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## **INFORMATION BULLETIN**

### **SITUATION AND CLIMATE**

Angola gained independence on 11 November 1975. Peace was restored in the country in April 2002 after a protracted armed conflict. The country is now following the path of democracy, unity and development. On 31 August 2012, the country held its third multi-party elections and a new Government has been formed. A new Constitution has been established since January 2010.

The country has a tropical climate and is arid in the south. Along the Luanda coastline, the climate is typically warm all year round, with daily temperatures above 32°C from 15 August to 15 May.

The Sixty-second session of the WHO Regional Committee for Africa (RC62) will take place in Luanda, the capital city, at the *Centro de Convenções Talatona* (CCTA) — Talatona Conference Centre,— situated at about 14 km from the 4 February International Airport. The CCTA (see list of hotels in the attached table) is located in a pleasant, fast-developing urban area. The local authorities will transport participants from the airport to their hotels. For further information in this regard, you may visit the web site: [www.ccta.co.ao](http://www.ccta.co.ao), or send an e-mail to: [gerente@ccta.co.ao](mailto:gerente@ccta.co.ao).

In Angola, electricity voltage is 220V and the AC frequency is 50 hertz. Power supply is stable in the hotels in Luanda chosen for the conference.

### **LANGUAGES**

Portuguese is the official language in Angola but French and English are also spoken by most of the State officials. The local language most commonly spoken in the Luanda area is Kimbundo. Other local languages commonly spoken are Umbundo (in the central and southern parts of the country), Kikongo (in the north) and Cokwé (in the east).

### **CURRENCIES**

The official currency used in Angola is the Kwanza (AKz) available in 2000, 1000, 500, 200, 100, 50, 10 and 5 currency. Its exchange rates to the US Dollar and the Euro, the two foreign currencies most widely used in the country, are approximately:

- 1 US\$ = 95.00 Akz
- 1 EUR = 127.4 AKz.

Coins are also used. For further information, you may visit the web site: <http://www.bna.ao/main.aspx>

## **PASSPORT AND VISA REQUIREMENTS**

All persons travelling to Angola must hold a valid passport. For the purpose of attending the WHO Regional Committee meeting, participants must obtain their visas from Angola's embassy or consulate in their country of residence or in the nearest country where Angola has a diplomatic mission. Any person in need of assistance may contact the WHO country office in Angola either directly or through the WHO country/liaison office in their country of residence at least 20 days before the scheduled date of travel.

## **VACCINATION AND HEALTH REQUIREMENTS**

Participants are required to have a valid international certificate of vaccination with a valid yellow fever vaccination.

Malaria is endemic in Angola throughout the year. Consequently, malaria prophylaxis, if needed, should start one week before the date of travel to Luanda until two weeks after the return journey.

The Angolan national authorities and the WHO Secretariat have taken measures for provision of medical care during the conference at the *Centro de Convenções de Talatona* and in nearby hospitals and clinics. Medical teams and ambulances will be available 24 hours a day.

## **IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS FORMALITIES**

Travellers arriving in Angola are requested to present a valid passport and complete an immigration form containing details of their passport. Fifteen thousand dollars (US\$ 15 000) is the maximum amount that each traveller is legally authorized to carry out of the country except travellers who had declared and had documented a larger amount on their arrival.

## **CUSTOMS REGULATIONS**

Travellers arriving in Angola frequently undergo customs checks and are invited to declare the type of goods they are bringing along with them including electronic equipment and other items. Travellers arriving to attend the Sixty-second session of the WHO Regional Committee will be provided special assistance for the entry of their working equipment.

## **BAGGAGE COLLECTION AND CARRIAGE**

Baggage collection and carriage may be done by travellers themselves and/or with the assistance of protocol staff dully designated by the organizing committee. Travellers will receive the needed assistance upon their arrival at the airport until they check in at their hotels. Similar assistance will be provided for their departure from Luanda.

In addition, in case of emergency, a 24-hour taxi service will be available from the airport. Taxi services will also be available throughout the period of the Conference. The main taxi services authorized are: Macon (222261800), Alibolense Taxi (938 766652), Afritaxi (935 570790; 919

706439; 222311754), Rogerius (936198202). Before leaving the airport, participants are advised to make sure that they have all the required information concerning their accommodation.

## **SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS**

Angola is currently in the United Nations security phase 1. Even so, the United Nations advises all its staff travelling to Angola to apply for security clearance at least seven days before they travel. All participants are advised to refrain from walking alone while carrying valuables and large sums of money.

## **HOTELS AND RESTAURANTS**

Nine hotels have been selected for accommodation of participants (see list of selected hotels in the table attached herewith).

