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### The 74<sup>th</sup> SESSION OF THE WHO REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR AFRICA

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## The 74 session of the WHO regional committee opens with Africa mobilized for health for all

I am pleased to welcome you to Brazzaville on the occasion of the seventy-fourth session of the WHO Regional Committee for Africa, organized with the support of the Government of Congo.

This 74th session will debate the health challenges facing our Region and the means to mitigate their effects on populations across the continent. Africa carries a highly disproportionate global disease burden, exacerbated by very limited resources, but also by geographic factors such as recurrent natural disasters, weak economic performance and armed conflict.



It is this combination that is responsible for subpar health indicators, despite positive outcomes, with serious implications for overall development.

Infant mortality rates remain a crucial issue, particularly for Congo, and will certainly be at the center of debate. While highlighting the results obtained, sometimes under extremely difficult conditions, we will also study ways to reverse the trend regarding this significant threat to African children.

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## Walk the Talk in Africa draws hundreds in Brazzaville

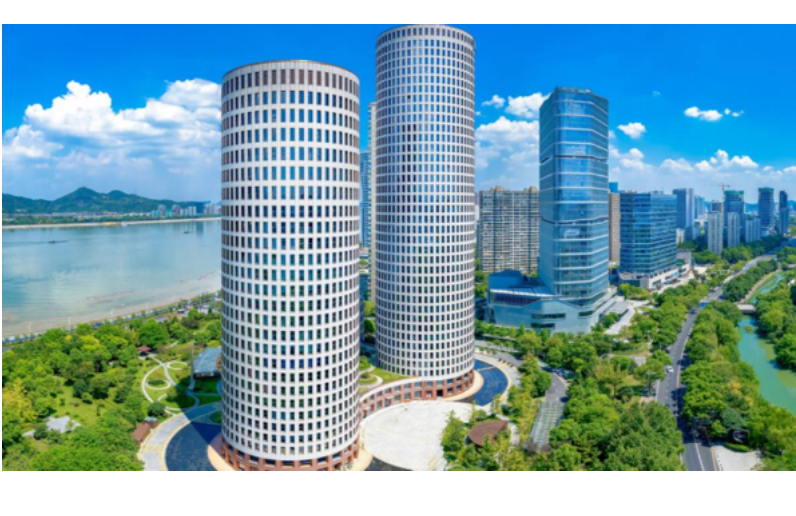


### Health For All Challenge in Brazzaville

The 'Walk the Talk' event in the run-up to the 74th WHO Regional Committee for Africa occurred on Sunday, 25 August 2024, along the Corniche in Brazzaville, Republic of the Congo. The Minister of Health and Population of the Republic of Congo launched the now traditional event. In his speech, the Minister of Health underlined the importance of sports in the country, as demonstrated by the growing number of walking clubs in the Republic of Congo. The occasion was graced by the Prime Minister Anatole Collinet Makosso, and the WHO Director-General, Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus.

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## Congo-Brazzaville: the host country of RC74, in a few words



The Republic of Congo (sometimes called **Congo-Brazzaville** to distinguish it from the neighbouring [Democratic Republic of Congo](#)) is located in the central-western part of [sub-Saharan Africa](#), along the equator, between latitudes 4° North and 5° South and longitudes 11° and 19° E. To the south and east of it is the [Democratic Republic of Congo](#). It also shares borders with [Gabon](#) to the west, [Cameroon](#) and the [Central African Republic](#) to the north and [Angola](#) to the south-west. It has a short coastline on the [Atlantic Ocean](#). [Mount Berongou](#) is the highest point in the country at 903 meters.

The Republic of Congo gained [independence](#) on 15 August 1960. The Republic of Congo has a [presidential government](#), in which the President is [elected](#) by popular vote. The [Council of Ministers](#) is appointed by the president. [Parliament](#) is bicameral, consisting of a 66-seat [Senate](#), in which members are elected by popular vote for five-year terms, and a 137-seat National Assembly. The country is led by His Excellency Dennis Sassou - Nguesso, who was re-elected through presidential elections in 2021.

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- 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)
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## RC74 Exhibition



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