

Sixty-eighth session

Dakar, Republic of Senegal, 27–31 August 2018

INFORMATION BULLETIN



Dear Participant,

The Government of the Republic of Senegal looks forward to welcoming you to Dakar, capital of the Republic of Senegal, land of the Teranga, for the Sixty-eighth session of the WHO Regional Committee for Africa, which will be held from 27 to 31 August 2018 at the King Fahd Hotel.

Please find below some general information on travel and logistical arrangements put in place for the meeting of the Regional Committee, and on the city of Dakar that you might find useful.



VISA INFORMATION

Entry requirements for Senegal vary according to the visitor's nationality:

1- African countries that do not require an entry visa into Senegal for all types of passports: ECOWAS Member States, Mauritania, Djibouti, Mauritius, Morocco, Central African Republic, Tunisia.

2-African countries that do not require an entry visa into Senegal for official passports: Algeria (diplomatic and service), Kenya (diplomatic and service, ordinary + Mission warrant for international civil servants), Libya (diplomatic and service), Uganda (diplomatic and service).

3-Save for these two categories of African countries, all the others need a visa to enter Senegal, regardless of the type of passport held. If you find yourself in this case, please visit the Senegalese embassy or consulate in your country and apply for a visa prior to travel.

Where there is no Senegalese embassy or consulate in your country, send us a scanned copy of the biodata page of your passport, thirty (30) days before your departure, to enable us to apply for an entry visa upon arrival. **The copies must be uploaded through the online registration platform by 3 August 2018 at the latest.**

4 Holders of the UNLP do not need an entry visa into Senegal.



GETTING THERE - VENUE AND TRANSPORT

The Sixty-eighth session of the Regional Committee will be held at the King Fahd Hotel Conference Centre in Dakar. For additional information, please click on the following link <http://www.kingfahdpalacehotels.com/v2/> and visit the official webpage of the venue of the session.

The Blaise Diagne international airport in Dakar is located in Diass Commune, about 45 km from the city of Dakar. It is linked to Dakar by a highway, and the travel time is about 40 minutes.

The Secretariat of the Sixty-eighth session of the Regional Committee will arrange for the transfer of participants from the Blaise Diagne international airport to their hotels and back. Therefore, **please make sure that you send your flight details to the RC68 Secretariat at your earliest convenience, but no later than 3 August 2018. Please, submit your arrival information via the online registration platform.**

Alternatively, you can arrange your transfer directly with the hotel of your choice. In this case, please make sure you provide your flight details to your hotel of choice.

The Organizing Committee will arrange for the transfer of participants from the hotels listed in Annex I to the Conference 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 Conference venue.



HOTEL RECOMMENDATIONS

The list of hotels chosen for the Sixty-eighth session of the Regional Committee is attached as Annex I. It is recommended that you make your hotel reservations in one of these hotels in order to **benefit from the shuttle service** that will be set in place by the organizers between these hotels and the King Fahd Hotel that will host the Sixty-eighth Regional Committee.

Participants are requested to make **their own hotel reservations directly with the recommended hotels**. You are advised to make your reservation as early as possible as **rooms will quickly become unavailable due to the very high demand during the period of the Regional Committee**. To make a reservation with the hotel, please refer to Annex I where you will find the room rates and contact addresses of each hotel.



REGISTRATION AND BADGES

All information about confirmation of participation, including flight details, visa requirements and hotel reservations, should be communicated through the online registration platform at <http://reg.unog.ch/e/RC68>.

If you need assistance, please contact the nearest WHO country office or send an email to RC68confirmation@who.int.

Participants will be required to register on site and **obtain identification badges prior to the opening of the Regional Committee**. The venue for registration will be at the Entrance of the King Fahd Hotel. For identification and security reasons, **the official badge should be worn by all participants at all times** during the Regional Committee session and at official social functions.

On-site registration will begin **on 24 August 2018** at the entrance of the King Fahd Hotel Conference Centre.



CATERING FACILITIES

Coffee Breaks and Lunch will be served free of charge to participants during the Regional Committee session. Further catering facilities for refreshments and meals are also available to participants in the restaurants and bars of the King Fahd Hotel.



GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT DAKAR

CLIMATE

The month of August is the rainy season, with frequent and heavy rainfall. Temperatures reach a high of 30°C. Participants are advised to obtain umbrellas or pack clothing that provides protection from the rain!

