

COMMISSION ON HIV/AIDS AND GOVERNANCE IN AFRICA



**2nd Commissioners Meeting
23-25 March 2004, Maputo,
Mozambique**

INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

VENUE OF THE MEETING

Thank you for accepting the invitation to participate in the 2nd Commissioners Meeting at Maputo on 23 to 25 March 2004. The venue for the meeting will be the International Conference Centre Joaquim Chissano.

IMMIGRATION REQUIREMENTS

Participants are requested to obtain their visas in their own countries prior to departure. However, for countries where there is no diplomatic or consular representation of Mozambique, visas will be issued upon arrival in Maputo, provided we receive the following particulars two weeks in advance.

- 1) Full name
- 2) Nationality
- 3) Passport details (number, date of issue and expiry)
- 4) Flight details (arrival and departure)

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

Mozambique does not have vaccination requirements. However, participants are advised to take preventative measures against malaria.

RECEPTION ON ARRIVAL

Each participant will be met on arrival in Maputo and will be assisted with the formalities regarding immigration and customs. Date and time of arrival in Maputo with flight details should be sent to CHGA as soon as possible. Transport will be provided to and from the airport for all participants.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

CHGA-sponsored participants will be provided a roundtrip air ticket for the most direct route from their country of residence to Maputo. Each participant can also expect to get a Daily Subsistence Allowance for the duration of the meeting.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

Four major hotels have been selected for accommodating all participants. These are: Hotel Polana, Holiday Inn Hotel, Hotel Avenida, VIP-Maputo.

A comparative table of negotiated rate is here below tabulated:

A	Polana Hotel	
	Standard	US\$ 105
	Executive	US\$ 212
B	Holiday Inn	
	Standard	US\$ 85-95
	Executive	US\$ 125
C	Avenida Hotel	
	Standard	US\$84-98
	Suite	US\$180
D	VIP-Maputo	
	Standard	US\$66
	Executive	US\$119

All above-mentioned rates include 17% VAT (Value Added Tax) and breakfast.

A block booking has been made at the Polana Hotel for all participants. Should you decide to go to another hotel, please let us know.

Participants are required to confirm their hotel reservation through CHGA by latest March 12, 2004.

CONTACT PERSON

In case participants should have any questions prior to arrival, they may wish to contact:

Mr. Hemant Sunth

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Electric voltage in Maputo is 220V.
- The weather in March is cool in the morning and evening and warm during the day.
- Currency and Payment: The Mozambique currency is Metical and the current exchange rate to the US\$ is MTS 23,500 to US\$1 (as of 11 December 2003). In addition to MTS, both US\$ and South African Rand currency is widely accepted. Major international credit cards (VISA, MasterCard and Amex) may be used for payment at hotels, restaurants and some shops in Maputo and the major towns.
- Security and Safety: When attending official activities or when at the hotel, you should have no worries or concerns. However, should the opportunity arise for you to take a walk or a stroll in your spare time, we recommend that you take some precautionary measures.
- For medical major or minor emergencies, the UN Dispensary doctor is available on a 24 hours basis. He can be reached directly or through the Emergency Reaction Unit. The contact emergency phone numbers are:

ERU: 082 301188 or 01 492141

UN Doctor: 082 307068 or 01416280