

20th Annual Meeting Vector Control Working Group Preparation Booklet

**Empowering local leadership for optimal
malaria vector control impact**

**Hotel Golden Tulip Le Diplomate, Cotonou, Benin
3 – 5 March 2025**

<https://endmalaria.org/our-work-working-groups/vector-control>

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

General Information

Welcome to the 20th VCWG Annual Meeting!

We are very happy to welcome you to the 20th Annual Meeting of the RBM Vector Control 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 VCWG-20 meeting.

See you soon in Cotonou!

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VCWG 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

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

About VCWG

The VCWG promotes basic research and development into new tools, and the translation of vector control priorities into operational research, combining the input of its constituent national and international academia/research and private sector development partners. Through increased collaboration with Regional Networks the VCWG ensures that their specific needs are fully considered in deliberations on global malaria strategies.

Within resource-constrained environment, knowledge sharing is key. The diversity of the VCWG membership allows for rich dialogue and mutual learning for the development of more robust and adaptive responses to challenges associated with enhancing the impact of core interventions (ITNs and IRS), expanding the vector control toolbox and implementing the WHO Global Vector Control Response. The VCWG provides a forum where all the partners from country programs, international organizations, academia, the private sector and others, can come together to build consensus on the challenges, gaps and opportunities in vector control.

- RBM VCWG: [Website](http://www.vcwg.org)
- X (Former Twitter): [@RBM_VCWG](https://twitter.com/RBM_VCWG)

Annual Meeting

VCWG-20

The annual meeting provides a platform for the malaria vector control community to exchange on latest best practices and research relevant to current and future malaria vector control operations. Plenary sessions and panel discussions complement the activities of the dedicated Work Streams focus on their work plans,

ratify the main projects and present the next steps and way forward. The work plan activities are funded by Partners, and coordinated by the Work Stream Co-Leads and the Co-Chairs of the Working Group.

Meeting Venue

All sessions of the meeting will take place at the [Hotel Golden Tulip Le Diplomate Cotonou](#), 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 2nd meeting.

VCWG-20 meeting website:

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

MSWG-7 meeting website:

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

The fee includes a tote bag, a 20th anniversary pin, 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, visit to Exhibition Fair.

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

Abstract submission

Over 70 abstracts were received and reviewed by the work stream co-leads for their inclusion to the agenda as oral or poster presentations.

Exhibition Fair

It will take place throughout the VCWG annual meeting. Companies, that are part of the Exhibition Fair, are contributing to travel sponsorships for malaria-affected country participants. Each company can have up to two free registration slots (linked to the Exhibition Fair). If you are interested, please contact directly konstantina.boutsika@swisstph.ch

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:

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. 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, 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 'VCWG RATE CODE: GBSVCWG'.

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 (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.

Restaurants

There are many restaurants in Cotonou, from local African cuisine to international flavors.

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

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

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 Nokoué 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.

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