

# 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting Multi Sectoral Working Group Preparation Booklet



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Hotel Golden Tulip LeDiplomate Cotonou, Cotonou, Benin  
6–8 March 2025

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<https://endmalaria.org/our-work-working-groups/multi-sectoral-action>

<https://www.globalmalariaevents.org/MSWG2025>

## General Information

# Welcome to the 7<sup>th</sup> MSWG Annual Meeting!

We are very happy to welcome you to the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the RBM Multi Sectoral Working Group. It is exciting to see you again in person in Benin.

This small booklet provides general information regarding the meeting and the host city of Cotonou, with a few suggestions to prepare your trip to Benin, and for getting to know the most important details about the MSWG-7 meeting.

See you soon in Cotonou!

*Graham Alabaster & Peter Mbabazi*  
*MSWG Co-Chairs*

## About the RBM Partnership to End Malaria

The RBM Partnership to End Malaria is the largest global platform for coordinated action against malaria. Originally established as Roll Back Malaria (RBM) Partnership in 1998, it mobilizes action and resources and forges consensus among partners.

The Partnership comprises more than 500 partners, including malaria-endemic countries, their bilateral and multilateral development partners, the private sector, non-governmental and community-based organizations, foundations, and research and academic institutions. [endmalaria.org](http://endmalaria.org)

- Facebook: [@RBMPartnership](https://www.facebook.com/RBMPartnership)
- X (Former Twitter): [@endmalaria](https://twitter.com/endmalaria)

## About MSWG

Multi-sectoral collaboration is key in light of the challenges faced in malaria control and elimination including insecticide & drug resistance, mobility of populations, risk perception, sustainable human settlements, poverty, disasters (natural & man-made), outdoor transmission, climate change and funding shortfalls.

The MSWG brings together different stakeholders across different sectors including; health, science and technology, oil & gas, international cooperation (cross border), housing, infrastructure, extraction industries, water and sanitation, environment, food and agriculture, education, immigration, tourism, customs, security, finance, trade, political, private, civil society, labour, research & development, media, information & communications technology, social protection and justice. The aim is to align partners in their actions for new interventions as well as putting new life into those that already exist, and coordinate and manage these in new and innovative ways.

- RBM MSWG: [Website](http://www.rbm.org/mswg)
- X (Former Twitter): [@RBM\\_MS WG](https://twitter.com/RBM_MS WG)

## Annual Meeting

### MSWG-7

This years' MSWG meeting will focus on design of Multi-sectoral projects and programmes.

### Meeting Venue

All sessions of the meeting will take place at [Hotel Golden Tulip Le Diplomate Cotonou](https://www.hotelgoldenulip.com), Cotonou, Benin.

## Meeting Languages

The meeting will be held in English with simultaneous translation in French.

## Registration Fee

The registration fees are as follows:

Regular: USD 500

Malaria-affected countries: USD 150

Students: USD 150

Participants who would like to attend both the VCWG-20 & MSWG-7 annual meetings will receive a reduction of 50% on the registration fees of the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

MSWG-7 meeting website:

<https://www.globalmalariaevents.org/MSWG2025>

VCWG-20 meeting website:

<https://www.globalmalariaevents.org/VCWG2025>

The fee includes a tote bag, as well as, the tea breaks in the morning with assorted snacks, lunch breaks including water/soft drinks/juice, tea breaks in the afternoon with assorted snacks for the duration of the meeting. Free WiFi and a smartphone Attendee App with the meeting agenda and profiles of the speakers.

Selected National Malaria Control Program representatives will be sponsored and notified by the Organizers.

## Abstract submission

Abstracts may be submitted for oral or poster presentations. All abstracts will be reviewed by the co-chairs and assigned to either an oral or a poster presentation.

Submission deadline on Wednesday 15 January 2025 (5 pm CET)!

Submit your abstract here:

<https://swisstph.wufoo.com/forms/s1y846ti1ngsj0u/>

## Travel Requirements

### e-Visa

Any foreigner wishing to visit the Republic of Benin needs to submit their e-Visa application online. However, the countries below can visit Benin without a visa for 30 or 90 days.

Countries Exempt from Visa

Requirements:

Algeria, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo-Brazzaville, Gabon, Morocco, Namibia, Rwanda, South Africa, Tunisia

Brazil, China, South Korea, Cuba, France, Haiti, India, Iran, Italy, Mexico, Chinese SAR of Hong Kong, Chinese R.A.S. of Macao, Russia, Singapore, Switzerland, Turkey

Please consult this website for further information on obtaining a visa if required.

<https://evisa.bj/>

It is advised to have with you hard copies of your travel documents (passport, flight ticket, hotel reservation, travel insurance, health insurance, e-visa arrangements).

## Useful Information

### Plugs



In Benin, power plugs and sockets (outlets) of type E are used. The standard voltage is 220 V at a frequency

of 50 Hz. Plug type E is the plug which has two round pins.

