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Promoting child nutrition in Western and Central Africa

Inter-regional parliamentary seminar co-organized by the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), in collaboration with alive&thrive and the support of the National Assembly of Burkina Faso

27-29 June 2017, Ouagadougou (Burkina Faso)

GENERAL INFORMATION

- **Background**

Over 155 million children under the age of five are not meeting their development potential owing to nutritional deficiencies, which affect their learning outcomes and earning capacity as well as the economic prosperity of their communities and their nations. Poor nutrition and the stunting it causes trap the child, the community and the nation in a cycle of poverty.

Stunting is the outcome of chronic deficiency in nutrition during the first 1,000 days of a child's life – from conception, through pregnancy, to the age of two. The damage it causes to a child's development is irreversible. A stunted five-year old is inches shorter than he or she might have been. Chronic malnutrition makes that child more vulnerable to disease. A stunted child is as much as five times more likely to die from diarrhoea than a non-stunted child and, most important, a stunted child will never reach his or her full cognitive capacity and never be able to learn, nor earn, as much in his or her lifetime.

In order to galvanize national parliaments around nutrition interventions and to enhance their capacity to advance nutrition goals, the IPU and UNICEF will bring together parliamentarians from the Western and Central Africa region and relevant civil society actors (who can provide members of parliament with relevant data and work with them to foster greater accountability), with a view to raising awareness and educating members of parliament on the urgent need for action.

The aim of the seminar is to increase the understanding of parliamentarians and parliamentary staff of issues related to malnutrition, stunting and the harmful effects these blights can have on their countries, and to enhance their capacity to support nutrition interventions. The seminar will pay particular attention to parliament's role in tracking and earmarking budgets for scaling up nutrition, but also focus on other powers (law-making, oversight, and representation) parliamentarians can deploy to help reduce malnutrition rates.

- **Debate and venue**

The inter-regional parliamentary seminar on Promoting Child Nutrition, co-organized by the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), in collaboration with alive&thrive and hosted by the National Assembly of Burkina Faso, will be held in Ouagadougou from 27-29 June 2017 at the Hotel Laico Ouaga 2000. The seminar proceedings will be conducted in English and French.

- **Focal point / Delegate registration**

Invited parliaments are kindly requested to send their list of participants as soon as possible and no later than **9 June 2017**, using the attached registration form to the following addresses:

Mr. Karamoko Jean Marie Traore Email: jm_karamoko@yahoo.fr Tel.: +226 76 68 30 63	Ms. Alizeta Compaore Email: acompaore@unicef.org Tel.: + 226 78 17 17 28
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- **Hotel accommodation and reservation**

Participants are informed that they are responsible for their own air fare and accommodation. The hotels given below have been made available for participants attending the seminar. Requests for hotel reservations will be treated on a first-come, first-served basis. Participants are kindly requested to forward copies of their hotel accommodation to the Focal points indicated above and are invited to contact them for any assistance.

HOTELS	Room type Rate	
Hotel LAICO OUAGA 2000 1603 Avenue Pascal Zagré Tel.: +226 25 49 98 00 Email: reservations.laicoouaga@laicohotels.com Web: www.laicohotels.com/fr/laico-ouaga-2000	Single Room	90.000 CFA
Bravia Zone Zaca Sect 04, Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, 01BP4883 Tel. +226 74 30 41 41 www.bravi-hotels.com	Standard Room	120.000 CFA
	Business Room	130.000 CFA
	Premium Room	145.000 CFA
	Business Plus Room	160.000 CFA
Hotel Palace Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso Tel. : +226 25 37 50 60	Standard Room	60.000 CFA

- **Arrival and departure**

A shuttle service will be provided. Participants are kindly requested to forward their flight number and itinerary details to the Seminar Secretariat at: jm_karamoko@yahoo.fr; zkiemde@gmail.com; dejuthe@gmail.com; acompaore@unicef.org; asomda@unicef.org and mouldbouasria@unicef.org.

- **Visas**

Participants are invited to obtain their visas at their point of departure. Entry visa's can be issued upon arrival by sending a copy of their passport in advance to Mr. Jean Marie Traore (jm_karamoko@yahoo.fr).

- **Vaccination**

Participants are informed that vaccination against yellow fever is required and are therefore invited to have in their possession their international vaccination booklet upon arrival.

- **Weather conditions**

In June, the average temperature in Ouagadougou varies between 24°(min) and 34° C (max) with some rains.

- **Currency**

The current CFA Francs exchange rate is:

1Euro (€) = CFA 655
USD \$1 = CFA 615

- **Security**

Generally, Ouagadougou is a very quiet city without frequent aggression. However, for safety reasons, participants are advised to mind their personal belongings (jewelry, handbags, briefcases etc.) while outside and are advised to leave their belongings at their hotel where a safe is at their disposal (inquire at the hotel reception).

Should participants require personal security, they are invited to contact:

Mr. Armand Some
Field Security Officer
Email: asome@unicef.org
Tel.: +226 64 86 51 62

- **Medical service**

During the seminar, a first aid medical service will be provided. Participants are personally responsible for any expenses relating to other medical services or treatment.

Contact:
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