



# Sixty-sixth session of the World Health Organization Regional Committee for the Western Pacific



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# 1. Preparations for the WHO Regional Committee for the Western Pacific

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## Date and place

12–16 October 2015

Hyatt Regency Guam

The sixty-sixth session of the World Health Organization Regional Committee for the Western Pacific will be held on Guam, United States of America, from 12 to 16 October 2015, at the Hyatt Regency Guam, 1155 Pale San Vitores Road, Tamuning, Guam.

**The opening ceremony begins at 10:30 on 12 October 2015 at the SandCastle Dinner Theater, 1199 Pale San Vitores, Tumon, Guam. The plenary session will commence at 14:00 at the Grand Ballroom of the Hyatt Regency Guam.**

**Subsequent sessions will take place daily from 08:30 to 12:00 and from 14:00 to 17:30, with 15-minute coffee breaks during each period.**



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# Languages

The official languages of the Regional Committee are Chinese, English and French. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided for the three official languages during the sessions. English and French are the working languages.

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## Identification and security

For identification and security, representatives should wear identification badges at all times during sessions and social functions. Badges will be provided at designated hotels prior to the session.



# Hotels

The Hyatt Regency Guam and The Bayview Hotel Guam have been designated as official hotels for representatives. Details are below:



Hotel	Hyatt Regency Guam		The Bayview Hotel Guam	
	1155 Pale San Vitores Road, Tamuning, Guam, United States of America Tel.: +1 671 647 1234 Fax: +1 671 647 1296		1475 Pale San Vitores Road, Tumon, Guam, United States of America Tel.: +1 671 646 2300 Fax: +1 671 646 8738	
Star rating	(5 stars)		(4 stars)	
Rooms rates	Standard Ocean View		Deluxe Station View	
	single US\$ 194.25	double US\$ 216.45	single US\$ 99.90	double US\$ 99.90
	Regency Club			
	single US\$ 271.95	double US\$ 294.15		
	Suite			
	single US\$ 582.75			

Room rates, which are net and include breakfast, have been discounted for attendees.

In order for WHO to hold sufficient rooms, representatives are advised to register online no later than 15 September 2015. Rooms are subject to availability, and rates cannot be guaranteed beyond this date. Please register online at: <http://www.wpro.who.int/rcm/register.aspx>

Transport will be provided for the representatives from the designated hotels to the venue of the opening ceremony on the morning of 12 October 2015. Transport will also be provided from The Bayview Hotel Guam to and from the Hyatt Regency Guam for the plenary sessions.

# Travel and transport



## ARRIVAL

Luggage tag



Lapel label



A. B. Won Pat International Airport is located in Tamuning and Barrigada, three miles east of the capital city of Hagåtña.

Representatives will be assisted upon arrival at A. B. Won Pat International Airport and provided with transport to designated hotels. For easy identification upon arrival at the airport, representatives are requested to wear the lapel labels provided with this booklet. Luggage tags also have been provided.

Representatives must send their arrival and departure details to the WHO Regional Office for the Western Pacific in order to have airport transport arranged.

For representatives who do not notify WHO of their arrival time to be met at the airport, a taxi counter is located outside the arrival area of the airport terminal. In addition, several car rental and tour group counters are located near the baggage claim area.

## DEPARTURE

Representatives will be provided with transport from designated hotels to the airport for scheduled departures.

Upon reconfirmation of flights, travellers will be provided with a transport flier indicating pick-up arrangement to the airport.

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## Spouse programme

Information on the spouse programme, including visits to scenic spots, will be provided upon arrival in Guam. Details will also be available at the conference site on the first day of the plenary session.



## 2. Information on Guam, United States of America

### Entry requirements



Guam is a territory of the USA and follows the USA immigration law. Representatives and other participants are required to have a passport valid for at least six months from the date of entry to Guam. Visas must be obtained unless travellers are citizens of a country under the Guam-CNMI Visa Waiver Program. The US Customs and Border Protection site contains detailed information:

**[https://help.cbp.gov/app/answers/detail/a\\_id/1165/~guam---cnmi-visa-waiver-program](https://help.cbp.gov/app/answers/detail/a_id/1165/~guam---cnmi-visa-waiver-program)**

**[https://help.cbp.gov/app/answers/detail/a\\_id/194/kw/visa%20waiver/sno/1](https://help.cbp.gov/app/answers/detail/a_id/194/kw/visa%20waiver/sno/1)**

Representatives that have difficulty obtaining a visa should communicate immediately with:

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# Customs

For both residents and non-residents, importing prohibited items can result in significant fines and penalties, including imprisonment. Additional information can be found at the links below:

**<http://www.cbp.gov/travel/international-visitors/know-before-you-go>**

**<http://cqa.guam.gov/>**

For up-to-date information, please contact the nearest consulate or embassy of the USA.

