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Information bulletin

Welcome to Ethiopia — The Home of Origin



A City in Motion, A Continent in Focus: Ethiopia Welcomes RC76

Welcome note

The Government of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia looks forward to welcoming you to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, for the Seventy-sixth session of the WHO Regional Committee for Africa (RC76). Wishing all participants a pleasant and enjoyable stay in Addis Ababa.

General information

Date and venue

The Seventy-sixth session of the WHO Regional Committee for Africa (RC76) will be held from 25 to 28 August 2026 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Please, find below some useful general information:

- **Walk the Talk:** 23 August 2026 (venue to be confirmed)
- **Closed-door (by invitation only) Ministerial Dialogue** 24 August 2026 (at the United Nations Conference Centre (UNCC))
- **RC76 Reception** 24 August 2026 (Arada Park)
- **RC76 Opening ceremony:** 25 August 2026 (morning) (Adwa Memorial)
- **RC76 plenary sessions** 25 (afternoon) to 27 August 2026 at the United Nations Conference Centre (UNCC)
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- **Site visits/cultural experience** 28 August 2026



Registration and identification badges

Registration

Online registration is a prerequisite for attendance at RC76. Registration must be completed through the following registration link:

<https://events.who.int/AFRO-RC76>

Once registered, participants are required to save the Registration Confirmation Letter generated by the system for later use during their request for visa on arrival.

Participants are encouraged to complete their online registration no later than **14 August 2026**.

For participants traveling with Ethiopian Airlines, you may use the discount Promo Code: WHO26
Event hyperlink - <https://www.ethiopianairlines.com/events/76th-who-regional-committee-meeting>

Badges

Participants will be required to register online and obtain identification badges prior to the opening of the Regional Committee session. Upon completion of your online registration, your badge will be generated. For identification and security purposes, all participants are required to wear their badges at all times during RC76 meetings and at official social functions associated with RC76.

Badges will be distributed between 10:00 and 17:00, starting on Thursday, 20 August 2026 at the conference venue.



Visa information

Visa requirements

- All participants, regardless of their passport type (UNLP or national passport) are required to have an entry visa on arrival.
- UNLP holders are also required to provide details of their national passport during online registration and to travel with both passports.
- Passports must be valid for at least six (6) months from the date of entry into Ethiopia. The passport booklet must also contain at least two (2) blank pages before entry into Ethiopia.

Visa process

- The Ethiopian Immigration and Citizenship Service (ICS) will facilitate the issuance of an **entry visa on arrival for registered participants** coming to Ethiopia to attend RC76.
- A dedicated visa-on-arrival Immigration Counter will be available at Addis Ababa Bole International Airport for RC76 participants.
- A visa-on-arrival **facilitation letter** from the Ethiopian Immigration and Citizenship Service will be sent through the email address provided by each participant during the online registration.
- Registered participants are required to bring with them the Registration Confirmation Letter generated during the online registration.

Visa fee and exemption

Participants are advised to carry cash amounting to **US\$ 50** (or the equivalent in **Euro or Pound sterling**) to pay for the entry visa at the Immigration Counter upon arrival.

The entry visa fee is **waived** for holders of the **UNLP** and **Diplomatic passports** who are registered to attend RC76.



Airport reception and transfers

Upon arrival at Addis Ababa Bole International Airport, a helpdesk will be available to direct and guide RC76 participants.

Participants are required to provide their flight details during the online registration process.

Airport transfers between the airport and your hotel will be arranged by your selected hotel **in Annex 1**. Please, ensure that you also share your flight details directly with your hotel in advance to facilitate these arrangements.

The protocol arrangement for VVIPs and VIPs will be shared in a separate notice.



Transport

Shared transportation will be provided for participants during the meeting, with pickups and drop-offs arranged to and from the selected hotels **in Annex 1**. A detailed schedule, including pickup and drop-off times as well as contact information for logistics personnel, will be shared in due course.

Participants are advised to arrange and cover the cost of any personal transportation needs by contacting their respective hotels directly.

Furthermore, transport services (similar to Uber) are available in Addis Ababa and may be used at participants' discretion. The service providers are:

- Ride Transport
 - [App store link](#)
 - [Play store link](#)
- Feres Transport
 - [App store link](#)
 - [Play store link](#)



Accommodation

Participants are responsible for booking and covering the cost of their own accommodation.

A list of recommended hotels for RC76 participants, including contact details, is provided in **Annex 1**. Participants are strongly encouraged to make their reservations at any of these hotels. To make a reservation, please refer to **Annex 1**, which provides the rates according to the room type, and the contact details of each hotel.

