

## GENERAL INFORMATION

The venue of the congress, Walmont Ambassador Hotel (formerly Grand Palm), is located on the western port of the city and is about a 5-10 minute drive from the city centre.

The host city, Gaborone, has various tourist attraction sites that are easily accessible from the city, including Mokolodi nature reserve, Gaborone dam, National Museum, University of Botswana, and Parliament.

## LANGUAGE

The national language spoken throughout Botswana is Setswana, but English is the country's official language. The congress will be conducted in English.

## CLIMATE

July is one of the months in our winter season, with temperatures of 22 C/71 F daytime and 5 C/41 F in the evenings.

## TIME

Local time all year is Greenwich Mean Time plus 2 hours.

## BANKS

Botswana banks are open from 8:30 to 15:30 Monday to Friday and 8:30 to 11:00 on Saturdays. Foreign exchange facilities are available at the airport and at most major hotels. Automatic teller machines are available at a wide variety of outlets.

## CURRENCY

Decimal currency is used in Botswana; units are in Pula and thebe. Current exchange rates can be obtained from your bank. Major credit cards are accepted in Botswana. Exchange rates as of 27 June were £1=P12.0, €1=P8.21 and \$1=P6.06.

## TAXES

A value added tax (VAT) of 10% applies to all consumer goods and is included in retail prices.

## TRANSPORT FROM THE AIRPORT

Delegates, please note the contact number of ACHO CABS Company: 3924074. Call this telephone number once you arrive at the airport. You are also advised to call the contact number of this cab company for easy movement around the city.



2008 International Council on Women's Health Issues (ICOWHI) Congress is brought to you by the ICOWHI organization in conjunction with The University of Botswana, Department of Nursing Education.



## CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The scientific programme committee invites you to submit abstracts for consideration for the free communication programme at the congress. All abstracts will be rigorously reviewed by an international panel of experts/referees who will grade them into the oral communication and poster sessions of the congress.

## CRITICAL DATES

*Submission of Abstracts*  
15<sup>th</sup> November 2007

*Notification of Acceptance of Abstracts*  
15<sup>th</sup> December 2007

*End of Early Bird Registration*  
31<sup>st</sup> March 2008

*Normal Registration*  
1<sup>st</sup> April - 1<sup>st</sup> June 2008

*Late Registration*  
After 1<sup>st</sup> June 2008

*ICOWHI 2008 Congress*  
09-11<sup>th</sup> July 2008

All abstracts are to be submitted on line. Abstracts must be submitted in English with a maximum word count of 300. All presenters of accepted abstracts are expected to attend the congress and pay the registration fee and all participation-related expenses. For assistance, please contact: [phaladze@mopipi.ub.bw](mailto:phaladze@mopipi.ub.bw) and [mogobekd@mopipi.ub.bw](mailto:mogobekd@mopipi.ub.bw).



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**2008**  
**17th ICOWHI CONGRESS**

# THE GIRL CHILD: SAFETY, HEALTH & DEVELOPMENT

## Subthemes:

- ♦ Legislation related to the girl child
- ♦ Health policy and practice
- ♦ HIV/AIDS and related issues
- ♦ Child caregivers
- ♦ Child trafficking and slavery
- ♦ Mental health and development
- ♦ Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)
- ♦ Vesico-Vaginal Fistula (VVT)
- ♦ Child abuse and substance abuse
- ♦ Education and the girl child

**JULY 09-11, 2008**

**Venue:**  
**WALMONT Ambassador**  
**HOTEL (formerly Grand Palm)**



## REGISTRATION

To attend the congress, delegates are requested to register on line. Please read this brochure carefully before completing the registration forms. Please go to the following address: [www.ub.bw/icowhi2008](http://www.ub.bw/icowhi2008).

### Early registration (before 31st March 2008)

Members: 10% discount of normal rates  
Non-members: P2500/USD 415  
Students: P600/USD 100

### Registration (after 1st April 2008)

All participants: P2700/USD 450  
Students: P700/USD 115  
Daily admission: P1500/USD 250

### Late registration (after 1st June 2008)

All participants: P2800/USD 470  
Students: P800/USD 130

Payment must accompany all registration forms, as no registration will be confirmed until payment has been received. Payment can be made by credit cards, personal or company cheque (Botswana delegates only) and payment by cash to the local organizing committee. Details on payment options can be found on the website.

## Registration Desk

Opening Hours:

Tuesday 8 July 2008	1500-1800
Wednesday 9 July 2008	0730-1730
Thursday 10 July 2008	0730-1730
Friday 11 July 2008	0730-1730

## Inquiries

Please direct all registration queries to:  
ICOWHI 2008 Congress Secretariat:

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## CONFERENCE PACKAGE

- ♦ Attendance at scientific session & exhibition
- ♦ Congress bag with list of delegates & book of abstracts
- ♦ Opening ceremony & welcome reception
- ♦ Certificate of attendance
- ♦ Cultural evening

## FLIGHT INFORMATION TO GABORONE, BOTSWANA

Keep in mind that there are NO DIRECT flights to Botswana, regardless of your point of departure. To get to Botswana, the traveler(s) will connect in Johannesburg, South Africa and take a 45-60 minute flight from Johannesburg to Gaborone (the capital city of Botswana).

The typical airlines that fly to South Africa/Botswana include: British Airways, South African Airways, KLM, Virgin Atlantic, Virgin Nigeria, and Air France. Remember, the airport code for the final destination is GBE (Gaborone).

## VISA INFORMATION

Please enquire from your travel agent whether you need a visa to enter Botswana. Should you need the conference organizer's assistance in procuring a visa, please contact the Congress Secretariat.

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- ♦ US citizens DO NOT need visas to enter Botswana and South Africa
- ♦ Commonwealth countries DO NOT need visas to enter Botswana and South Africa, e.g. Jamaica, United Kingdom, Canada, and Australia. However, there are a few exceptions.

Citizens of the following countries are REQUIRED to have visas to enter Botswana and South Africa: Nigeria, Ghana, India, Sri Lanka, and Pakistan.

Cost of Botswana Visa application is P500 or approximately \$107USD.

Visit the Botswana Embassy site at:

<http://www.botswanaembassy.org>

Visit the South African Embassy at:

<http://www.southafrica-newyork.net>

## EXHIBITION

A major event of the ICOWHI 2008 Congress will be an exhibition. The conference daily programme has been structured to maximize the opportunity for participants to visit the exhibition. If you would like more information on how to become involved in exhibiting at ICOWHI 2008, please contact the Congress Secretariat.

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## SPONSORSHIP

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## ATTENDEES ACCOMMODATION

The congress advises delegates to arrange accommodation well in advance. A list of hotels, lodges, and budget accommodation facilities can be found on the Congress website. For further information and assistance, please contact the congress secretariat.

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## INSURANCE

Participants are advised to take out personal travel insurance and to extend their policy to cover personal possessions. The congress does not cover individuals against cancellations of bookings or theft or damage to belongings.

## CANCELLATION PROCESS

Cancellations must be made in writing to the Congress Secretariat. Cancellations received prior to 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2008 will receive a full refund minus a 20% administration fee. Cancellations received after 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2008 will not be refunded. Refunds will not be granted on failure of visa application. Substitute delegates will be accepted. All refunds will be processed after the congress.

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