

2024 EIOS Global Technical Meeting

Information Note to Participants

Dear Participant,

Thank you for having registered for the 2024 EIOS Global Technical Meeting (GTM): We are thrilled to be welcoming you in Senegal soon! To help with your preparations and arrival, we have compiled some useful tips and information. For any remaining questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to seeing you!

Sincerely,
Your EIOS Core Team

Visa and Travel

At this point, your travel and visa arrangements should be well underway or already completed. This is a kind reminder that each participant is responsible to confirm visa requirements applicable to their national passports, and to obtain any required visa or documentation prior to their departure.

Participants are expected to make their own travel insurance arrangements for incidents such as accidents or illness, delayed travel, and baggage loss or damage.

Should you still require support with your visa process or have any travel-related questions, please urgently contact EIOS-secretariat@who.int.

Health

If you are arriving from or have transited through a country with a yellow fever transmission risk, you must have a yellow fever vaccination certificate. This may also be required for onward travel due to yellow fever risks in Senegal.

Preventing malaria is an important precaution. If malaria is not common in your area of residence, it is recommended to take anti-malarial medication as prescribed by your doctor. Also, remember to pack some anti-mosquito spray!

There are **no COVID-19 testing or vaccination requirements** for travelers entering Senegal.

For detailed health entry requirements and recommended vaccinations, see: [Senegal TravelHealthProGuide](#).

Transportation to your hotel in Saly

WHO has arranged for the event operators from Palm Beach Hotel (meeting venue) to facilitate airport transfers for registered participants attending the GTM. **This service is available exclusively for registered participants traveling officially between the airport and the hotel.**

For registered participants, the airport transfer will be covered by WHO. To request airport pick-up and drop-off, participants must contact Palm Beach Hotel at ipsambou@sdt.sn (copying abthiam@sdt.sn), providing the following details:

- Full Name
- Mobile Phone Number
- Name of Hotel in Saly
- Arrival and Departure Details (flight number, date, and time).

For airport transfer of any accompanying persons who is not a registered conference participant, a fee of approximately 25 USD (one way) per person must be settled by the participant directly with the operators.

For any further information, last-minute changes, or logistical issues regarding the transfer, participants are advised to contact the Palm Beach Hotel directly at the contact above, as WHO is not involved in the transfer arrangements. For urgent matters, participants may also contact the shuttle operators directly by phone at +221 33 957 30 30.

Participants are responsible for scheduling their arrangements ahead of arrival and are encouraged to make their requests promptly to ensure a smooth transfer experience.

Event locations and logistics

The GTM Opening Ceremony on 10th December will take place at the WHO Regional Emergency Hub in Diamniadio ([Google Maps location](#)).

If you are staying at any of the recommended hotels (Palm Beach, Neptune Hotel, Rhino Resort, or Royal Saly Hotel), a shuttle will pick you up on the morning of 10 December at 7:00am to take you to the WHO Hub. It is your responsibility to be outside your hotel on time for a punctual departure.

If you are not staying in one of the recommended hotels but would like to book a seat on the shuttle, kindly reach out to EIOS-secretariat@who.int to let us know, by 1 December 2024. Otherwise, kindly arrange your own transport to Diamniadio.

Following the Opening Ceremony and Open House tour, participants will be taken back to Saly to have their lunch at Palm Beach Hotel. It is your responsibility to board the available shuttle buses outside the WHO Hub for a punctual departure, or else arrange your own way back to Saly.

The remainder of the 2024 EIOS GTM will be held at the main meeting venue at Palm Beach Resort & Spa Hotel (Teranga Meeting Room). Lunch, as well as snacks and refreshments, will be provided to participants at Palm Beach throughout the meeting days.

On the evening of Day 2, Tuesday, 11 December 2024, all participants are invited to an evening reception at the outdoor pool area at Palm Beach from 7pm. This is a great opportunity to socialize and connect with your fellow EIOS community members, collaborators and supporters!

Map



Other useful information

Local Currency

The currency used in Senegal is **CFA Franc (XOF)**. The current exchange rate of the United Nations System as of 1 November 2024 is USD 1.00 = XOF 604.736. Most international currencies can be exchanged at banks or money exchangers. Visa and Master cards are accepted in major establishments.

Currency exchange in Saly

The reception in your hotel will be able to direct you to the nearest currency exchange office or ATM. You can find several ATMs right next to the Palm Beach resort:

- Sgbs ATM. [Location](#)
- CBAO ATM. [Location](#)

And currency exchange offices:








- Bureau de change. [Location](#)
- Touba One. [Location](#)

SIM card purchase

Unless you have an international roaming package, you might want to purchase a tourist SIM card that will allow you to use mobile data and make phone calls. You will find service desks from various Senegalese mobile networks operators such as Orange, Expresso and Free in the baggage claim area at Dakar airport or at the arrival area.

Weather

Senegal has an ocean-influenced hot semi-arid climate. Between December and May, it is usually very warm with daily average temperatures ranges from 24°C to 32°C. Weather forecast for 8th-14th December 2024:

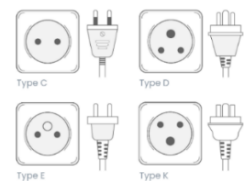
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Security

The security situation in Senegal is relatively calm. Nonetheless, visitors are advised to observe the usual and basic security precautions. For identification and security at the meeting venues, participants are requested to wear their name badges at all times. If necessary, contact the National Officer in charge of security at the WHO Regional Emergency Hub: Mr Faye EL Hadji Issa. Tel: (+221) 78 7120570, fayee@who.int.

Do I need a power plug (travel) adapter?

Senegal uses power outlets and plugs of types C, D, E, and K. The electricity supply operates at 220-240 volts AC. If your device is not compatible with this voltage, please bring a voltage converter. We also recommend bringing a universal power adapter to ensure your devices can be used without any issues.



What shall I wear?

The recommended dress code for the conference is business casual. While the conference venue is air-conditioned, temperatures in Saly can be high during the day.

There are optional well-being activities planned during the conference, including a morning run, walk, and yoga session. Please bring comfortable sports clothing and running shoes if you wish to participate.

Relevant contacts

Addresses

Opening Ceremony : Regional WHO Emergency Hub

Parc Industriel Integre de Dimaniadio, Entrepot A2; Arrondissement C rue 31 x 32; PoteUrbain de Diamaniadio, Senegal ([Google Maps location](#)).

Main Meeting Venue: Palm Beach Resort and Spa

Saly Portudal BP 64, Mbour – Senegal ([Google Maps location](#))

For more detailed information, please refer to the preliminary agenda.

Emergency numbers

Fire: 18

Police: 17

Ambulance: +221 33 865 1818

Emergency 24 SALY

- Dr. Lamine NDIAYE +221 33 957 4747 / 77 631 46 89
- FIREFIGHTERS SALY: +221 33 957 06 02

Police

- MBOUR: Commandant Diallo +221 77 569 0338
- SALY: Adjutant Badji +221 77 819 8623

For technical matters around the GTM: Email: eios-qtm@who.int

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WHO Regional Emergency Hub, Diamniadio

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- Mr Faye EL Hadji Issa, National Officer in charge of Security, fayee@who.int, Tel: +221 78 7120570
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We look forward to welcoming you to Senegal!