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TRAVEL AND STAY IN BRAZZAVILLE

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ENTRY VISA

- An entry visa to the Republic of Congo is mandatory, except for nationals 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 one week prior to arrival via the WHO Regional Office, by providing a copy of your passport, country of embarkation and flight details. In this case, at the Brazzaville international airport (Maya-Maya) or the autonomous Port (Beach), a visa can be obtained after payment of CFAF 20 000, or €35 or US\$ 50.
- Your passport may be kept by the immigration authorities for processing of the visa and returned 24 hours later.
- Nationals of CEMAC countries do not require any 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 met by staff of the Regional Office, who will provide you with the necessary assistance.

Luggage

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. In general, the fee payable to the porters is CFAF 2000.



GETTING THERE - VENUE AND TRANSPORT

The 69th session of the WHO Regional Committee for Africa will be held in the **Regional Office in Brazzaville, Congo**. Please note that the **Opening Ceremony** will be held at **Grand Hotel Kintele in Kintele**.

The Organizing Committee will arrange for the transfer of participants from **Maya Maya international airport to their hotels and back**.

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 RECOMMENDATIONS

The list of hotels recommended for the Sixty-ninth session of the Regional Committee is attached as an Annex. 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 meeting venue.

Participants are requested **to make their own hotel reservations directly with the recommended hotels**. To make a reservation 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 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/RC69>.

Should you need assistance, please contact the nearest WHO country office or send an email to RC69registration@who.int.

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.

Distribution of badges will start on Sunday, 18 August 2019, at the Regional Office.

Guidance for online registration

- (a) Copy and paste this link into your Chrome, Microsoft Edge, Safari or Opera web browser: <http://reg.unog.ch/e/RC69>.
- (b) On the RC69 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 the form that appears, and then click on “**Confirm**”.
- (e) You should receive an email to activate the account within 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 RC69 page.
- (h) 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.
- (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 mail 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

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

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

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 and mosquito nets is recommended.

A dispensary located at the Regional Office provides medical care for all visitors upon request during working hours.



BANK AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE

An ECOBANK automatic teller machine is available on the ground floor near the corridor leading to Conference room 2. The ATM accepts only cards of the ECOBANK network and VISA cards. It is accessible 24/7. Other ATMs in the city centre also operate on a 24-hour basis.

The currency used is the CFA Franc whose exchange rate is fixed at: **1 Euro=655.957 CFAF**.









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 <https://dss.un.org>.



CLIMATE

The Republic of Congo has a tropical climate. The annual 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: 220–230 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 boiled 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): Smoked fish soup eaten with koko (sliced leaves) and groundnut paste (salted fish is sometimes used).



USEFUL CONTACTS

Restaurants

- Olympic Palace ☎06 660 66 71
- Le Jardin des Saveurs (en face d'Olympic Palace) ☎05 525 22 61/05 617 20 85
- Mami Wata (on the corniche behind Crédit du Congo, by the River Congo) ☎05 534 28 79/05 567 35 81
- La Mandarine (Avenue Foch) ☎222 81 13 40, 06 666 66 00
- O'Sympathic (near CNSS building, city centre) ☎06 677 81 43
- La Cantine ☎05 743 48 17
- Le First Restaurant Brazzaville (Tours Jumelles, Avenue Amilcar Cabral) ☎05 537 04 01
- Jaipur Restaurant (Rue des Compagnons de Brazza) ☎05 327 07 07
- Le Feu des Saveurs (Avenue Amilcar Cabral) ☎05 803 60 65
- Gourmandine (Avenue Nelson Mandela) ☎05 366 66 33
- Royal Spice (175, Avenue de l'Amitié) ☎05 376 55 55
- Restaurant Ilys ☎04 411 68 63
- Restaurant Royal ☎06 942 88 88
- Restaurant L'oriental ☎22 281 1249
- Restaurant La Pirogue (Avenue des Anciens Enfants de Troupe) ☎06 613 60 60

Hospitals and clinics

- Centre Hospitalier et Universitaire de Brazzaville (CHUB) ☎
- Hôpital Central des Armées Pierre Mobengo ☎
- Net Care (opposite SNDE, Avenue du Maréchal-Lyautey) ☎05 547 09 11
- COGEMO ☎06 665 60 46

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Web site: <http://www.afro.who.int/>

ANNEX: LIST OF RECOMMENDED HOTELS

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No.	Type of room	No. of Rooms	Available rooms	Rate CFAF	Rate Euros	Breakfast	Restaurant	Room Service	Wi-Fi	Credit card	Safe deposit box
	Email: Info@pefacohotelmayamaya.com										
	Executive room					Yes, included in room rate	Yes	Yes	Yes	VISA card accepted	Yes, in the room
	Executive suite	158	125	60 000	91						
8	MARINA Hotel Avenue Charles Foucault, Tel. : +242 06 655 85 55 ou +242 06 637 50 46, Email : richbranc@gmail.com										
	Ambassador suite	4	4	100 000	152	Yes, included in room rate	Yes	Yes	Yes	No, cash payments only	Yes, at the reception
	Junior suite	2	2	100 000	152						
	Executive room	6	6	60 000	91						
	Standard room	42	42	60 000	91						
9	BRAZZAVILLE BEACH Hôtel Barrage du Djoué n°2, Tel. : +242 06 634 85 76, Email: brazzavillebeach2003@yahoo.co.uk										
	Executive suite	2	2	130 000	200	Yes, included in room rate	Yes	Yes	Yes	VISA card accepted	Yes, at the reception
	Junior Suite	3	3	80 000	123						
	Standard room	38	38	57 724	89						
10	EDMOND HOTEL 24 Avenue des 3 Martyrs. Plateaux des 15 ans, Tel. : +242 06 966 96 02 Email: edmond.traiteur@yahoo.com										
	Junior suite	4	4	50 000	76	Yes, included in room rate	Yes	Yes	Yes	VISA card accepted	Yes, at the reception
	Senior suite	10	10	50 000	76						
	Standard rooms	19	19	50 000	76						
11	PLATINIUM Hotel Avenue de l'Amitié towards CHU, Tel. : +242 05 777 07 77 Email: platinumhotel.cg@gmail.com										
	Standard room	20	20	50 000	76	Yes, included in room rate	Yes	Yes	Yes	VISA card accepted	Yes, at the reception