

INFORMATION FOR IN-PERSON PARTICIPANTS

COVID-19 PREVENTION AND RISK MITIGATION MEASURES

FACE-TO-FACE SEGMENT OF THE TWELFTH MEETING OF THE OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP TO THE BASEL CONVENTION NAIROBI, KENYA, 4-6 APRIL 2022

AND

PREPARATORY MEETING FOR THE 2022 FACE-TO-FACE SEGMENT OF THE MEETINGS OF THE CONFERENCES OF THE PARTIES TO THE BASEL, ROTTERDAM AND STOCKHOLM CONVENTIONS FOR THE AFRICA REGION NAIROBI, KENYA, 7-9 APRIL 2022

1. Latest updates

As advised in the “Update on COVID-19 in Kenya and response measures” issued by the Ministry of Health, as of 11 March 2022, the following now applies:

- Travelers who are fully vaccinated are exempt from the requirement of a PCR test.
- All travelers arriving at any port of entry into Kenya will be required to fill in the passenger locator form: https://ears.health.go.ke/airline_registration/.
- The mandatory wearing of face masks in open public spaces is now lifted.
- People are encouraged to maintain social distancing and avoid crowding to minimise spread of the virus.
- The use of masks in all indoor functions, including meetings, is encouraged.

2. Specific actions to take before the meeting

Prepare yourself before attending the in-person meeting:

Appraise yourself with the current COVID-19 situation from reliable sources such as the WHO and the Kenyan Ministry of Health. Kindly see below sample links:

- [WHO COVID-19 info](#)
- [WHO Africa Dashboard](#)
- [Kenya Ministry of Health COVID-19 guidance](#)

Carefully read this COVID-19 health information package.

Ensure that you carry your health insurance details/card as you attend the meeting. This will be important in case external medical assistance or hospitalization is required.

Check your health closely before attending in-person meetings. Take note of any Covid-19 symptoms including sense of fever or actual measured temperature at 37.5C (99.5F) or above. In case you have any of the stated symptoms, you are advised to take the following actions:

1. Stay at home OR remain in your hotel room.
2. Contact the UNON JMS emergency number (+254 724 255378) or the assigned hotel medical personnel who will reach out to JMS clinic.
3. Excuse yourself from attending in-person meetings.
4. Follow-through with medical guidance shared by UNON JMS personnel.

3. COVID health and safety measures at meeting venues

Face masks within Gigiri: meeting participants will be encouraged to wear face masks at all times with an exception applied when a participant is delivering a statement or having a drink/meal. Face masks are encouraged to be worn outside the meeting venue e.g. at the hotel accommodation and in other shared public spaces.

Participants need to be aware of the [Do's and Dont's](#) of face mask use. Proper use and disposal of face masks into designated bins will act to limit exposure of other participants to COVID-19 infection.

Hand hygiene measures: Soap and water will be available in the bathroom facilities. Alcohol hand sanitizers will be available within the conference venue and at different points within the Gigiri complex.

Posters and signage displaying COVID-19 related information: these will be placed as visual cues and reminders within Gigiri complex.

Participants are expected to follow COVID-19 signage instructions to enhance meeting safety.

Meeting participants are expected to exercise prudence in applying physical distancing measures during in-person meetings and during any mutual interactions outside the meeting venue.

Regular announcements on COVID-19 precautions and compliance: designated focal points will assist with the implementation of COVID-19 prevention measures at the meeting venue. These focal points will also collaborate with various UN stakeholders to address any emerging concerns related to COVID-19 at the meeting venues. Announcements relating to COVID-19 measures and compliance will be relayed at the beginning of the meeting and from time to time by assigned personnel.

COVID-19 Hotline support: In-person participants will have access to health guidance on COVID-19 measures and related concerns through the UNON COVID-19 hotline and UNON JMS. The contact details are:

- 24hr number: +254 724 255378
- COVID-19 Hotline number: +254 20 7621717

4. Isolation for COVID-19

Isolation refers to the act of separating oneself from others when you are confirmed to have COVID-19. Isolation is important not only in controlling the spread of COVID-19 but also for monitoring in case escalation of medical care is required. Isolation can be undertaken at home or at your hotel accommodation.

In both instances of quarantine and isolation, close follow-up with the UNON JMS personnel will be important to ensure optimal health for participants and early referral for medical assistance if required. Collaboration with hotel and government medical personnel will also be important in supporting the health and safety of all participants and hotel guests.

5. PCR testing prior to return travel

The meeting organizers have arranged to offer pre-travel COVID-19 PCR testing during OEWG-12 and the Regional Preparatory meeting. A PCR testing tent will be located within the Gigiri complex. The applicable cost for the pre-departure COVID-19 tests will be USD 45 (KES 5,200). This cost is to be borne by the delegate.

Further details on this service will be provided on the first day of the respective meetings.
