

Regional Coastal and Marine Forum 2022 Important Information

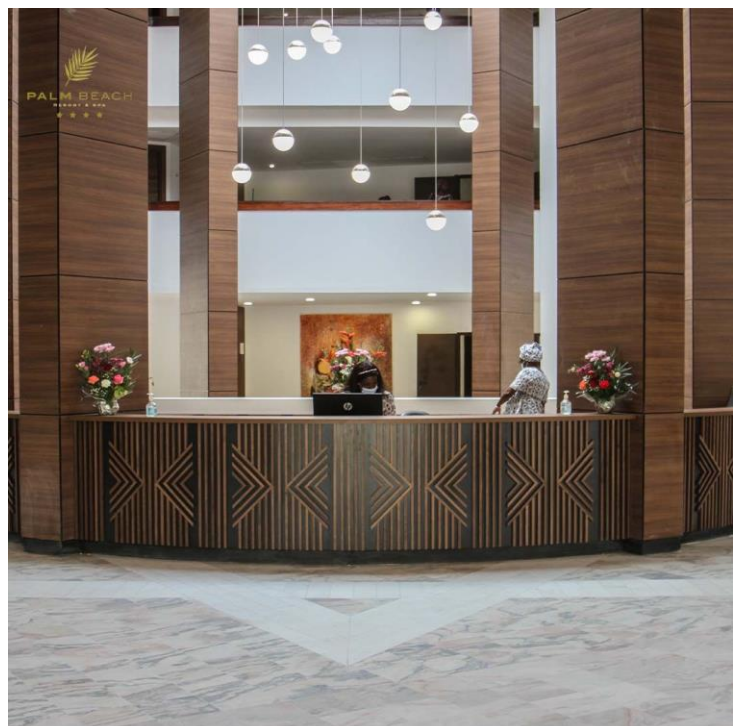
With the theme « **The health of the oceans, a key issue for the sustainable development of West African coastal countries** » the Forum will be organized from March 29 to April 1, 2022 at the Palm Beach Hotel in Saly, Senegal. This meeting will bring together more than 350 participants from the 7 countries of the coastal and marine area of West Africa (Senegal, Mauritania, Guinea Bissau, Guinea, Gambia, Sierra Leone and Cabo Verde) and other regions of the world.

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To allow the participants to prepare well for this meeting and to have a pleasant stay, we have gathered below some information about this event and its practicalities.

1. General information about Saly Portudal in Mbour

Saly is a very famous seaside resort in Senegal with about 20,000 inhabitants. It is one of the most active fishing centers of the Senegalese coast. The geography of Saly, its climate, and its accessibility means that it hosts a large number of seminars, conclaves and meetings. The city is home to beautiful hotels along the ocean, as well as restaurants, banks, and an artisanal village.

Transportation in Saly is provided by cabs or buses at affordable rates. The nearest airport is Blaise Diagne.

The maximum temperature in Saly Portudal is on average 33°C over the year. The climate is pleasant all year round.

2. Date and Venue of the Conference :

The 10th Regional Coastal and Marine Forum in West Africa will be held from March 29 to April 1, 2022 at the Palm Beach Hotel in Saly, Senegal.

3. Official opening and registration :

The registration of participants will begin on Monday, March 28, 2022 at the Palm Beach Hotel **from 14:00 hour onwards** in the locations that will be indicated on site of the hotel. Guests who have not paid their check-in fee by bank transfer can do so on site at check-in in CFA, Euro or USD.

A welcome cocktail will be offered to all participants who will be in Saly on Monday, March 28th, 2022 from 18h onwards.

Official opening of the forum: Tuesday, March 29 at **8h30 GMT** by the Minister of Environment and Development of Senegal, **Mr. Abdou Karim Sall**.

4. Working languages :

The Regional Forum will be held in French, English and Portuguese with simultaneous translation.

5. Health measures

Senegal is a tropical country. We recommend that you make arrangements for malaria and that you carry your **yellow fever vaccination card** with you. It will be requested upon arrival at the airport by the health department.