Please, note that transportation between the hotels and the RC76 venue will only be provided for participants staying at the hotels listed in **Annex 1**.



Catering facilities

Coffee breaks and lunch will be served free of charge to participants during the RC76 session.

In addition, several cafés and restaurants are available within the UNECA Compound, where participants may purchase refreshments and meals at their own expense. Please, see below:

- (a) Addis Catering located in the UNCC (Second floor)
- (b) Kaldis Coffee located in Zambezi Building (Ground floor)
- (c) Chez Jean-Pierre located in Limpopo Building (Ground floor)
- (d) The Food Boutique located in Niger Building (First floor)
- (e) La Morena Taqueria located in Niger Building (First floor)
- (f) Getfam Hotel located in Niger Building (Ground floor).

Addis Ababa is home to a diverse variety of cultural restaurants where participants can explore Ethiopian traditional foods at their own discretion. Below are useful links for this purpose:

- Around the conference venue: [list of restaurant near to UNECA - Bing Maps](#)
- Elsewhere in Addis Ababa: [THE 10 BEST Restaurants in Addis Ababa \(Updated April 2026\)](#).



Medical services

Travel Health Declaration Requirement

In accordance with the public health measures of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, delegates are requested to complete the Ethiopia Travel Health Declaration Form **48 hours** prior to their departure for Ethiopia.

The latest travel health information and updates are available in the Information for Travellers section of the Ethiopian Public Health Institute (EPHI) website and the Travel Updates section of the Ethiopian Airlines website, where the Ethiopia Travel Health Declaration Form can also be accessed.

Emergency medical services

A medical team from the Ministry of Health and the United Nations Health Care Centre will be present at the conference venue to provide emergency medical services to participants attending RC76.

Participants who are living with any chronic medical condition(s) or others who are on treatment are advised to travel with their medicines and ensure that they have a sufficient supply throughout their stay in Ethiopia.

Medical coverage and cost

Participants attending RC76 are advised to obtain travel/internationally recognized medical insurance before travelling to Ethiopia. The cost of medical prescriptions, hospital admissions and other medical evacuations will be borne by participants.



Useful contacts

Category	Federal Ministry of Health	World Health Organization
Visa		Ms Meron Getachew Tel.: +251-911-802153 Email: woldemichaelm@who.int
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General information about Addis Ababa

Addis Ababa is a high-altitude city at 2400 m above sea level. Safety standards are relatively good, although the necessary precautions should be taken as required in all metropolitan hubs.

Ethiopian customs – While it is not illegal to carry large sums of cash into Ethiopia, you must declare any amount above US\$ 3000 and keep all receipts of currency exchanges while you are in the country. Please, ask for the appropriate declaration forms on your flight or ask an immigration officer after landing.

Weather – The month of August is the rainy season, with chilly weather in the mornings and at night. The temperature varies between 24 °C and 11 °C. Consider bringing appropriate clothing and an umbrella.

Currency – The local currency is the Ethiopian Birr. All local banks provide currency exchange services. Participants are advised to exchange foreign currency only at official banks and authorized Forex bureaus. All major hotels have Forex services. ATMs are widely available at the meeting venue (UNCC), in hotels and at various places around the city. VISA cards are widely accepted, and some ATMs now accept MasterCard as well. All withdrawals are made in Ethiopian Birr.

Communication – Free internet access will be available at the meeting venue (UNCC) for the duration of the meeting. Ethiopia's primary telecommunication providers are Ethio Telecom and Safaricom. SIM cards are available at Addis Ababa Bole International Airport and at Ethio Telecom and Safaricom outlets for those who require one.

Health requirements – Proof of vaccination against yellow fever is required for travellers arriving from countries with risk of yellow fever transmission, and for travellers having transited for more than 12 hours through an airport of a country with risk of yellow fever transmission. ***See Annex 2 for list of countries with risk of yellow fever transmission and countries requiring proof of vaccination against yellow fever.***

There are *No* other specific vaccines required for entry into Ethiopia. However, participants are encouraged to ensure they are up to date with required routine vaccinations. As Addis Ababa is situated at an altitude of 2400 m, it is advisable to take precautionary measures to avoid health problems that might occur due to the high altitude.

Security and general safety – Overall, security in Addis Ababa is stable and the city is generally a secure travel destination with minimal risk.

Ministers, heads of delegations and all VIPs attending RC76 will receive the necessary security support as prescribed by the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia.