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# Health regulations



Yellow fever vaccination is required for visitors arriving from infected areas, except children under one year of age. Visitors from infected areas may be subject to isolation or quarantine.

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## Banking facilities

Currently there are three domestic and three locally-incorporated foreign commercial banks operating with branches throughout the island. These institutions are the Bank of Guam, Bank Pacific, Citizens Security Bank and Citibank N.A., Bank of Hawaii and First Hawaiian Bank.

International credit cards are accepted by the majority of tourist establishments. ATMs are available 24 hours a day at all banks, some shops and designated hotels. Most currencies can be exchanged with ease.

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## Climate and clothing

As in most tropical islands in the Western Pacific Region, the weather in Guam is warm throughout the year with less humidity November through March. The mean annual temperature near sea level is about 81°F (27°C) with monthly means ranging from 80°F (27°C) in January to 82°F (28°C) in June. Rarely does the temperature exceed 90°F (32°C) during the day or fall below 70°F (21°C) at night. The relative humidity averages between 73–81%, depending on the month.

Guam's climate is characterized by two distinct seasons: a dry season from January to May and a rainy season from July to November. June and December are transitional months.

**Participants are encouraged to adopt the "no tie/island casual" dress code for the entire session of the Regional Committee.**

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## Currency and exchange rate



As a territory of the USA, Guam uses US currency. Denominations include:

- Coins: 1 cent (penny), 5 cents (nickel), 10 cents (dime), 25 cents (quarter), 50 cents (half dollar) and a dollar coin with several varieties.
- Bank notes: 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50 and 100 dollars

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## Electricity and water

The standard power supply in Guam is 120 volts/60 cycles with standard plug outlets of the USA.

Water is chlorinated and safe to drink.

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## Languages

English and Chamorro are the official languages of Guam.

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## Local time

Local time is 10 hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT). Guam does not use daylight savings time.

# Public facilities

Business	Weekdays	Saturdays	Sundays/ national holidays
Banks	09:00-16:00 (Mon-Thurs) 09:00-18:00 (Fri)	09:00-12:00 (Some branches)	Closed
Government offices	08:00-17:00*	Closed	Closed
Post offices	08:30-15:30	12:00-15:00	Closed
Shopping malls	10:00-21:00	Open	Open

\*majority of Government offices

# Local transport



The Guam Mass Transit Authority operates buses on nine routes, connecting nearly all of the villages of the island, from Monday to Saturday.

Transportation is available to selected areas by bus route. Transportation on the line includes most major shopping centres as well as the hotels in Tumon and Hagåtña.

Regulated metered taxis are available at all hotels and major shopping centres. The standard flag rate is US\$ 2.40, US\$ 4.00 for the first mile and US\$ 0.80 every quarter mile thereafter.

For maximum security, please request assistance from the hotel concierge in arranging transport.

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# Medical services

The nearest hospitals and clinics to the venue of the plenary sessions are:



## **Seventh-day Adventist Guam Clinic**

388 Ypao Road, Tamuning, Guam

Tel: +1 671 646 8881



## **Guam Memorial Hospital**

850 Gov. Carlos G. Camacho Road, Tamuning

Tel: +1 671 647 2555



## **U.S. Naval Hospital Guam**

Bldg. 50 Farenholt Ave., Agana Heights, Guam

Tel: +1 671 344 9340

*Representatives are responsible for any medical costs incurred.*

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## Safety



Visitors should take reasonable security precautions to guard against theft or fraudulent practices, such as spurious requests for financial assistance or bad-faith offers of goods and services, including currency exchange. Prudence and sound judgment should guide your actions at all times, whether in the hotel, on the street, in a taxi or simply talking on the telephone.

In case of police, fire or medical emergency, dial 911 from any telephone at any time.

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## Smoke-free policy



WHO has a no-smoking policy for all WHO meetings and related functions.

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## Shopping and entertainment



Tumon is the centre of shopping in Guam, with numerous boutiques including T Galleria by DFS, The Plaza along the Pleasure Island strip and the Tumon Sands Plaza.

Beyond Tumon, Guam has three large malls: The Agana Shopping Center in Hagåtña, Guam Premier Outlets in Tamuning and Micronesia Mall in Dededo. All malls are less than 15 minutes driving from the Hyatt Regency Guam.

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## Tipping

In Guam, tipping service staff is customary, just as it is in the continental United States. Tipping from 10–15% is standard in restaurants and hotels and with taxi drivers. If a 10% service charge is added to the bill, additional tipping is optional.

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## Telecommunications facilities

The country code for Guam is (1) and area code is (671). International prepaid cards are available for sale at hotel front desks. Calls made using these phone cards are about 40% less expensive than operator-assisted calls.

The international direct dialling (IDD) code for outgoing international calls is 001.

Facsimile (Fax) services and Wi-Fi are available in major hotels and business centres.

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