



**Conference on
Ensuring Access To Health For All Women And Newborn -
The Role Of Parliaments**

Kampala, 23-25 November 2009

GENERAL INFORMATION

The conference for parliaments on *Ensuring Access to Health for All Women and Newborn - the Role of Parliaments* organised by the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the World health Organization and hosted by the Parliament of Uganda will be held in Kampala from 23 to 25 November 2009.

REGISTRATION

Invited parliaments are requested to send their list of participants attending the Conference as soon as possible and **not later than 6 November** using the enclosed Registration Form, to the following addresses:

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HOTEL ACCOMMODATION AND RESERVATIONS

For practical reasons, it is proposed that participants stay at the Hotel Africana, Kampala, which is also the venue of the conference. Block bookings will be made by the organizers and delegates shall have to pay their own accommodation charges directly to the hotel.

The Parliament has negotiated the following rates at the Hotel Africana, Kampala:

EXECUTIVE ROOMS		EXECUTIVE SUITES		APARTMENTS	
	Price		Price		Price
Single	US \$ 100	Single	US \$ 250	Single	US \$ 2500
Double	US \$ 120	Double	US \$ 250	Double	US \$ 3000

Participants who would prefer accommodation in other hotels are kindly requested to inform the Parliament of Uganda accordingly.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE

In order to ensure an efficient reception service, all participants are kindly requested to provide sufficient arrival and departure information, including dates, flight numbers and arrival and departure times on the hotel reservation form.

A reception service will be provided for participants at Entebbe airport from 22 November onwards.

The reception service will assist with arrival and formalities and transfers to the hotel. This service will also operate at the end of the conference to assist participants with transfers from their hotels to the airport.

VISAS

Entry visas are required except for citizens of countries which have visa exemption agreements with Uganda.

For delegates from countries where there are no Ugandan diplomatic/consular missions, visas will be issued upon arrival at Entebbe International Airport. In such cases, delegates are kindly requested to send, by fax, copies of their passports indicating their numbers and status as well as the details of the flight schedule, name of the airline, the date and time of arrival at Entebbe, in order to facilitate their entry into Uganda.

Please note that this arrangement is applicable only when entering and leaving Uganda. For travels routed through other countries delegates must make their arrangements to comply with immigration requirements of the transit countries.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

Yellow Fever

A yellow fever vaccination certificate is required from travellers over 1 year of age coming from countries with risk of yellow fever transmission. Yellow fever vaccine is recommended

Malaria

Malaria risk exists throughout the year in the whole country including the main towns of Fort Portal, Jinja, Kampala, Mbale and parts of Kigezi. Recommended prevention: Mosquito bite prevention and malaria preventive medication.

(WHO information)

MEDICAL FACILITIES

During the Conference first aid facilities will be provided at the venue. All other medical facilities and prescriptions will be at the participants' own expense.

REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION DESK

A Registration and Information Desk will be available to participants at the conference venue from 22 November to 26 November. It shall operate from 8 am to 7 pm daily.

Participants are kindly requested to register with this service as soon as possible after their arrival. It will issue identity badges, deal with enquiries concerning the Conference and handle messages and mail.

SECURITY

All necessary security measures will be taken by the national authorities. Participants are required to wear their identity badges visibly at all times when they are in the Conference venue and at all official functions during the Conference.

WEATHER CONDITIONS

Uganda has two rainy seasons in a year running from March to June and October to December respectively. The dry seasons run from January to March and July to September every year. There is a possibility of heavy rainfall in November. Mornings and evenings are cold and it may be advisable to bring some raincoats and warm clothing. The minimum temperatures in November are 17°C.

CURRENCY REGULATIONS

In October 2009, the exchange rate was about 2000 Shillings to the US Dollar.

TRANSPORT

Transport will be provided to all Conference participants between Entebbe International Airport and the hotels. Transport will also be provided for all official events during the Conference.

PRESS

Journalists wishing to cover the Conference are requested to obtain accreditation from the host Parliament.

OTHER SERVICES

The following services will be available to participants in the Conference venue:

- Exchange Bureau
- Travel agency
- International telephone and fax (participants will pay for their calls when they are made)
- Restaurant, cafeteria and bar

SOCIAL EVENTS

The programme of social events will be communicated to participants in due course.