

Stop Partnership

Dear Colleagues and Friends

Welcome to Addis Ababa. I am happy to welcome you to the Hilton Hotel for the 8th Meeting of the Stop TB Partnership Coordinating Board and satellite meetings. I trust that your flight and arrival in Ethiopia went smoothly. This letter is by way of practical assistance to help make your stay more enjoyable and our meetings more productive.

Monday the 2nd of May 2005

- Meeting of the Steering Committee of the Global Plan to Stop TB (2006-2015) to be held in the GIBE meeting room (Room 345).
- Reception, hosted by the Executive Secretary, at 7.30pm in the Harrar Grill (next to the concierge desk) at the Hilton Hotel.

Tuesday 3rd May 2005

- Opening of the Coordinating Board meeting - Ballroom number 1 at 8.30am
- Dinner, hosted by the Government of Ethiopia at Agilgil - coach departs at 7pm from the main entrance of the Hilton Hotel.

Wednesday 4th May 2005

- Shuttle bus departs regularly 15 minutes to the UN Compound for day 2 of the CB meeting. PLEASE bring you ID cards (for UN officials). Other official participants will receive ID cards on Tuesday. It is a pleasant 10 minute walk to the UN compound for those preferring to go by foot.

Thursday 5th May 2005

- Special session on the Ethiopian TB programme at the Ministry of Health. Transportation will be departing at 8.30am from the main entrance of the Hilton Hotel.
- As this is a national holiday in Ethiopia, in the afternoon, the Ministry has arranged a visit to Entoto for a panoramic view of the city.

Friday 6th May 2005

- Tour of TB/HIV clinic in Addis Ababa - coach departs the main entrance of the Hilton Hotel at 9am.

OTHER INFORMATION

Secretariat

Established until the evening of Tuesday 3rd May 2005 in the ABAY Room, after then at the WHO office. For any practical assistance you might need with flight confirmation, per diems, transportation, IT support or presentations. Winnie Deguzman & Ebenezer Johnson will be available to assist you.

Ethiopian Elections

Please be informed that public gatherings/electioneering will take place in Meskel Square on the following dates:

Saturday, 30 April 2005

Tuesday, 03 May 2005

Saturday, 07 May 2005

The city council has granted permission to various groups to campaign during the hours of 0900 - 1400 hrs on the aforementioned dates. We do not have any information with respect to the size of the gatherings, but have been informed that the traffic police do intend to close Meskel Square to all vehicles on these dates.

I wish you an enjoyable and productive stay in Ethiopia.

With best regards.

Marcos Espinal