CURRENCY

The currency in use is the CFA Franc of the West African Economic and Monetary. The exchange rate is around US\$ 1 for CFAF 573. The exchange rate with the Euro is fixed at 1 Euro (€1) for CFAF 656.

TELEPHONY AND INTERNET

You can easily obtain a SIM card upon presentation of your passport. There are three main telephone operators in the country, namely ORANGE, TIGO and SENTEL(EXPRESSO)

Connecting to the internet is easy, and most hotels provide free WIFI in rooms and public spaces for clients ONLY. Enquire about WIFI availability when making your reservation.

To make an international call to Dakar, enter the + sign, followed by the country code for Senegal (221), then the local number.

HEALTH

The yellow fever vaccination is mandatory for all visitors to Senegal. You are required to carry your international vaccination card and to keep it with you during your stay. The city's pharmacies are stocked with medicines and prescription drugs. If you are taking medication, you are advised to bring a sufficient supply of medicines to cover your entire stay.

In case of a medical emergency, please contact the centres or persons whose telephone numbers are provided at the end of this information bulletin.

SECURITY

Generally speaking, Dakar is a very safe travel destination with no security risk. However, petty theft and pickpocketing do exist, and it is advisable to be vigilant at any time of the day and night. Please, follow the security instructions below:

- Keep valuable items locked in the safe in your room or with the hotel reception;
- Do NOT carry large sums on you when you go out;
- Do NOT walk around at night and avoid isolated places;

GETTING AROUND

Taxis are available, and most of the hotels will call them for you, or you will find them in and around town. A fare anywhere is generally between CFAF 3500 and CFAF 5000.

WATER

It is not recommended that you drink tap water during your stay in Dakar; bottled water is readily available.

ELECTRICITY

The electricity supply in Senegal is 220 volts. Round, two-pin plugs are used to connect appliances to wall sockets. Please remember to bring the appropriate convertors for your 110 V electrical appliances.

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

The official language is French, which is spoken by a large proportion of the population. Some 10 national languages are also spoken (wolof – the most widely spoken –, sérère, diola, puular, soninké, mandingue...) and several others with a smaller spread.

SITES TO VISIT IN DAKAR AND ITS ENVIRONS

Dakar, the capital, is a delight to persons who have the great idea of staying on for longer than a stopover. Its lively markets, its vibrant nightlife, its sites steeped in history, its craft villages, but above all, its authentic fishing villages, all form a surprising kaleidoscope. Located on the westernmost tip of the African continent and facing the Atlantic Ocean, Dakar spreads out in a striking contrast of modernity and authenticity.

THE AFRICAN RENAISSANCE MONUMENT

Listed as one of the tallest in the world, the monument rises to an imposing 52 m of bronze and copper, depicting a couple and a child. From its summit, one can admire the city at 360 degrees. Against the backdrop of the setting sun, it is an imposing site.

GOREE

Located off the coast of Dakar, Gorée holds a great deal of fascination for visitors, famous and anonymous alike. It is a unique site, where the houses with their ochre and pink façades and blue shutters, conjure up the history of slavery. The House of Slaves, cradled by the lyrical narrative that accompanies it, takes you back in time. The vibrations of ghosts of the past are felt in every room, and especially in front of the “door of no return”, offering a striking contrast between the darkness of the corridor and the blue of the ocean. The visitor is further charmed by the incredible beauty of the island, a captivating blend of tranquillity and refinement, the discovery of museums and the work of local artists.

USEFUL CONTACTS

Medical services

Hôpital Principal De Dakar [General hospital]: 338395050

Samu National [National urgent medical assistance service]: 1515 – 338698252

Poisons Centre: 818001515

Security services

Police Emergency: 17

Fire Brigade: 18

UNDSS

- Security Adviser: **M. Pierre-Etienne Ruff** - Tel: +221 77 450 58 21 Email : pierre-etienne.ruff@undss.org

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- Dr Roland R. E. Rizet – Regional Medical Officer – email: rizetro@who.int