## Time Zone



The time in Benin is designated as CAT-01:00 or UTC/GMT+01:00.

## Weather in March

Cotonou is located on the southern coast of Benin, along the Gulf of Guinea. The weather in Cotonou in early March is warm and humid. Temperatures are typically range between 26°C (79°F) and 32°C (89°F) with a humidity of 80%. There is a 20% chance of rain.

## Currency

West African CFA franc (XOF) is the official currency in Benin. However, US dollars (USD) are not commonly used for day-to-day transactions in Benin. Euros (EUR) are widely accepted for currency exchange. 1 EUR = 656 XOF (as of 11 December 2024).

Golden Tulip Le Diplomate Cotonou

## Accommodation

To benefit from the preferential room rate at Hotel Golden Tulip Le Diplomate Cotonou (same place as the meeting venue), each participant needs to send the reservation request to both emails: [reservation@goldentuliplediplomatecotonou.com](mailto:reservation@goldentuliplediplomatecotonou.com), [sales2@goldentuliplediplomatecotonou.com](mailto:sales2@goldentuliplediplomatecotonou.com)

In the request, they must mention:

First name, Last name

Check-in date

Check-out date

Duration of stay

and the code corresponding to the meeting 'MSWG RATE CODE: GBSMSWG'.

The applicable rate is XOF 107,500/USD 170 (original rate of XOF 175,000 XOF/USD 280) for a single room per night, including breakfast and city tax.

The closing date for accommodation reservations (preferential room rate) is on 2 February 2025. After this date, guests may make room bookings (subject to availability) at the best available rate of the hotel at the time of booking. Payment shall be made by each individual participant.

### List of hotels nearby Hotel Golden Tulip Le Diplomate Cotonou

- Maison rouge - 1.4 km of Golden Tulip le Diplomate Cotonou
- Novotel Orisha Cotonou - 0.2 km of Golden Tulip le Diplomate Cotonou
- Ibis Hotel Cotonou - 0.2 km of Golden Tulip le Diplomate Cotonou
- Sofitel Cotonou Marina Hotel & Spa - 1.0 km of Golden Tulip le Diplomate Cotonou
- Nobila Airport Hotel - 1.7 km of Golden Tulip le Diplomate Cotonou
- Livingstone Hotel - 1.3 km of Golden Tulip le Diplomate Cotonou
- Azalaï Hotel Cotonou - 3.6 km of Golden Tulip le Diplomate Cotonou
- Hôtel les Orchidées - 0,3 km of Golden Tulip le Diplomate Cotonou

## How to get there

The Hotel Golden Tulip Le Diplomate Cotonou is conveniently located approximately 5 kilometers (a 10–15 minute drive) from Cotonou International Airport (Cadjehoun Airport). The hotel offers an airport shuttle service for its guests. To ensure seamless planning, it's recommended that you inform the hotel of your arrival and departure details in advance.

## Cotonou - Benin

### Restaurants

Try out [La Cabane du Pêcheur](#) for French and African seafood, [Livingstone](#) for Pizza, and [Maquis Pili-Pili](#) for authentic Beninese cuisine.

More to see: [https://fr-tripinafrica-com.translate.goog/benin/cotonou?\\_x\\_tr\\_sl=auto&\\_x\\_tr\\_tl=en&\\_x\\_tr\\_hl=en-US&\\_x\\_tr\\_pto=wapp](https://fr-tripinafrica-com.translate.goog/benin/cotonou?_x_tr_sl=auto&_x_tr_tl=en&_x_tr_hl=en-US&_x_tr_pto=wapp)

Also, you can get dinner at the Hotel Golden Tulip Le Diplomate for approx. USD 35.- per person.

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### Thank you

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## Cotonou - Benin



Benin is a vibrant West African country, offering diverse experiences for tourists. Its rich culture is reflected in historical sites like the Royal Palaces of Abomey and the Ouidah Museum of History, celebrating its past as a center of the slave trade. Nature lovers can explore wildlife in Pendjari National Park, home to elephants and lions, while its coastline boasts beautiful beaches. Benin's lively markets, such as those in Cotonou, and its festivals highlight the local art, music, and cuisine. Whether for history, culture, or nature, Benin offers a captivating journey.



### [Lake Nokoue Ganvie](#)

Just a short boat ride from Cotonou, Ganvie is a unique village built entirely on water. Known as the "Venice of Africa," it offers a fascinating glimpse into local culture and history as you explore the floating homes and markets.



### [Fondation Zinsou](#)

This contemporary art museum showcases the work of African artists, both past and present. It's an excellent place to experience the rich cultural scene of Benin.



### [Dantokpa Market](#)

Dantokpa Market in Cotonou is one of the largest open-air markets in West Africa. Known for its vibrant atmosphere, it offers fresh produce, traditional crafts, street food, and local music. Visitors can explore diverse stalls, from handmade jewelry to local delicacies.