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INFORMATION BULLETIN

GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION AND CLIMATE

Rwanda is located in Central Africa. It has a tropical climate with four seasons:

- a long dry season: June-September;
- a short rainy season: October-December;
- a short dry season: January-February;
- a long rainy season: March-May.

The average room temperature in Kigali is around 25°C. The country's population was estimated at 9 079 679 in 2007 with a density of 345 inhabitants per km². The political capital of Rwanda is Kigali.

LANGUAGES

Rwanda is a trilingual country with Kinyarwanda, French and English as the official working languages.

CURRENCY

The currency used in Rwanda is the Rwandan franc (Frw). The UN exchange rate was US\$1 to Frw 566 as at June 2009.

PASSPORT AND VISA REQUIREMENTS

A valid passport is required of all foreign nationals travelling to Rwanda. An entry visa to Rwanda is mandatory. A visa can be obtained from the Rwandan diplomatic or consular office in your country of origin or residence.

In accordance with bilateral agreements, the nationals of the following countries may visit Rwanda without a visa for a period of 90 days: Burundi, Canada, Democratic Republic of Congo, Germany, Great Britain, Hong Kong, Kenya, Mauritius, Singapore, South Africa, Sweden, Tanzania, Uganda and United States of America.

Should you be unable to obtain a visa in your country of origin or residence, you can visit the website of the *National Security Services*: <http://www.migration.gov.rw/singleform.php> and complete and submit a visa application form. An entry clearance is issued within 72 hours of sending the duly completed application form. The visitor with an entry clearance obtains a single entry visa valid for 15 days at the cost of US\$ 60 upon arrival at the Kigali International Airport.

A reception committee will make arrangements with the airport immigration services for this purpose.

VACCINATION AND HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

Participants are required to have a valid international certificate of vaccination against yellow fever. This vaccine should be taken no later than seven days prior to departure.

The risk of contracting malaria mainly from chloroquine-resistant *Plasmodium falciparum* is minimal. However, it is advisable to use the treated mosquito bednet in your room. Malaria prophylaxis is advised a week before departure and two weeks after return.

A team of physicians and ambulances will be on standby to provide medical coverage during the meeting at Hotel Serena.

POLICE AND CUSTOMS FORMALITIES

Travellers arriving in Rwanda are requested to complete police, customs and health formalities including presenting a passport with a valid visa, and completing the immigration form given to travellers and returning it to the immigration officers.

CUSTOMS REGULATIONS

Delegates entering Rwanda with cameras or portable computers (laptops and other equipment) must declare them, specifying that they are working tools.

BAGGAGE COLLECTION AND CARRIAGE

You may entrust the collection and carriage of your baggage to uniformed baggage porters. They generally charge Frw 1000.

TRANSPORTATION BETWEEN THE AIRPORT AND THE CITY CENTRE

The Kigali International Airport is located 15 km from the city centre. Travel is essentially by taxi and by hotel shuttle service. The taxi driver carrying you to your hotel will charge between US\$ 10 and US\$ 20 depending on the distance between the hotel and the airport. However, the hotel may provide a shuttle service. A list of taxis recommended by the UN Security Service can be obtained on arrival at the airport.

CLOTHING

Participants are advised to bring along warm clothing.

SECURITY MEASURES

Any person entering the Republic of Rwanda is assured of his/her security because our country has taken the necessary steps to ensure the protection of our citizens and visitors. All precautions have been taken to avoid regrettable incidents.

A briefing on the security situation in the country in general and in the city of Kigali in particular will be given by the UN Security Officer at the beginning of the WHO Regional Committee meeting.

BANKS

- Banque de Kigali;
- Ecobank;
- Access;
- Banque commerciale du Rwanda;
- Fina Bank;
- Banking facilities are available at Hotel Serena: local commercial banks will open counters at the hotel.

Visa cards are accepted in Rwanda.

HOTELS

A list of hotels reserved for participants in the fifty-ninth session of the WHO Regional Committee for Africa is attached to this information bulletin.

RESTAURANTS

Name	Type of cuisine	Address	Telephone
Indian Khazana	Indian	10 Kajangwe Avenue, Kiyovu	(250) 252 50 3957 (250) 788496900 (250) 788496599
Sol e Luna	Italian	Main Airport Road	(250) 252 583062
Karibu	Continental	Avenue de la Paix	(250) 252 501793
Papyrus	-North African -Indian -Italian		
Gorilla (le Dos Argenté)	Continental	Beside Karisimbi Restaurant	(250) 252 501717
Republica	Continental	Avenue des Grands Lacs Kiyovu	(250) 78303030
Havana Club (Pizzeria)	Italian	Kacyiru Road	(250) 252 510440
La Corniche	- North African - European		
Flamingo	Continental	Boulevard de l'Umuganda	(250) 252 586589 (250) 78 8300333
Chez Robert	European		(250) 252 575573
Restaurant Chinois	Chinese	Boulevard de l'Umuganda	
Casino de Kigali		Tower Town Hotel	
Banana Guest House	French		
Karisimbi	Continental	Near Hotel Mille Collines	(250) 252 571528
Bourbon Coffee	French	Union Trade Centre	(250) 252 505307
La Galette	Continental	City centre	(250) 252 575434

ELECTRICITY

The electricity voltage is 220 volts.

