



Microbicides Trials Network Regional Meeting Announcement

Hello MTN Investigators:

We are sending this information to help clarify the target audience for the MTN Regional Meeting to be held at the Westin Grand Cape Town Arabella Quays Hotel, October 19-22, 2009.

The meetings:

- 1) The MTN Regional Meeting, October 19-22, 2009 in Cape Town. Meeting registration will soon be available on our website <http://www.mtnstopshiv.org>.
- 2) If you are a member of the MTN Executive Committee, please plan on attending a closed meeting of the MTN EC, Thursday, October 22, 2009 at the Westin Grand Cape Town Arabella Quays Hotel.

Who Should Attend the Regional Meeting?

This meeting is intended to bring together the study teams located in Africa. It is anticipated that several representatives for each site will be included in this meeting. In most cases, we expect that the Clinical Research Site (CRS) PI and/or the Investigator of Record and study coordinator should attend. In addition, one or more other clinicians, a pharmacist, two laboratory staff members, one CAB member, and one community educator should also plan to attend. US-based collaborating investigators are invited to attend but there are no additional funds to pay for travel for US-based investigators specifically for this meeting. If you need a letter of invitation to obtain a VISA to South Africa please contact Chris Rullo.

Representatives of the US NIH are welcome and highly encouraged to attend the MTN Regional Meeting. This meeting provides a unique opportunity for NIH staff to interact with the African study teams of the MTN and to be updated on the diverse activities of the MTN in Africa. The MTN Regional Meeting's location in Cape Town allows for a larger number and wider variety of African site staff to attend than what is typically possible at the MTN Annual Meeting in Washington, DC.

We look forward to your active participation in this regional meeting. Please plan to stay for the entire three days (Monday-Wednesday). You will be free to leave Wednesday afternoon after 5:00 PM.

As a reminder, you are responsible for securing your own hotel reservation at the Westin Grand Cape Town Arabella Quays Hotel. The negotiated rate is R 1,944 (standard single room, inclusive of complimentary breakfast served in Restaurant Thirty7) and R 2,160 (double rate, inclusive of complimentary breakfast served in Restaurant Thirty7). For further information on how to make your hotel reservation, please refer to the attached fact sheet. The **FINAL** cut-off date for making reservations is **August 17, 2009**. Room rate and availability cannot be guaranteed thereafter.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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