



**REGIONAL COMMITTEE FOR AFRICA**

**ORIGINAL: SPANISH**

Sixtieth session

Malabo, Equatorial Guinea, 30 August–3 September 2010

**INFORMATION BULLETIN**

**CLIMATE**

The city of Malabo has two major seasons: a dry season from October to April and a rainy season from May to September. There is little inter-seasonal variation in atmospheric temperature which fluctuates around 25°C.

**LANGUAGES**

Spanish is the official language in the Republic of Equatorial Guinea but French is also used as a working language. The local languages most commonly spoken are Fang, Bubi, Ndowe, Annobonés and Bisio.

**PASSPORT AND VISA REQUIREMENTS**

All foreigners entering Equatorial Guinea must have an entry visa obtainable from Equatorial Guinea's diplomatic or consular mission in your country of origin or residence. Exceptionally, on the occasion of major events taking place in the country, visas can be obtained upon arrival at the Malabo International Airport. The WHO Country Office in Equatorial Guinea will facilitate visa formalities for United Nations civil servants and ministerial delegations of countries where Equatorial Guinea has no consular or diplomatic mission.

**IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS FORMALITIES**

Travellers arriving in Equatorial Guinea are requested to complete immigration, customs and health formalities including presenting a passport with a valid visa; completing the immigration form given to travellers upon their arrival; returning it to the immigration officers; and showing a valid International Certificate of Vaccination against yellow fever.

Delegates entering Equatorial Guinea with portable computers or similar electronic appliances must declare such items at the customs. They must specify that the items are working tools otherwise they would have to pay import duties.



## **TRANSPORT BETWEEN THE AIRPORT AND THE CITY CENTRE**

The Malabo International Airport is located at approximately 7 Km away from the city centre. The Secretariat has taken necessary measures to ensure that participants are met at the airport and provided with shuttle transport between the airport and the hotels and between the hotels and the venue of the meeting.

Travel within the city is essentially by taxi, normally at a fare of 500 CFA Francs per person. Taxis are identifiable by their white and red colour.

## **BANKS AND POSTAL SERVICES**

The following commercial banks operating in Malabo provide foreign exchange services: *Sociedade General de Bancos de Guiné Equatorial* (SGBGE), CCEI BANK GE, BGFH BANCO and BANGE.

The main post office, located opposite the Ministry of the Interior and Local Administration, provides the services of bank transfer via Western Union.

## **HOTELS**

Participants in the Sixtieth session of the WHO Regional Committee for Africa are responsible for settling their own hotel expenses. A short list of hotels reserved for participants is presented below.

<b>List of hotels</b>	<b>Telephone</b>	<b>Fax</b>
1. Hotel Sofitel	(+240 333) 09 99 40	(+240 333) 09 90 06
2. Hotel 3 de Agosto	(+240 333) 09 99 15	(+240 333) 09 24 28
3. Hotel Bahía II	(+240 333) 09 66 09	
4. Hotel Tropicana	(+240 333) 09 87 64	(+240 333) 09 43 94
5. Hotel Stella	(+240 333) 09 80 52	(+240 333) 09 80 55
6. Hotel Castillo	(+240 333) 09 88 35	(+240 333) 09 88 36
7. Hotel Paraíso	(+240 333) 09 92 38	(+240 333) 09 84 05
8. Hotel El Caribe		(+240 222) 25 52 07
9. Hotel Impala	(+240 333) 09 24 92	
10. Hotel Yoly y Hnos.	(+240 222) 25 20 73	
11. Hotel Enzo	(+240 333) 09 66 88	(+240 333) 09 6690
12. Hotel el Castillo	(+240 333) 09 88 35	(+240 333) 09 88 36
13. Hotel Ilachi	(+240 333) 09 48 36	

## **OTHER GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Local time:** GMT -01h00

**Electricity:** 220 volts AC.50

**Currency:** The official currency used in Equatorial Guinea is the CFA Franc whose exchange rate is as follows:

- 1 Euro = 655.95 CFA Francs
- 1 US\$ = 456 CFA Francs

The commercial banks provide currency exchange services.

**Traffic and driving:** Equatorial Guinea uses the right-hand traffic system. Visitors are authorized to drive in the country only if they hold a valid international driving licence.

## VACCINATION AND HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

Participants are required to have a valid International Certificate of Vaccination against yellow fever. Vaccination against cholera is also a requirement for all persons who have recently visited or who have been in transit in a cholera-affected country, within six days to their arrival in Equatorial Guinea.

## PHARMACIES AND HOSPITALS IN MALABO

<b>Name of Pharmacy</b>	<b>Telephone</b>
Farmácia Europa	(+240 333) 63 63 92
Farmatural I	(+240 333) 09 47 94
Farmatural II	(+240 333) 27 82 25
Farmácia Mariana	(+240 333) 09 88 72
Farmácia Marisa	(+240 222) 22 88 72
SS Pharmacy	(+240 222) 54 19 44
Farmácia Moderna	(+240 333) 09 82 78

<b>Hospitals</b>	<b>Telephone</b>
Hospital Regional de Malabo	(+240 333) 09 31 01 / 333 09 20 41
Policlínico Loeri Comba	(+240 333) 09 22 88
Clínica Guadalupe	(+240 333) 09 69 56
Clínica Santa Isabel	(+240 333) 09 26 66

## RESTAURANTS

<b>Name of restaurant</b>	<b>Telephone</b>
Candy	(+240 333) 09 34 50
Hotel Sofitel	(+240 333) 09 00 61 / 222 62 30 90
Hotel Tropicana	(+240 222) 27 25 70 / 222 27 43 73
Hotel Paraíso	(+240 333) 09 88 04
La Luna	(+240 222) 25 44 73

## CLOTHING

Normal clothing is recommended as well as a raincoat, jacket and umbrella as August–September is a rainy period in Malabo.

**Mobile phone services:** GETESA-ORANGE and HITS.

**12. List of contact persons in the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, Malabo**

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