

ECOWAS LASSA FEVER INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Theme: Beyond Borders: Strengthening Regional Cooperation to combat Lassa and emerging Infectious Diseases.

 **September 8 – 11, 2025** |  **Radisson Blu Hotel, Abidjan Airport, Côte d'Ivoire.**



WELCOME:

The West African Health Organisation (WAHO) warmly welcomes you to the second ECOWAS Lassa Fever International Conference (ELFIC 2025). Theme: “Beyond Borders: Strengthening Regional Cooperation to Combat Lassa Fever and Emerging Infectious Diseases” September 8–11, 2025 | Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire

ABOUT WAHO:

The West African Health Organisation (WAHO) is the specialised health institution of ECOWAS, established in 1987 to coordinate health policy and programming across Member States. Headquartered in Bobo-Dioulasso, Burkina Faso, WAHO is committed to improving regional health standards, strengthening health systems, and fostering sustainable health development in West Africa.

ABOUT THE ECOWAS LASSA FEVER INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE:

The ECOWAS Lassa Fever International Conference (LIC) 2025, hosted by the West African Health Organisation (WAHO), will take place from 8th to 11th September 2025 at the Radisson Blu Hotel, Abidjan Airport, Côte d'Ivoire. Under the theme “Beyond Borders: Strengthening Regional Cooperation to Combat Lassa Fever and Emerging Infectious Diseases,” the conference brings together regional and global stakeholders to advance research, enhance preparedness, and strengthen outbreak response across West Africa. Building on the first LIC held in Abuja in 2019, this second edition will feature plenary sessions, panels, workshops, and research presentations. It will also contribute to a regional roadmap focused on improving access to diagnostics, vaccines, and coordinated disease control efforts. LIC 2025 seeks to drive multi-sectoral collaboration and promote long-term solutions for Lassa fever and broader health security challenges.

CONFERENCE VENUE

Radisson Blu Hotel, Abidjan Airport, Côte d'Ivoire.



INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS



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VISA AND HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

- **Visa:** Citizens from all ECOWAS member states do not require a visa to enter Côte d'Ivoire.
- All other nationalities will require a visa to enter Côte d'Ivoire and should check the requirements on their embassy website. Participants can access visa support on the conference website:
<https://www.lassafeverinternationalconference.org/>
- **Vaccinations:** The recommended vaccination is yellow fever. Participants must have their yellow fever vaccination card. Other recommended vaccinations include Hepatitis A/B, Typhoid, and Flu.

REGISTRATION:

There will be onsite registration support at designated registration desks at the venue.

Registration will take place on the following dates:

- Saturday 6th 12:00 – 16:00
- Sunday 7th 12:00 – 18:00
- Monday 8th from 07:00

TRAVEL & ARRIVAL

Airport: Félix-Houphouët-Boigny International Airport.

Airport to Venue: Approximately 5 minutes by car.

Transfers: Provided for WAHO-sponsored participants, self-sponsored delegates may use taxis or arrange hotel pickup.

Travel health insurance is strongly recommended.

Recommended Hotels:

The conference team welcomes you warmly to Abidjan! Here is a list of hotels we recommend to make your stay most enjoyable.

No.	Hotel Name	Hotel Contact	Contact Number & Email	Room Price (FCFA)
1	Radisson Blu	Kader Sanogo	+225 77 850 1032 mne.abidjan@radissonblu.com	80,000
2	ONOMO	Norra Cissé	+225 07 877 075 420 sales2.abidjan@onomo.com	73,000
3	Novotel	Yasmina Coulibaly	+225 07 152 003 06 yasmina.coulibaly@accor.com	100,000
4	Adagio Apartment	Yasmina Coulibaly	+225 07 152 003 06 yasmina.coulibaly@accor.com	80,000

CURRENCY AND PAYMENTS:

- The official currency is CFA.
- Forex and ATMs are available; debit and credit cards are widely accepted.
- Estimated exchange 1 USD = 530 – 570 CFA
- For participants who are unable to pay online, there will be a provision for on-site payment by cash only.

WEATHER AND DRESS CODE:

- Daily temperatures in September are warm and humid (23°C to 26°C)
- Light, breathable clothing and rain gear are recommended.

SAFETY AND SECURITY:

- Abidjan is safe, but caution is advised.
- Use hotel-arranged taxis and approved conference shuttles.
- Secure your valuables! Carry copies of your travel documents.

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