The Partnership Update - March 2007

Partners' Forum

Dear Members:

We are nearing the Partners' Forum in Tanzania and are looking forward to greeting and meeting those members who are able to join us from the evening of Tuesday, April 17 until the afternoon of Friday, 20 April.

There is an very full agenda planned for the meeting in Tanzania. We invite all of our members, both those who are coming, and those who are unable to join us, to look at the Agenda which is posted on the Partners' Forum section of the website:

We have also posted other information of interest, including:
* An up-dated List of The Partnership Members
* Background documents, including: The Partnership Ten-Year Strategy and the Conceptual and Institutional Framework
* The Partners' Forum Media Advisory and other media background documents
* The Partners' Forum List of Participants

In particular, we urge all members attending the Partners' Forum to access the Information Note: Health, Travel and Security which has been prepared, posted on the web and contains key information for participants. **(We have also included the Information Note at the end of this Partners' Update. Please see below.)**

Keep Posted!
All Partnership members are invited to stay up-to-date on the discussions taking place at the Partners' Forum by checking our website on a daily basis from 18-21st of April. Each morning, we will post a resume of the previous day's discussions and presentations.

And Inter-active…
We also urge members who are unable to attend the Partners' Forum to send your comments on the Forum to us by email. We will be checking the pmnch@who.int mailbox during the week of the Forum and we will work to post an some of these comments on the web during the Forum. Please write "Partners Interactive" at pmnch@who.int

Link from your website to ours!
We hope you each will make a link on your organization’s website to the Partners’ Forum page while the forum is on, to share the news of the Forum with your colleagues, members and contacts: https://www.who.int/pmnch/events/2007/partnerforum2007/en/index.html

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Information Note: Health, Travel & Security

Health
Malaria is prevalent throughout the year in Tanzania, including Dar es Salaam. Malaria prophylaxis before travel is advised. A Yellow Fever certificate is also required for entry to Tanzania for all travelers coming from endemic countries.

Emergency health facilities will be available on site at the Partners Forum venue, at the Movenpick Royal Palm Hotel. The designated government referral facility is the Muhimbili Medical Centre. A number of private facilities also exist in Dar es Salaam, including the Aga Khan Hospital, Ocean Road, tel: 022-211-5151/3. Chemist shops are located on Samora Avenue.

What to Pack
Mid-April in Tanzania is warm and humid, with daytime temperatures reaching 25-30 degrees Celsius, with occasional rain. Mosquito repellent and an umbrella are recommended. Hair-dryers are supplied in hotel bathrooms. The voltage is between 220 and 240. A three flat-pronged plug is used in Tanzania, similar to that which is used in the United Kingdom. It is advisable to have both square and round adaptors on hand for mobile phone chargers, laptop adaptors, etc.

Business attire is smart-casual for men and women. For casual wear, short skirts and bare shoulders are not advised in Tanzania.
Entry Visa
Delegates may require a visa for Tanzania (please check your status at [http://www.tanzania.go.tz/visa.html](http://www.tanzania.go.tz/visa.html)). If visas cannot be obtained in advance, they will be available for purchase on an emergency basis at a special counter set up near the Immigration window upon arrival at the Dar es Salaam airport.

Luggage Security
Theft has been reported recently from checked baggage on arrival at the Dar es Salaam airport. Travellers are advised to lock their bags before traveling.

Airport Transfers
Airport transfers will be provided as a courtesy for all delegates upon arrival and exit from the airport in Dar es Salaam. Upon arrival, please look for the Partners' Forum banners near the baggage carousel. There will be staff from The Partnership there to greet you and show you to the buses. Delegates who wish to book private transport are advised to pre-arrange transfers via their hotels for a cost of approximately US$10 each way.

Accommodation & Internet Connection
Participants will be accommodated at the Movenpick Royal Palm Hotel, Kilimanjaro Hotel Kempinski, and the Holiday Inn Hotel. Wireless internet is available in all rooms at the hotels.

Movenpick Royal Palm Hotel
Ohio Street, Dar es Salaam
Telephone: +255-22-211-2416
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Kilimanjaro Hotel Kempinski
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Holiday Inn Hotel
Garden Avenue, Dar es Salaam
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**Hotel Help Desks**
Each of the three conference hotels will have a Partners’ Forum help desk in the lobby. The hours of operation of the desks will be posted, along with the timings of the conference shuttles to and from the Holiday Inn and the Kilimanjaro Hotel Kempinski to the Movenpick Royal Palm Hotel.

**Meeting Venue**
The venue for the meeting is the Movenpick Royal Palm Hotel. The Movenpick Royal Palm Hotel is located in the heart of Dar es Salaam city; it is approximately 12 km, or 20 minutes, from Mwalimu Julius Kambarage Nyerere International Airport. Delegates who wish to arrange private transport are advised that the average cost of transfers from the designated conference hotels is about US$10 each way.

**Conference Shuttles**
Shuttle buses will operate morning and evening between the Holiday Inn and the Kempinski Kilimanjaro hotels to take delegates to the conference venue. A bus schedule will be available at each hotel help desk.

**Business Centre & IT Support**
There will be a dedicated business centre with computers, printers and Internet access available free-of-charge for all conference delegates on the first floor, room 113 in the Movenpick Royal Palm Hotel, from 07:30 to 19:30. Private meeting rooms are also available on request. All parallel break-out rooms will be equipped with LCD projectors for delegates who wish to make PowerPoint presentations.

**Money**
The official currency is the Tanzania shilling (Tsh), although US dollars are widely accepted in Dar es Salaam. The current USD-Tsh exchange rate is US$ 1 = Tsh 1,240. Tanzanian shillings are available in coinage of 10/=, 20/=, 50/= 100/=, 200/=. Other denominations are in notes which are 500/= 1,000/=, 2,000/, 5,000/= and 10,000/=.

The hotel exchange counters offer a slightly more favourable rate of exchange than the counter outside the airport. The *bureau de change* at the Movenpick is open Monday to Saturday from 0800 to 2000.
Automatic teller machines (ATM) are available widely through Dar es Salaam, allowing cash withdrawals from most foreign bank accounts. The nearest ATM to the Movenpick is at Barclays Bank, located directly across the street from the entrance of the Movenpick. Visa, MC and American Express are widely accepted.

**Language**
Kiswahili and English are both spoken widely in Dar es Salaam.

**Time Zone**
Dar es Salaam is located at GMT +2. For instance, 15:00 in Dar es Salaam is 19:00 in Phnom Penh, 17:30 in Delhi, 14:00 in Geneva, 13:00 in London, 08:00 in New York and 05:00 in Seattle.

**Security**
Participants should avoid walking outside the hotel alone, especially at night. As when traveling to any country in the world, there are things that we can do to minimize the risks of having possessions stolen/becoming a victim of crime. It may be a good idea to maintain the philosophy of taking with you, only that which you are prepared to lose.

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