



INFORMATION LEAFLET FOR PARTICIPANTS MEDIA CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP

Welcome

The East, Central and Southern Africa Health Community (ECSA-HC) welcomes you to the Media Capacity Building Workshop that will be held from 27th – 28th April 2023 at the Capital by the Park Hotel in Sandton Johannesburg, Republic of South Africa.

This information leaflet has been put together to avail important information necessary for your travel and stay Johannesburg. Kindly inform us if you find anything unclear.

About ECSA-HC

The East, Central and Southern African Health Community (ECSA-HC) is an inter-governmental organization that fosters and promotes regional cooperation in health. Member states of the ECSA Health Community are Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Mauritius, Swaziland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe. The Secretariat Headquarters of the Community is based in Arusha, Tanzania

About The TIMS Project

The TB in the Mining Sector in Southern Africa Project (TIMS) is a regional programme that was initiated to create a regionally coordinated response to issues of TB and other related illnesses among mine workers, ex-mine workers and their families and communities. All the SADC Countries are signatories to the SADC Heads of Government and State declaration of TB in the mines that the TIMS project responds to and thus TIMS project implementation involves all the 16 SADC countries. The project has been implemented since 2016 and is currently in its third Phase and potentially the last. Therefore in designing TIMS III a number of issues were taken into consideration including lessons from previous phases of the project, need for sustainability of TIMS initiatives in the region and the variation amongst the SADC countries on the problem TB in the mines, among others. Therefore as part of sustaining the gains made and to continue to advance the issue to TB in the mines and ensuring the Declaration is fulfilled to the later, a coordination structure for ending TB in the region within the SADC framework is has been proposed.


About the Media Capacity Building Workshop

ECSA-HC has come up with media capacity building plan aiming to increase meaningful engagement of journalists and play the critical roles in TB awareness raising amongst public and especially the key population. The current two-day training for journalists and media professionals is designed as a follow-up and build-up of the previous one that was conducted on year one of the project. It builds upon the knowledge and skills acquired during the previous training and aims to further develop and reinforce those skills and enhance the participants' understanding of TB and related public health issues. By offering a continuation of the previous training, ECSA-HC aims to ensure that the journalists and media professionals are able to maintain and apply the knowledge and skills they gained in the previous session, and to continue playing a critical role in raising awareness about TB in the region.

About Sandton Johannesburg

Sandton is the financial Centre of Johannesburg , South Africa and forms part of the city of Johannesburg Metropolitan Municipality and covers 143.54sq sq KM. Sandton is a vibrant city and home to a population of 222,415 (2011). The name of the city came from the combination of two (2) of its suburbs, Sandton and Bryanston. Sandton is home to the Sandton Convention Centre, one of the largest convention centres on the continent and themed the primary site for the 2002 World Summit on Sustainable Development. One of the main attractions in Sandton is the Sandton City, which ranks among the largest shopping centres in Africa. Together with Nelson Mandela Square, the centre has 144,000 Sq Metres of shopping space and is one of the largest in the Southern Hemisphere. Much of Johannesburg's business tourism is centred on Sandton, with various 5-star hotels such as the one you shall be lodged at, the Capital on the Park.

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About the Venue

The workshop will be held at the Capital on the Park, 129 Patricia Rd, Sandown, Sandton, Gauteng. The hotel is situated in the heart of the business district of Sandton and features a fitness centre, swimming pool and landscaped gardens. The Hilton of Sandton is located 900M from the Sandton convection centre. Guests can use the free shuttle to the Nelson Mandela square and Sandton Gautrain station. The Hotel is within 1 km of the Sandton Gautrain Station, while Sandton City Mall is 1.5 km away. O.R. Tambo International Airport is 30 km from the hotel.

Airport Shuttle arrangements

Airport pick-up and drop-off for all participants have been arranged for you. A driver from the hotel will be carrying a name-board (with your names) or with a label ECSA/TIMS. Kindly pay attention to locate the driver. In case you have flight changes, kindly communicate as soon to the addresses below.

Accommodation and Subsistence

Your accommodation is reserved at Capital on the Park Hotel, which is also the venue of the meeting on a Bed and Breakfast basis.

Any additional costs incurred such as from telephone, room service, laundry, etc you shall be responsible for its settlement. And to that end you will receive **\$130** for every night that you will spend in Johannesburg for this meeting.

Please retain your original flight boarding pass because it is required when collecting your per diem. Per Diem will not be issued without a flight boarding pass(es) for all participants travelling from outside South Africa.

VISA/Other travel arrangements

Normally SADC countries are visa exempted on arrival in South Africa, however we are mindful that some countries may require visa, kindly ensure that you contact the nearest South African Embassy/Consular in your country for inquiries about requirement for visas and other travel arrangements. Although South Africa does not require COVID-19 vaccine certificates on arrival, we request that you kindly bring it, incase.

You are advised to check travel conditions of your airline regarding COVID-19. Please ensure that you have the yellow fever certificate or yellow fever vaccination card as well, and all relevant travel documents including your passport, invitation letters, visa clearance letter (if applicable) in your hand luggage.

Medical Information

Participants are advised to ensure they have their own adequate medical insurance coverage, covering travel time the entire duration of the workshop.

Currency

The official currency is the South African Rand (ZAR), roughly converting at approximately R16.5 to 1-US dollar. Exchange facilities are available at the airport, commercial banks and Bureau de Change. A Visa or MasterCard can also be used to access money from ATMs and for paying bills at hotels and restaurants. It is always advisable to carry local currency for shopping, small eateries, and local transport/taxis.

Weather and Clothing

Weather predictions show sunny days throughout the week of the meeting, with temperature ranging from 11°C to 22°C. Do bring a small cover-up in case you may want to enjoy a night out or for the spaces that are highly air conditioned.

Safety and Security in South Africa

Sandton is not so trouble-free, petty theft can occur, as is in major cities. Be very mindful when travelling/walking around carrying anything of value. It is advisable not to change money on the streets. Do not use unregistered taxi services, we recommend you download the uber-App or use the free hotel shuttle for your convenience and safety.

Finally

We wish you a pleasant flight and stay in the beautiful city of Sandton

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