## **SELECTED HOSPITALS**

The following four hospitals have been selected, should there be need for medical evacuation:

1. Clínica Multiperfil – 923 340784/933 644549
2. Hospital do Prenda – 222 352007
3. Clínica Sagrada Esperança – 222 309360/923 416634-35-36/912 501348-49
4. Hospital Josina Machel – 222 335046

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## **BANKING SERVICES**

Banking and forex services will be provided during the period of the Conference. Participants are advised to avoid road-side currency exchange transactions as they are illegal. The main banks in Angola are:

### **Banco Nacional de Angola**

Tel: +244 2399125, Fax: +244 2 390579/+244 2 394986

Address: Av. 4 de Fevereiro, n.º 151, Luanda, Angola

Web site: <http://www.bna.ao>

### **Banco de Poupança e Crédito (BPC)**

Tel: +244 330841/0801/0791 - Fax: +244 2 393790

Address: Largo Saydi Mingas PO Box 134, Luanda, Angola

Web site: <http://www.bpc.ao>

### **Banco Totta & Açores SA**

Tel: +244 2 332729, Fax: +244 2 332729

Address: Av. 4 de Fevereiro, n.º 99 – Luanda, Angola, PO Box 1231, Luanda, Angola

**Banco Sol**

Tel: +244 394717/440340, Fax: +244 440226

Address: Rua Rei Katyavala, n.º 110/112 PO Box 5996 Luanda, Angola

Web site: <http://www.bancosol.ao>

**Banco BIC**

Tel: +244 22 6432700

Address: Av. 4 de Fevereiro, n.º 84, Luanda, Angola

**Banco Comercial Angolano (BCA)**

Tel: +244 222 331 564 Fax: 222 331 433

Address: Av. Comandante Valódia n.º 83 A PO Box 6900, Luanda, Angola

**Banco Espirito Santo Angola (BESA)**

Tel: +244 222 333652 Fax: +244 222 333776

Address: Rua Guilherme Pereira Inglês n.º43 -2.º Second floor, Largo das Ingombotas, Luanda, Angola

Web site: <http://www.besa.ao>

**Banco de Comércio e Indústria (BCI)**

Tel: +244 222 331 562, Fax: +244 222 331 433

Address: Rua Rainha Ginga, Largo do Atlético n.º 79/83, Luanda, Angola

Web site: <http://www.bci.ao>

**Banco de Fomento de Angola (BFA)**

Tel: +244 222 638900

Address: Rua Amilcar Cabral, 58- Maianga, Luanda, Angola

Web site: <http://www.bfa.ao>

Homebanking: <http://www.bfanet.ao>

**Banco Africano de Investimentos (BAI)**

Tel.: +244 2 335749

Address: Luanda, Angola

**Banco Millenium** - Avenida Lenine n.º 55, Ingombotas, Tel.: +244 925 033 033

Web site: <http://ind.millenniumangola.ao/>

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**List of hotels**

Exchange rate: 1 USD = 0.755 EUR

No.	Hotel	Type of rooms	Number of rooms	Number of rooms available	Rate (US\$)	Rate (Euro)	Breakfast	Restaurant	Room service	Wi-fi	Credit Card	Safe deposit box
1	Hotel TALATONA (+244) 934010367 <a href="mailto:mariajoaviegas@hotmail.com">mariajoaviegas@hotmail.com</a>	Luxury suite Single/Standard	3 144	0 144	900 350	680 264	Included	Yes	Yes	Yes	Visa, Master Card	Yes (In room)
2	Hotel VICTORIA GARDEN (+244) 935089452 <a href="mailto:Hotelvictoriagarden@gmail.com">Hotelvictoriagarden@gmail.com</a>	Single/Standard Double/Standard	53 37	53 37	300 300	227 227	Included	Yes	Yes	Yes	Visa	Yes (in room)
3	Hotel AGATHA (+244) 222370302 <a href="mailto:contacto@agathahotel.com">contacto@agathahotel.com</a>	Single/Standard	135	135	135	102	Included	Yes	Yes	Yes	Visa	Yes (in room)
4	Hotel HA BH (+244) 222019198/(+244)916032304 <a href="mailto:reservasbelohorizonte@hotmail.com">reservasbelohorizonte@hotmail.com</a>	Single/Standard	40	40	330	249	Included	Yes	Yes	Yes	Visa	Yes (in room)
5	HOTEL ROYAL PLAZA (+244) 932 470/+244 939 047 450 (+244) 222 100 545/(244) 222 100 549 <a href="mailto:Reserve.royalplaza@gmail.com">Reserve.royalplaza@gmail.com</a>	Single/Standard	39	39	180	136	Included	Yes	Yes	Yes	Visa	Yes (in room)
6	Hotel FLORENÇA (+244) 222460128 <a href="mailto:reservahflorencia@gmail.com">reservahflorencia@gmail.com</a>	Single/Standard	35	35	270	204	Included	Yes	Yes	Yes	Visa	Yes (in room)
7	COLINAS DO SOL APARTHOTEL (+244) 927129911 (+244) 914522800 <a href="mailto:reservas@colinasdosol.com">reservas@colinasdosol.com</a>	TO'	30	30	300	227	Not included	Yes	Yes	Yes	Visa	Yes (at the reception))
8	Hotel Calor Tropical (+244) 936 754 443/(244) 934 537 060 <a href="mailto:Calortropical.reservas@gmail.com">Calortropical.reservas@gmail.com</a>	Suite Double/Standard Single/Standard	2 32 8	2 32	280 200 200	211 151 151	Included	Yes	Yes	Yes	Visa	Yes (in room)
9	Hotel PÔR DO SOL (+244) 923385458 <a href="mailto:hotelpordosol202@hotmail.com">hotelpordosol202@hotmail.com</a>	Single/Standard	70	70	100	76	Included	Yes	Yes	Yes	Visa	Yes (at the reception)