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# 27th UPU Congress

*Abidjan, 9–27 August 2021*

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General plan for health monitoring and medical care

## TERMS OF REFERENCE

## **I. Background and justification**

- 27th UPU Congress: Abidjan, 9 to 27 August 2021
- Around 800 persons are expected
- This Congress is taking place amidst global health concerns, marked by the appearance of emerging and re-emerging diseases and a renewed fight against public health threats.

Appropriate measures therefore need to be adopted to ensure that visitors are healthy upon arrival, during their stay and upon departure, through reinforced application of the International Health Regulations (IHR).

## **II. Objectives**

### **1. General objective**

- Monitor participants' state of health and provide them with medical care.

### **2. Specific objectives**

- Prevent communicable diseases through yellow fever vaccination, hygiene and sanitation measures at sites hosting visitors, and malaria prophylaxis for visitors from countries where malaria is not endemic.
- Carry out health checks at the airport and all sites hosting visitors;
- Detect any communicable diseases that could be spread among participants;
- Take counter-measures in case of any communicable diseases;
- Care for visitors in the event of illness or medical emergencies.

### III. Implementation of activities

#### 1. Coordination

- Coordinated by the Director of the URGENT MEDICAL ASSISTANCE SERVICE.
- Coordination meetings before, during and after Congress.
- Period of medical coverage: 22 days (from two days before the Congress to one day after)

To carry out these tasks, a health committee has been formed.

- Make-up of committee:

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## 2. Activities of the health committee

### 2.1 Preventative activities (INHP)

#### COVID-19 prevention

- **Disinfection of vehicles used to transport Congress participants**
- **At Abidjan Airport**
  - Systematic disinfection of luggage
  - Temperature taking with infrared gun thermometer
  - **All travellers arriving in Abidjan must present proof of a negative PCR test**
    - If they cannot provide this proof, they will be required to take a PCR test on the spot
    - They will go to their hotel, but will not be able to participate in any activities until the result of the test is available
    - The result of their PCR will be provided two hours after the test
    - If the test comes back negative, they can resume normal activities
    - If it is positive, they will be quarantined and treated
    - Wearing of masks is mandatory
    - Hand-washing facilities with soap and water and hydroalcoholic gels will be available, as will masks
- **At the hotel**
  - Temperature taking with infrared gun thermometer
  - Wearing of masks is mandatory
  - Hand-washing facilities with soap and water and hydroalcoholic gels will be available
  - Masks will be made available for participants
- **In meeting halls**
  - Temperature taking with infrared gun thermometer
  - Wearing of masks is mandatory
  - Hand-washing facilities with soap and water and hydroalcoholic gels will be available
  - Masks will be made available for participants
  - Social distancing (1 or 2 metres) will be required
- **Before delegates depart**
  - All travellers will undergo PCR testing. Samples will be collected at the Congress site.

**N.B.** – The tests are free.

- Hospitalization due to COVID-19 will be free in public hospitals

## **Yellow fever prevention**

- **All travellers arriving in Abidjan must present proof of vaccination against yellow fever**
- Entry into Côte d'Ivoire will be refused to travellers who are unable to present a yellow fever vaccination certificate
- Vaccination teams stationed at various health checkpoints around the airport will be on hand to vaccinate these visitors (at the own expense) and issue a vaccination certificate

## **Malaria prevention**

To prevent malaria in visitors from malaria-free countries, in accordance with the guidelines of the national anti-malaria programme:

- **Visitors are advised to take a course of Malarone** (film-coated tablet containing 100 mg proguanil/250 mg atovaquone)
- 1 Begin treatment on day before or day of departure for the endemic area
  - 2 Continue treatment throughout stay in the affected area and for seven days after departing
  - 3 The dose for adults and children weighing over 40 kg (approximately 12 years of age) is one tablet per day, taken at the same time each day

## **Health information sheet**

A health information sheet will be prepared and distributed

## **Hygiene and sanitation**

This mainly involves inspection and sanitary control of sites that will host visitors



## **2.2 Medical care activities (URGENT MEDICAL ASSISTANCE SERVICE)**

Medical care will be provided by the URGENT MEDICAL ASSISTANCE SERVICE (doctors and nurses).

### **a. On the Congress site**

- In the hall of the Sofitel Hôtel Ivoire conference centre, a room will be fitted out as an infirmary. It should include:
  - 2 examination tables
  - 4 IV stands
  - 4 screens
  - 2 doctor's offices
  - 2 doctor's chairs
  - 8 visitor chairs
- A fully-equipped resuscitation ambulance will be stationed in front of the congress centre
- A fully-equipped resuscitation ambulance will be stationed in the tower car park
- A MILITARY FIRE BRIGADE GROUP ambulance will be stationed on the skating rink side
- A MILITARY FIRE BRIGADE GROUP fire engine will be stationed on the tower side

### **b. At each accommodation site**

A room/infirmary must be made available to the URGENT MEDICAL ASSISTANCE SERVICE for round-the-clock medical assistance

### **c. Public and private health institutions**

These will be identified and informed by the organizing committee. The institutions concerned are:

- For the public sector: Abidjan Institute of Cardiology; Treichville University Hospital; Cocody University Hospital
- For the private sector: Farah Clinic; PISAM; Plateau Medical Group; Hôtel Dieu Polyclinic; L'Indénié Clinic

### **2.3 General rescue activities (MILITARY FIRE BRIGADE GROUP)**

- Risk prevention at host facilities
- Stretchering, collection and evacuation of general public