Access to the UNECA conference hall will require the presentation of a session-specific badge. Official vehicles will be identified by a designated sticker.

All conference participants should take the following precautions while attending the conference:

- Do not leave valuables at the meeting venue;
- Inform someone of your destination if you are travelling outside the meeting area.

Electricity – Please, remember to bring the appropriate converters for your 110 V electrical devices. The electricity supply in Ethiopia is 220–240 volts, 50-cycle AC accessible via a 13-amp, two-pin (Italian) socket. Recommended plugs are 2-pin round or 3-pin square. For South African participants, the EURO 2 Schuko Plug is available.



Language – The official working language in Addis Ababa is Amharic. However, English is also widely spoken and used in the business and diplomatic sectors.

Places to visit

Ethiopian National Museum: [More here](#)

Holy Trinity Cathedral and Museum: [More here](#)

Entoto Mountains and Natural Park: [More here](#)

Unity Park and Friendship Park: [More here](#)

Ethiopian Science Museum: [More here](#)

National Palace Museum (Former Imperial Palace): [More here](#)

Cultural do's and don'ts (etiquette)

Below is an internet extract on Ethiopian etiquette provided as basic Ethiopian culture:

[Ethiopian Culture - Etiquette — Cultural Atlas \(sbs.com.au\)](#).

Site visits/cultural experience: Friday 28 August

Morning: Technical and research visits

Ethiopian Pharmaceutical Supply Service (EPSS) — A visit to Ethiopia's central national hub responsible for the sustainable procurement, storage and distribution of essential medicines and health commodities. Participants will gain insights into national supply chain systems, warehousing standards, and last-mile distribution strategies that ensure medicine security across the country.

Armauer Hansen Research Institute (AHRI) — An exploration of Ethiopia's premier biomedical research centre, which leads the way in infectious disease research, clinical trials and laboratory capacity building. The visit will highlight ongoing research partnerships, diagnostic innovation and AHRI's role in strengthening Africa's scientific and public health research base.

Local Manufacturing Facilities — A showcase of Ethiopia's expanding industrial capacity in the local production of pharmaceuticals and medical supplies. This visit demonstrates how domestic manufacturing is helping strengthen regional health self-reliance and reduce dependency on imported essential medicines.

Afternoon: City and cultural experiences

Addis City Tour — Experience the city's recent transformation through an open-top bus tour, taking in Addis Ababa's landmarks, green spaces and rapidly evolving urban landscape.

Entoto Park — A visit to Entoto Park for its panoramic views over the capital and its cultural and historical significance as one of the city's most treasured natural landmarks.

Traditional Shopping at Shiro Meda — A guided visit to Shiro Meda, the city's most famous market for authentic, hand-woven Ethiopian traditional attire, offering participants a hands-on cultural and textile experience.

Please use the link below to select your preferred morning and afternoon site, to allow for better logistical arrangements: [[LINK](#)]

Annex 1. List of hotels

UNDSS Recommended hotels — Located near UNECA, the RC76 venue					
#	Name of the hotel/ guesthouse	Proximity to the RC76 venue	Hotel star	Standard room rate in US\$ (UN corporate rate)	Contact details
1	Ambassador Hotel	15 minutes (by vehicle)	4	50.00	+251 116 188284/81 reservation@ambassadorhotelethiop
2	Aphrodite International Hotel	5 minutes (on foot)	4	60.00	+251 115 572220 aphroditeinthotel@gmail.com
3	Best Western Hotel & Resorts	15 minutes (by vehicle)	4	75.00	+251 116 890005 gm@bwppearladdis.com
4	Best Western Plus Hotel	15 minutes (by vehicle)	4	85.00	+251 116 671414 reservations@bwplusaddisababa.com
5	Capital Hotel and Spa	10 minutes (by vehicle)	5	70.00	+251 11 667 2100 reservation@capitalhotelandspa.com
6	Elilly International Hotel	3 minutes (on foot)	5	80.00	+251 115 587773/ 585200 event@elillyhotel.com
7	Ethiopia Hotel	8 minutes (by vehicle)	4	55.00	+251 115 510156 ethhotel@ethionet.et
8	Friendship International Hotel	17 minutes (by vehicle)	4	60.00	+251 116 670202 marketing@friendshiphotel.com.et
9	Getfam Hotel	10 minutes (by vehicle)	5	80.00	+251 116 673175 gm@getfamhotel.com
10	Harmony Hotel	16 minutes (by vehicle)	4	70.00	+251 116 183100 reservation@harmonyhotelethiopia.com
11	Hilton Hotel	8 minutes (by vehicle)	5	133.00	+251 115 518400/ 170000 reservations.addisababa@hilton.com
12	Hyatt Regency	10 minutes (by vehicle)	5	180.00	+251 115 171234 addisabababa.regency@hyatt.com
13	Intercontinental Hotel	5 minutes (on foot)	5	80.00	+251 115 180444 reservation@intercentinentaladdis.com
14	Jupiter International Hotel	6 minutes (on foot)	4	75.00	+251 115 526370/ 527333 info@jupiterinternationalhotel.com
15	Loft Hotel Apartment	15 minutes (by vehicle)	No	97.00	+251 116662299/+251986200000 www.loftapartment.com Lofthotelapartment@gmail.com
16	Magnolia Hotel and Conference Center	15 minutes (by vehicle)	4	70.00	+251 116393777 reservation@magnoliaaddis.com
17	Marriott Executive Apartments	5 minutes (on foot)	5	160.00	+251 115184600 www.meaaddisababa.com reservation.adder@marriott.com amare.getahun@marriott.com