Annex 1. List of recommended hotels

Annex 2. Registration form

ANNEX 1. LIST OF RECOMMENDED HOTELS

No	Hotel	Stars	Room Category	Total Room Capacity	Room availability	Room Rates (XOF)	Breakfast included	Airport – Hotel Shuttle and vice versa	Restaurant	Room Service	Credit Cards accepted	Internet Connection/ Wifi	Booking and Cancellation Policy	Telephone No.	e-mail Address
1	KING FAHD PALACE	5	Standard / Single	149	30	87.000	Included	NO XOF	Yes	24h/24	Visa Mastercard	Yes	Confirm Booking by filling a form	+221 33 869 69 69	informations.dakar@kingfahdpalacehotels.com
			Deluxe	163	50	108.000									
			Junior Suite	26	26	250.000									
			Deluxe Suite	12	12	250.000									
2	YAAS HOTEL ALMADIES	4	Standard / Single	89	80	60.000	Included	6500 XOF	Yes	24h/24	Visa Mastercard	Yes	Confirm Booking by mail. No charge for cancelling before 24 hours	+221 33 859 07 00	nadia.dosseh@yaashotels.com
3	THE PALMS	4	Standard / Single	20	15	110.000	Included	XOF	NO	24h/24	Visa Mastercard	Yes	Confirm Booking by mail	+221 33 868 05 05	reservations@palmsdakar.com
4	RADISSON BLU DAKAR	5	Standard / Single	241	100	84.145	Included	With schedule	Yes	24h/24	Visa Mastercard	Yes	Confirm Booking by mail Cancellation: See policy on cancellation of contract	+221 33 869 33 07/18/19	reservations.dakar@radissonblu.com/marie.sarr@radissonblu.com
			Business	141		92 560									
5	TERROUBI	5	Standard / Single	74	69	100.000	included	25 000 XOF	Yes	24h/24	Visa Mastercard	Yes	Confirm Booking before 4 p.m. on the day before arrival	+ 33 839 90 39/77 725 00 41	reservation@terroubi.com/dircommercial@terroubi.com
			Deluxe	76	65	121.000									
6	LE LODGE DES ALMADIES	2	Standard / Single	38	38	48.000	Included	No	Yes	No	Visa Mastercard	Yes	Confirm Booking by mail. No charge for cancellation before 24 hours	+221 33 869 03 45	hotel@lodgedesal
7	FANA HOTEL	2	Standard / Single	37	25	39.000	Included	No	Yes	No	Visa Mastercard	Yes	Confirm Booking by mail. No charge for cancellation before 24 hours	+221 33 820 06 06 et 820 86 30	fanahotel@orange.sn

8	FREUR DE LYS HOTEL ALMADIES	2	Standard / Simple	32	32	60.000	Inclu ded	No	Yes	Yes	Visa Mastercard	Yes	Confirm Booking with credit card No charge for cancellation before 72 hours	+221 33 869 86 87	infos@hotelfleurdelys dakar.com
9	LE NGOR DIARAMA	2	Standard / Single	120	80	62.000	Inclu ded	No	Yes	No	Visa Mastercard	Yes	Confirm Booking by mail. No charge for cancellation before 1 month	+221 33 820 27 24	ngordiarاما@orange. sn
10	HOTEL LA MADRAGUE	2	Standard / Single Sea View	6	6	62.000	Inclu ded	No	Yes	No	Visa Mastercard	Yes	Confirm Booking by mail. No charge for cancellation before 1 month	+221 33 820 02 23	reservation@hotel- madrague.com
			Standard / Single	14	14	58.000									
11	SARGAL HOTEL	2	Standard / Single	20	20	32 200	Not inclu ded	Yes	No	No	Visa Mastercard	Yes	When Booking is not made, the rooms will not be kept	+221 33 869 75 96	infos@sargalhotel;co m
12	LA DETENTE	2	Standard / Single	20	20	39 900	inclu ded	No	Yes	No	Visa Mastercard	Yes	Confirm Booking by mail. No charge for cancellation before 1 month	+221 33 820 72 12	ladetente@orange.sn

Guide for online registration

1. Copy the link: <http://reg.unog.ch/e/RC68> on the Web page of your browser: Chrome, Microsoft Edge, Safari or Opera.
2. On the RC68 page, click on the link [Register now](#)
3. You will be re-directed to the connection page. Next click on [Create a new account](#).
4. Fill the form to set up the account and then click on [Confirm](#).
5. You should receive an email to activate the account within a few minutes.
6. Click on the account activation link to activate your account.
7. Your account is now active and you will be re-directed to the RCC68 page.
8. If you are not yet connected, you can do so using your new user name and your *Indico* password. You may use this same account in the *Indico* system for all other meetings of the governing bodies of the Regional Office for Africa.
9. 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 the [Register](#) button when you finish filling the form.
10. You will receive an automatic mail acknowledging receipt of your registration form. Subsequently, you will receive an email informing you on whether your request has been approved.