Participants are responsible for their own health insurance. However, if you need assistance in this regard, please contact the forum coordination team secretariat@prcmarine.org.

If you need further information, please contact the forum secretariat at forum@prcmarine.org or call us at (+221) 77 411 18 42.

COVID 19

It will be required at the entrance of Senegal, at the airport, to present either a negative RT-PCR test result or a vaccination card. Please bring one or the other with you so you can show it to the health services at the airport.

For the departure, an antenna of an approved laboratory will be put on a designated space at the hotel to provide participants with PCR-tests with results produced in a reasonable time before your departure, taking into account the day of departure from Senegal.

For those who are taken care of by the PRCM, a refund of the COVID test fees will be made upon presentation of the payment receipt.

Please find more information at :

- <https://sn.usembassy.gov/covid-19-information/>

6. Visas

Nationals of ECOWAS member countries are exempt from visa requirements for entry into Senegal. Others are requested to contact the Senegalese diplomatic representatives closest to their residence to understand what visa requirements apply.

For those who are supported by PRCM, a refund of visa fees will be granted upon presentation of the payment receipt.

7. Airport pick-up and internal transportation

All international flights arriving in Senegal land at Blaise Diagne International Airport (AIBD). The Organizing Committee will provide a shuttle service between the airport and the hotel for participants who have been sponsored by the PRCM.

A cab service is available in front of the airport. The price of a taxi ride between the airport and the hotel is between 13,000 FCFA and 20,000 FCFA (about 20-30 euros). Please note that cabs are not equipped with credit card payment terminals, thus paying in cash is necessary.

There are exchange offices in the airport lobby for your money transactions if necessary.

8. DSA and accomodation

People who are supported by the PRCM will receive the DSA upon arrival in Saly, to cover expenses not included in the accommodation package. Please keep your boarding passes. They will be requested by the accounting department for the payment of the DSA.

The people sponsored by the PRCM will be accommodated at the Palm Beach hotel or in other hotels not far from Palm Beach, the venue of the Forum.

The expenses in the hotel will be paid directly by the organizing committee. The hotel accommodation will cover the cost of the room and breakfast Lunches and coffee breaks are offered either as part of the hotel's half-pension or by the organizers of the Forum. Other expenses (drinks, meals, laundry, etc.) must be paid directly to the hotel by the participant.

For those not covered by the PRCM, a list of hotels is available on the Forum website <http://forum.prcmarine.org/hotels/>. You can make your own reservation directly with the hotels. Those who have paid the registration fee will benefit from the Forum's lunch and coffee break services.

Those who wish to have the assistance of the organizing committee in booking a room can directly contact Mrs. Ndeye Marie Maiga: secretariat@prcmarine.org
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9. Excursions

In addition to the Forum, excursions are planned on April 1, 2022 in the afternoon. They will take place on three locations, namely Somone, Palmari and the island of Gorée. If you are interested in partaking in one of the excursions, please sign up with the forum secretariat at the time of registration.

10. Currency

The local currency is the CFA franc. The exchange rate as of March 20, 2022 is as follows

- 1 euro is worth 655.957 CFA francs;
- 1 USD is worth 593.487 CFA francs.

Money services are available in banks and currency exchange can be done in some hotels, at the airport, and in town. Credit cards are accepted for payment at the hotel (Visa International, Mastercard).

11. Restoration

The Palm Beach hotel has a restoration service. You will also find several restaurants outside the hotel that offer a variety of choices. Payment by VISA card is possible in some establishments.

12. Security

The Palm Beach Hotel is secure. Entrances and exits are strictly controlled. This will be the case throughout the forum, and everywhere in the Palm Beach Hotel. You must visibly wear your badge.

13. Climate

The rainy season is finished. The weather in Saly (Mbour) is currently good (about 28° to 30°C), with sunshine during the day. It can be a bit chilly in the evening.

14. Other Information

Note that several events will be organized by technical and financial partners on the sidelines of the forum. The organizers will get provide you with more details concerning the precise dates, the locations and other practical information.

Have a good trip and see you soon in Senegal!