



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 Cape Town International Convention Centre, Convention Square, 1 Long Street, Cape Town 8001, South Africa, September 8-11, 2008.

There will be four separate meetings:

- 1) An HPTN 035 Team Meeting to be held Monday, September 8, 2008 from 8:00-6:00 PM. The agenda for this meeting will be distributed to the 035 team by FHI.
- 2) The MTN Regional Meeting, September 9-11, 2008 in Cape Town. Meeting registration will soon be available on our website <http://www.mtnstopshiv.org>.
- 3) If you are a member of the MTN Executive Committee, please plan on attending a closed meeting of the MTN EC, September 12, 2008 at the Southern Sun The Cullinan Hotel, Venue: Protea 1 & 2.
- 4) If you are a member of the MTN CWG, you will receive additional information on this closed meeting.

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 (Tuesday-Thursday). You will be free to leave Thursday afternoon after 5:00 PM.

As a reminder, you are responsible for securing your own hotel reservation at the Southern Sun The Cullinan Hotel. The negotiated rate is R 1,695 (standard single room, including breakfast). 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 7, 2008**. Room rate and availability cannot be guaranteed thereafter.

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

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