

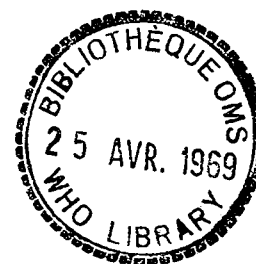


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Lagos, Nigeria, 13-20 May 1969



GENERAL INFORMATION

Place of conference

The conference will be held in Lagos, the capital of Nigeria. The estimated total population of Nigeria is 60 000 000. Lagos, the capital, has a population of about 1-1/2 million. The Nigerian population consists mainly of Hausa, Fulani, Yoruba, Benin, Calabar, Ibo.

Climate

In the Lagos area, the rainy season extends from April to October with the heaviest precipitation in June, July, September and October. The average temperature is 85°F.

Travel

Air travel to Lagos is provided by the following international airlines: Pan American, Sabena, KLM, Alitalia, MEA, UAR, Lufthansa, BOAC, Swissair, Ghana Airways, Ethiopian Airways, and RK (Air Afrique). The international airport is about an hour's drive from the centre of the city - 18 miles.

Local transport

Taxis are difficult to find anywhere but in the centre of the city. Buses are usually crowded and run on only the most heavily travelled routes.

Mail service

Mail should be addressed: c/o WHO
 P.O. Box 2152
 Lagos, Nigeria

Currency

The monetary unit in Nigeria is the pound which is currently valued at about US\$ 2.80. The pound is divided into 20 shillings (worth about \$ 0.14 each) and a shilling is divided into 12 pennies (just over one US penny each). There are both coins and paper currency in various denominations.

Customs regulations

Customs at the international airport, Lagos, are very thorough and presently under military control. Items such as radios, cameras, etc., should be declared on arrival for exit ease.

Local weights and measures

Nigeria uses the British (Imperial) units of weights and measures.

Utilities

The electricity supply in Nigeria is 220 volts a.c. at 50 cycles.

Accommodation

Participants to the Conference will be accommodated in Federal Palace Hotel. This is a modern well furnished hotel located on Victoria Island. Restaurant and banking facilities are located in the hotel. The hotel has an olympic size swimming pool, tennis courts, casino. Room rates are £4 15s 0d for singles and £8 2s 0d for doubles. The hotel may be paid by travellers' cheques or Nigerian pounds.

Location of meeting facility

The meeting will be held at the Institute for International Affairs. This facility is located approximately one mile from the Federal Palace Hotel on Victoria Island. Adequate transportation will be available between hotel and meeting facility.

Immunization requirements

Smallpox and yellow fever vaccination certificates are required for arrivals from all countries.

Medical facilities

The hotel has a physician on call 24 hours a day. Hospitals available include the General Hospital, the Royal Orthopaedic Hospital and Lagos University Teaching Hospital.

Miscellaneous

Laundry and adequate dry cleaning is available at the hotel on a 24-hour return basis (one shirt approximately 2s 6d - US\$ 0.30).

Restaurants

Antoine's Bar/Restaurant, 61 Broad Street, Lagos

Cathay Restaurant (Chinese) 88 Broad Street, Lagos

Tabriz Restaurant, 19/21 Breadfruit Street, Lagos

Tam Tam Restaurant, 37 Marina, Lagos

Safari Restaurant, 86 Kofo Abayomi Street, Apapa

Department stores, post office, banks

Kingsway (British) Full Department Store, Marina, Lagos

UTC (Swiss) Full Department Store, Broad Street, Lagos

Leventis Full Department Store, Marina, Lagos

CFAO (French) Food Hall, Moloney Street, Lagos

Post Office, Marina, Lagos

Bank of America, Broad Street, Lagos

Barclays Bank DCO, 40 Marina and Tinubu Square, Lagos

Recreation

Horse racing every Sunday afternoon at the racecourse, Tafawa Balewa Square, Lagos

Bridge night every Tuesday at 7.30 p.m., Federal Palace Hotel, Victoria Island

Tarkwa Bay and Lighthouse Beach

Boats run from the Federal Palace Hotel every 30 minutes on Saturdays and Sundays. Fare 5 shillings return. Free to hotel guests.

Tarkwa Bay - pleasant beach and safe for swimming.

Lighthouse Beach - 15 minutes' walk from Tarkwa Bay - surfing.

High Commissions

GHANA - 23 King George V Road, Lagos, telephone (25761/5)

SIERRA LEONE - 192 Awolowo Road, Ikoyi, telephone (21854)

Embassies

CAMEROON - 26 Moloney Street, Lagos, telephone (26666)

CHAD - 2 Goriola Street, Victoria Island, telephone (24610 & 28162)

DAHOMEY & TOGO - 97 Awolowo Road, Ikoyi, telephone (28270)

GUINEA - 8 Abudu Smith Street, Victoria Island, telephone (26906)

LIBERIA - 23 Ademola Street, S.W. Ikoyi, telephone (28504 & 28534)

MALI - 26 Ajasa Street, Lagos, telephone (22637)

NIGER - 38 Balagun Street, Lagos, telephone (23220)

SENEGAL - 4/6 Oil Mill Street, Lagos, telephone (25306)

Travel agencies

Mandilas & Karaberis Travel Bureau, 96/102 Broad Street, Lagos, telephone (25421 & 21070)

Transcap Limited, 20/21 Marina, Lagos, telephone (23840/24330/22331)