



INFORMATION FOR CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS
The 73rd Health Ministers Conference, 14th Best Practices Forum, and 30th Directors Joint Consultative Committee Meeting
16th – 21st June 2024, Gran Meliá Hotel
Arusha, United Republic of Tanzania

Welcome

The Ministry of Health, United Republic of Tanzania, and the East, Central, and Southern Africa Health Community (ECSA-HC) extend a warm welcome to commemorate 50 years of ECSA-HC remarkable journey and contributions in health. The commemorative week will include the 73rd Health Ministers Conference, 14th Best Practices Forum, and 30th Directors Joint Consultative Committee Meeting, scheduled from 16th – 21st June 2024 in Arusha. We are delighted to have you join us for these significant events.

About the Conference

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 collaborating Partners from both within the region and beyond.

The meetings will be organized in four parts as follows;

- The Best Practices Forum: 16th – 17th June 2024
- The Directors Joint Consultative Committee: 18th June 2024
- ECSA-HC 50th Anniversary Commemoration: 19th June
- The Health Ministers Conference; 20th – 21st June 2024

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, Eswatini, United Republic of Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. The Secretariat Headquarters of the Community is based in Arusha, Tanzania.

About The United Republic of Tanzania

Tanzania, in East Africa, boasts stunning landscapes, rich culture, and diverse wildlife. Home to iconic landmarks like Mount Kilimanjaro and the award-winning Serengeti National Park. Within Tanzania lies the Arusha region, a vibrant and bustling city nestled at the foot of Mount Meru. It is a hub for international organizations like ECSA-HC, the East African Community, and the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights, among others. Arusha offers a vibrant mix of urban life and natural beauty, making it a top destination for travelers. Kiswahili and English are the official languages of Tanzania.

Venue & Accommodation

The meeting will take place at the Gran Meliá Hotel in Arusha, renowned for its exquisite accommodations, world-class dining, and exceptional service. Honorable Ministers and senior officials from member states are booked at the **Mount Meru Hotel**. A negotiated rate for Bed and Breakfast for meeting delegates is available at **US\$ 135**. Partners and other delegates are encouraged to reserve accommodation at the Mount Meru Hotel to benefit from this negotiated rate. You can book directly with

Mount Meru Hotel

Arusha-Taveta Road, Sekei
Tel: +255272970256, +255272970266,
+255784108200
Email: info@mountmeruhotel.co.tz

Other Recommended Hotels in Arusha

1. Four Points by Sheraton Arusha – **\$142**
Tel: +255272977777, +255788905988
Email: sm@fourpointsthearushahotel.com
2. Kibo Palace Hotel Arusha - **\$137**
Tel: +255 753 036 444
Email: info@kibopalacehotel.com,
sales@kibopalacehotel.com

3. Palace Hotel Arusha – **\$110**
Tel: +255275545800, +255 755 706 206
Email: marketing@palacehotelarusha.com,
reservations@palacehotelarusha.com

The ECSA-HC Secretariat will offer shuttle services from these hotels, transporting participants to and from the venue from the 16th through the 21st of June 2024.

Registration

The Ministry of Health Tanzania and ECSA-HC secretariat will conduct registration on Sunday 16th June 2024 from 07:30 – 10:00 hours and on Thursday 20th June from 07:30 – 10:00 hours.

Traveling into Arusha, Tanzania

Flights to Arusha are routed through Kilimanjaro International Airport (JRO). Several international airlines operate flights to Kilimanjaro, including Turkish Airlines, Ethiopian Airlines, Qatar Airways, KLM Royal Dutch Airlines, Kenya Airways, Rwandair, and Uganda Air, among others. Kilimanjaro International Airport is situated approximately 45 kilometers away from Arusha CBD.

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 Kilimanjaro 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, it's advisable to arrange taxi pick-up in advance or utilize official taxis available at the airport. Rates for transportation from the airport to Gran Melia Hotel and other locations in Arusha town range between **USD 35 to 50**.

VISA/Other travel arrangements

For most East, Central, and Southern Africa member states, a visa is not required for entry into Tanzania. However, it is advisable to contact the nearest Tanzanian Embassy for inquiries regarding specific entry requirements and visa regulations.

All participants 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 Tanzania is the Tanzanian Shilling (TZS). Currency exchange facilities are available at commercial banks and Bureau de Change throughout the country. Additionally, Visa and MasterCard are accepted at ATMs and for paying hotel bills. However, it is advisable to carry local currency for shopping, dining, and local transportation.

Weather and Clothing

In June, Arusha experiences cooler temperatures. The average high temperature during the day ranges from 20 to 24 degrees Celsius (68 to 75 degrees Fahrenheit), while the average low temperature at night ranges from 10 to 14 degrees Celsius (50 to 57 degrees Fahrenheit).

Lightweight warm clothing is advisable to stay comfortable during cooler temperatures.

Safety and Security

In Arusha, petty theft is as common as in any major city, so it is crucial to remain vigilant when walking around with valuables, and it is advisable not to exchange money on the streets.

Finally

We wish you a pleasant flight and stay in the beautiful city of Arusha. Karibu sana!

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