



Countdown to 2015

Maternal, Newborn & Child Survival

Westin Grand Hotel, Cape Town 17-19 April 2008

INFORMATION BULLETIN

1. Arriving in Cape Town

Visas

South Africa does not allow participants to obtain visa on entry into the country so participants must obtain a visa prior to departure from their country of the nearest South African Embassy to their country. Therefore it is your responsibility to obtain a visa and yellow fever vaccination if you are coming or travelling through an affected country. If for any reason you have difficulties in obtaining a visa please send your name, passport details, and nationality to secretariat@countdown2015.org.

Airport Welcome Booth

Welcome Desks will be found at the Cape Town international and domestic terminals which will provide general information, Hotel bookings and shuttle services for all participants.

Airport Shuttle Services

Kwathlana Shuttle will provide transport services from airport to hotels (one way) at the special rate of R100 (US\$12) per delegate which is to be paid by the participant themselves.

Participant Registration

Registration of all participants will be done at the hotels, they are: Cullinan, Southern Sun Cape Sun (1st floor), Southern Sun Water Front (lobby) and The Capetonian (lobby) on Wednesday 16th of

April from 18H00 to 22H00. In addition, late registration will be done at the Conference Plenary room at the Westin Grand on Thursday 17th of April at 07h30.

2. Geography and Climate

Lying between the Indian and Atlantic Oceans, Cape Town enjoys mild winters and pleasant summers. Summer temperatures in December to February range from around 15 to 27 degrees Celsius (60 to 80 degrees Fahrenheit), whilst in the winter months of June to August average temperatures are between 7 to 20 degrees Celsius (45 to 70 degrees Fahrenheit). Rainfall is moderate throughout the year and there are refreshing sea breezes which can sometimes turn a little bracing during the winter.

Most tourists visit Cape Town during our long summer from November to February. A Mediterranean climate with little rain, 11 hours a day sunshine or more and long sunny evenings sets a party mood. The Californian weather explains why Cape Town has become a favoured site for foreign film and TV crews escaping from the Northern Hemisphere winter.

3. Conference and Hotel Facilities

The Conference will be held in Westin Grand Hotel from 17 – 19 April 2008. Accommodation have been for sponsored participants at the 3 hotels, they are Cullinan, Southern Sun Cape Sun, and Southern Sun Waterfront. All delegates will should send their arrival details through the on email Secretariate@countdown.org or web: <http://www.countdown2015mnch.org>.



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Non sponsored participants will be accommodated at The Capetonian or other hotels in the area. If you plan to arrive in the hotel before the 15th of April please contact. Please note the above will not be allowed to make direct reservations.

4. Travel Arrangements

Travel to South Africa

There are direct international flights to Cape Town and for those who fly to Johannesburg there are several daily flights between Johannesburg and Cape Town. Those participants who are sponsored need to confirm their flights before travel authorisations can be issued. Your travel authorisation will be sent to your travel agent as soon as it is approved, and you will be notified so that you can collect your ticket.

Confirmation of flights and reservations

As soon as flight reservations have been confirmed, participants should inform the WHO Office in their Country and arrival and departure time will given to assigned hotel. All participants will be assigned a Hotel.

Travel between airport and the hotel

There will be a Welcome Desk at the International and Domestic Terminals to greet you and provide information about your Hotel assignment and shuttle bus. The approved shuttle bus will have special rates (approximately USD20) which will be paid by the delegates. The hotel will assist you in providing a shuttle bus for departure.

5. Per Diem Allowance and Hotel Bills

Participants covered by WHO

Participants whose expenses are being covered by WHO will receive an allowance for the duration of their stay in Botswana plus an allowance to cover incidental expenses incurred whilst travelling. WHO will pay the hotel directly the cost of accommodation from 15 – 19 April. Participants will be responsible for settling any extras directly with the hotel prior to departure. The allowance will be provided in the form of US Dollar travellers cheques at the meeting.

Participants covering own expenses

Participants who are covering their own accommodation expenses should pay the hotel for the whole duration of the workshop. However, participants covering their own expenses will be responsible for settling the hotel and meal charges as well as any extras directly with the hotel prior to departure.

6. Electricity, Computers and email

The electricity supply in South Africa is 220V 50 Hz. You are advised to bring a suitable adapter for your own use.

Personal computers can be used in the hotel room to connect via modem or wireless connections to the internet for email. However, there is a cost or there is a business centre with an internet connection for individual use. There will be internet connections during the meeting outside the plenary room during the conference for participants.

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