 6	The Work of WHO in the African Region: Biennial Report of the Regional Director 2012-2013 (Document AFR/RC64/2)
15:30 - 15:40	Agenda item 7	Statement of the Chairman of the Programme Subcommittee (Document AFR/RC64/3)
15:40 - 16:00	<i>Tea break</i>	
16:00 - 17:00	Agenda item 8	Nomination of the Regional Director <i>(Determination of modalities for interviewing Candidates - open meeting)</i> (Document AFR/RC64/INF.DOC/5)
17:00 - 17:30	Staff Awards ceremony <i>(Meeting of the Subcommittee on Credentials)</i>	
19:00	Dinner hosted by His Excellency the President of the Republic of Benin	

WHO MISSION AND CORE FUNCTIONS

The mission of WHO in the African Region is the attainment of by all people of the highest level of health. As defined by the WHO Constitution: "Health is a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of diseases or infirmity".

The core functions of WHO in the African Region are:

- providing leadership on matters critical to health and engaging in partnerships where joint action is needed;
- shaping the research agenda and stimulating the generation, translation and dissemination of valuable knowledge;
- setting norms and standards, and promoting and monitoring their implementation;
- articulating ethical and evidence-based policy options;
- providing technical support, catalyzing change and building sustainable institutional capacity; and
- monitoring the health situation and assessing health trends.



PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME OF WORK – DAY 2: Tuesday 4th November 2014

08:15–08:30	Agenda item 5 (cont'd)	Report of the Subcommittee on Credentials
08:30–17:00	Agenda item 8	Nomination of the Regional Director (Interviewing shortlisted Candidates - closed meeting) (Document AFR/RC64/INF.DOC/5)
19:00	Reception hosted by the WHO Director-General and Regional Director	



Porto Novo Museum of History



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