CONTACT PHONE NUMBERS OF UN APPROVED PHYSICIANS

- Dr Diallo Alpha Ousmane, Tel.: 078 830 1393
- Dr Bonaventure Nzeyimana, Tel.: 078 858 5815
- Dr Celse Rugambwa, Tel.: 078 830 1792
- Dr André Rusanganwa, Tel.: 078 851 8376

FREE PHONE NUMBER FOR EMERGENCIES (24 HOURS A DAY AND 7 DAYS A WEEK): 912

HOSPITALS AND CLINICS

- Dispensaire des Nations Unies, Tel.: 0252 57 57 04 or 575708; Mobile: 078 830 1393
- Hôpital Roi Fayçal, Tel.: 0252 58 58 88/58 26 59 or 3939
- Centre hospitalier universitaire de Kigali, Tel.: 0252 57 55 55
- Clinique la Croix du Sud, Tel.: 0252 57 15 90
- Clinique le Carrefour, Tel.: 0252 57 87 67
- Clinique du Plateau, Tel.: 55 21 25

PHARMACIES

- Pharmacie Conseil, Mobile: 078 830 50 77
- Pharmacie Ki Pharma, Mobile: 078 835 10 28
- Pharmacie Exodus, Mobile: 078 884 87 708
- Pharmacie Trésor, Mobile: 078 850 56 46

LABORATORIES

- Laboratoire national de référence, Tel.: 0252 57 74 92
- Laboratoire de l'Hôpital Roi Fayçal, Tel.: 0252 58 88 88

CONTACT PERSONS AT WHO COUNTRY OFFICE, RWANDA

No.	Name	Position	E-mail address	Telephone No.
1.	Dr Abdoulie Dodou Jack	WHO Representative	jacka@rw.afro.who.int	078 830 09 89
2.	Mr Kofi Mensah Hougbo	Administrative Officer	houngbok@rw.afro.who.int	078 873 91 01 078 346 69 47
3.	Mrs Immaculée Kambanda	Secretary, WHO Representative	kambandai@rw.afro.who.int	078 862 49 50

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2.	M. Gamaliel Binamungu	Centre rwandais de communication pour la santé	ndugam@yahoo.co.uk	078 830 30 34

A. Participant details

Surname:	First name:	Title: Mr/Mrs/Dr/Prof.
Position:	Organization/Agency:	
P.O. Box:		
City:	Country:	
Tel.:	Fax:	
E-mail:		

B. Accommodation

Please reserve a room for me in the following hotel:

Preference	Name of hotel (see list appended)	Specify type of room	Number of persons
1st choice			
2nd choice			
3rd choice			

***NB:** If we are unable to obtain your choice(s) indicated above, we will be compelled to reserve a room for you in another hotel*

C. Flight details

Arrival date:	Time:	Flight No.:
Departure date:	Time:	Flight No.:

LIST OF HOTELS (breakfast included in the room charge)								
No.	Hotel	Type of room	Number of rooms	Price US\$	Credit card	Telephone	Fax	E-mail
1.	Kigali Serena	Presidential suite	1	365	Visa, American, Express, Master Card	(250) 0 252 59 71 00	(250) 0 252 59 71 01	kigalireservation@serenaHotel.co.rw
		Suite high	6	265				
		Suite senior	18	215				
		Standard senior	19	195				
		Standard	60					
2.	Mille Collines	Suite senior	3	288	Visa, American, Express, Master Card	(250) 0 252 57 65 30	(250) 0 252 57 65 41	millecollines@millecollines.com
		Suite junior	2	192				
		Standard senior	66	126				
		Standard single/double	43	121				
3.	LAICO	Suite senior	5	230	Visa	(250) 0 252 59 35 00	(250) 0252 58 29 57	reservations-umubano@laico.hotels.com
		Suite junior	10	195				
		Standard	85	155				
4.	Hôtels Stipp	Suite junior	15	180	Visa, American, Express, Master Card	(250) 0252 50 02 75	(250) 0252 50 02 75	stipp-hotels@rwandai.com
		Standard	24	160				
		Single room	11	140				
5.	Hôtel Gorilla	Standard double bed	13	130	Visa	(250) 0 252 50 17 17/18 (250) 078 848 77 77		gorillashotel@rwanda1.com
		Standard double bed	14	130				
		Standard single	22	110				
6.	Hôtel Okapi	Standard junior	14	70	N/A	(250) 0 252 57 16 67 0 252 57 04 47	(250) 0 252 57 43 13	okapihotel@hotmail.com
		Standard single	15	55				

7.	Hôtel Impala	Suite senior	2	150	Visa, Master Card	(250) 57 01 80 078 830 48 66		emileha@yahoo.fr
		Suite junior	2	100				
		Standard single	10	50				
8.	Hôtel Iris	Standard junior	4	93	N/A	(250) 0 252 50 11 72/81	(250) 0 252 57 69 29	iris@rwanda1.com
		Appartement	2	150				
		Suite single	13	75				
9.	Hôtel Chez Lando	Bungalow	40	100	Visa, Master Card	(250) 0 252 58 20 50 0 252 58 43 28 0 252 58 43 94	(250) 0252 58 43 80	contact@hotelchez-lando.com
		Appartement/Pavillon	20	90				
		Standard	22	60				
10.	Hôtel La Palisse	Suite senior	8	80	N/A	(250) 0252 58 34 79 078 830 55 05		japaliceho@yahoo.fr
		Suite junior	45	70				
		Standard	42	50				
	TOTAL		656					