UNDSS Recommended hotels — Located near UNECA, the RC76 venue					
18	Nigist Towers Hotel & Apartments	3 minutes (on foot)	3	73.00	+251 115 509770 info@nigsttowers.com
19	Premier Best Western Hotel	15 minutes (by vehicle)	4	70.00	+251 914989898; +251114174100 info@bwpremieraddis.com www.bwpremieraddis.com
20	Radisson Blu Hotel	6 minutes (on foot)	5	177.00	+251 115 157600 reservations.addisababa@radissonblu.com
21	Ramada Hotel	15 minutes (by vehicle)	4	90.00	+251 116 393939 info@ramadaaddis.com
22	Saro Maria Hotel	16 minutes (by vehicle)	4	60.00	+251 116 672173 reservation@saromariahotel.com
23	Sheraton Addis Hotel	10 minutes (by vehicle)	5	322.57	+251 115 171717/ 116 623634/ 638354 reservations.addisethiopia@luxurycollection.com
24	Skylight Hotel	15 minutes (by vehicle)	5	114.00	+251 116 671090/80 To benefit from the reduced rate for this offer, use this discount promo code : WHOAFRCethiopianskylighthotel.com

Annex 2. Countries with risk of yellow fever transmission and countries requiring proof of vaccination against yellow fever.

Albania	Republic of Korea	Liberia	Saint Kitts and Nevis
Algeria	Democratic Republic of the Congo	Madagascar	Saint Lucia
Angola	Djibouti	Malawi	Saint Martin
Antigua and Barbuda	Dominica	Malaysia	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Argentina (Misiones and Corrientes Provinces)	Dominican Republic	Maldives	Samoa
Aruba	Ecuador (including Galapagos Islands)	Mali	Sao Tome and Principe
Australia	Egypt	Malta	Saudi Arabia
Bahamas	El Salvador	Martinique	Senegal
Bahrain	Equatorial Guinea	Mauritania	Seychelles
Bangladesh	Eritrea	Mayotte	Sierra Leone
Barbados	Eswatini	Montserrat	Singapore
Benin	Ethiopia	Mozambique	Sint Eustatius
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	Fiji	Myanmar	Sint Maarten
Bonaire	French Guiana	Namibia	Solomon Islands
Botswana	French Polynesia	Nepal	South Africa
Brazil	Gabon	New Caledonia	South Sudan
Brunei Darussalam	Gambia	Nicaragua	Sri Lanka
Burkina Faso	Ghana	Niger	Sudan
Cabo Verde	Grenada	Nigeria	Suriname
Cambodia	Guadeloupe	Niue	Tanzania (United Republic of)
Cameroon	Guatemala	Oman	Thailand
Central African Republic	Guinea	Pakistan	Togo
Chad	Guinea-Bissau	Panama	Trinidad and Tobago
China	Guyana	Papua New Guinea	Uganda
Christmas Island	Haiti	Paraguay	United Arab Emirates
Colombia	Honduras	Peru	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)
Congo	India	Philippines	Wallis and Futuna
Costa Rica	Indonesia	Pitcairn Islands	Zambia
Côte d'Ivoire	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Qatar	Zimbabwe
Cuba	Jamaica	Rwanda	
Curaçao	Kazakhstan	Saint Barthelemy	
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Kenya	Saint Helena	

Source: World Health Organization. Link: https://cdn.who.int/media/docs/default-source/travel-and-health/countries-with-risk-of-yellow-fever-transmission.pdf?sfvrsn=bf42ac59_4&download=true