INFORMATION FOR CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS
The 69th ECSA Health Ministers Conference
19 – 21 February 2020, Taj Pamodzi Hotel
Lusaka, Republic of Zambia

Welcome
The Ministry of Health Zambia and the East, Central and Southern Africa Health Community (ECSA-HC) welcome you to the 69th Health Ministers Conference that will be held from 19th – 21st February 2020 in Lusaka, Republic of Zambia. We are delighted that you will participate in this important event.

About the 69th HMC
The Conference will bring together Ministers of Health, Permanent/principal Secretaries, Senior Officials from Ministries of Health, Experts, Researchers, Heads of Health Training Institutions and diverse Collaborating Partners in the region and beyond.

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 Zambia
The Republic of Zambia is a landlocked country in south-central Africa. The capital city is Lusaka, located in the south-central. The country has some of nature's best wildlife and game reserves with the most prolific animal populations in Africa. The Victoria Falls in the Southern part of the country is a major tourist attraction. The official language of Zambia is English. The main local language, especially in Lusaka, is Nyanja (Chewa), followed by Bemba. Bemba and Nyanja are spoken in the urban areas in addition to other indigenous languages which are commonly spoken in Zambia.

Venue & Accommodation
The meeting will be held at the Taj Pamodzi Hotel. This incredible 5-star hotel is located in the center of Zambia’s capital Lusaka. The Hotel is about 22Kms away from the Kenneth Kaunda International Airport (LUN). Honorable Ministers and Heads of delegations are booked at Taj Pamodzi. The negotiated rate for Bed and Breakfast for delegates to this meeting is USD 110. Our partners and other delegates are encouraged to book accommodation at the venue as it will save the cost of daily transport. You can book directly with;

- Taj Pamodzi Hotel
  P O Box 35450
  Lusaka, Zambia
  T +260 211 254 455|M +260 971023081
  www:tajhotels.com
  Email: ajit.jha@tajhotels.com

A list of other hotels is provided below where participants may make direct contacts to book for their accommodation and airport transport.

1. Southern Sun Hotel Ridgeway (BB $109)
   Tel: +260211251666 Fax: +260211253529
   Email: SSRidgeway.Reservations@tsogosun.com

2. InterContinental Hotel (BB $165)
   Telephone: +260211250000 Fax: +260211256035
   Email: banquets.clusaka@ihg.com

3. Protea Hotel Lusaka (BB $130)
   Telephone: +260211254664 Fax: +260211254606,
   Email: reservations@phlusaka.co.zm

4. The Radisson Blu Hotel Lusaka
   Tel: +26021368900/+260969169526
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**Registration**

ECSA Health Community will conduct registration on Tuesday 18th February 2020 from 02:00 – 17:30 hours and on Wednesday 19th February 2020 from 07:30 – 10:00 hours.

**Traveling into Lusaka**

Flights into Lusaka are routed through Kenneth Kaunda International Airport (LUN). Some international airlines flying to Lusaka are South African Airways, Ethiopia Airlines, Kenya Airways, Air Namibia, Malawian Airline, KLM, Qatar Airways and Emirates. The airport is located about 20kms northeast of the central business district of Lusaka. Participants are expected to arrive on 18th February 2020.

**Airport Shuttle arrangements**

For Honorable Ministers and officials from the ministries of Health, arrangements have been made to meet you on your arrival at the Kenneth Kaunda International Airport. Please send your travel itineraries/air ticket to the Secretariat for logistical arrangements. If there will be any change to your incoming flights please notify the Secretariat on email: doid@ecsahc.org and copy to regsec@ecsahc.org in good time before departure.

For self-sponsored participants, taxis are available outside the airport building at the rate of USD 20 - 35 to the CBD.

**VISA/Other travel arrangements**

For most East, Central and Southern Africa member states, a visa is not required for entering Zambia. However, it is advisable to contact the nearest Zambia Embassy for inquiries. All participants entering Zambia should be in possession of a Yellow Fever vaccination certificate.

**Medical Information**

The conference organizers will provide first aid services to participants for minor ailments during the meeting. Participants are advised to ensure they have adequate medical insurance coverage, covering travel time and the entire duration of the meeting, against costs arising out of sickness, accidents, temporary or permanent disability, death and third party risk.

**Currency**

The official currency of Zambia is the Zambian Kwacha (ZMK). Currency Exchange facilities are available at the commercial banks and Bureau de Change. A Visa or MasterCard can also be used to access money from ATMs and for paying hotel bills. It is always advisable to carry local currency for shopping, eateries and local transport.

**Weather and Clothing**

Daily high temperatures are around 28°C, rarely falling below 18°C or exceeding 30°C. Light clothing is recommended.

**Safety and Security in Lusaka**

Lusaka is trouble-free, however, petty theft is as common as any major city. Be very awake when walking around carrying anything of value. It is advisable not to change money on the streets.

**Finally**

We wish you a pleasant flight and stay in the beautiful Republic of Zambia.

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