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AND ACTION PLANS (NBSAPs) FOR COUNTRIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST
AND NORTH AFRICA**
Amman, Jordan, 16-19 January 2024

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1. Opening and registration

The Regional Dialogue on National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans for countries in the Middle East and North Africa will be held in Amman, Jordan, from Tuesday, 16 January to Friday, 19 January 2024.

The dialogue will start at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, 16 January 2024, and registration will take place at the venue of the meeting from 8:30 a.m. the same day at the venue.

2. Venue

The dialogue will take place at:

Four Seasons Hotel

5th Circle, Al-Kindi Street

Jabal, Amman

11195 Jordan

Website: <https://www.fourseasons.com/amman/>

3. Working language of the workshop

The workshop will be held in English and Arabic with interpretation (for plenaries only).

4. Documents

In order to minimize the environmental footprint of the workshop and in line with the UN policy towards greener meetings, participants are kindly required to bring their own copies of the pre-session documents for the workshop as there will be no extra copies made available on site during the workshop. Pre-session documents are available on the Secretariat's web site at:



<https://www.cbd.int/meetings/NBSAP-OM-2024-01>

5. General information on access to Amman, Jordan



Amman is serviced by the Amman, Queen Alia International airport which is about 26 km from the city centre. Taxis are available at the arrivals hall of the airport and the cost to downtown Amman is about US \$35.00. Taxi fares are fixed and the prices are displayed near the designated taxi park at the airport's terminal exits.

6. Visa information



Participants requiring visa for entry into Jordan are strongly advised to contact the nearest Jordanian diplomatic or consular mission **as soon as possible** in order to secure the required entry visa in a timely manner, prior to departure.

Visa information can be found on the website of the Ministry of the Interior of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan at the following link: https://moi.gov.jo/EN/Pages/Visa_E_Applications

A listing of Jordanian embassies and consulates can be found at the following link: <https://www.embassypages.com/jordan>.

To facilitate the issuance of visas, the Secretariat will issue upon request invitation letters to be attached to the visa applications.

7. Health information and COVID 19

An international certificate of vaccination for yellow fever is required for all travelers arriving from a yellow-fever infected area.

All travelers should be up to date with their COVID-19 vaccines, no testing is required to enter the country. It is suggested that you always carry proof of vaccination and masks while travelling. Caution is required where risk for COVID-19 infection is high, such as in crowded, poorly ventilated spaces or personal risk from COVID-19 is high. Preventive measures such as keeping up to date with COVID-19 vaccinations, practicing hand hygiene, and using face masks are advised.

For more information, please consult a medical professional with regard to the vaccination requirements for your travel.

8. Hotel information

Participants are required to make their own hotel reservations at one of the recommended hotels listed below.

Venue of dialogue

Four Seasons Hotel (venue of dialogue):

A special rate for accommodation has been provided at the hotel where the dialogue meeting is taking place.

Special hotel rate: King Size (Single Room): **85 JOD per day**

The link and booking code for meeting participants is as follows:

Reservation website link: <http://fourseasons.com/Amman>

Reservation code (promo code): 240115UND

For further information, please contact the Corporate Sales Manager, Mr. Mahmoud Alawadi at: mahmoud.alawadi@fourseasons.com.

Other hotels within walking distance of the venue

- Crowne Plaza Amman

King Faisal Bin AbdulAziz Street 6th Circle

P.O. Box 950555

Amman11195

Website:

https://www.ihg.com/crowneplaza/hotels/gb/en/amman/ammhb/hoteldetail?cm_mmc=GoogleMaps--CP--JO--AMMHB

- **Bristol Hotel**
Abdelrahim Allawi Street,
5th Circle Behind Arab Medical Center
Abdoun, 11183 Amman
Website: <https://www.bristolamman.com/en/>
- **Crystal Suites**
5th Circle, Towards King Abdullah Gardens
Amman
Website: <http://www.crystal.com.jo/>
- **Kindi Suites Hotel**
5th Circle, Al Kindi Street
Website: <https://sites.google.com/view/kindi-suites-hotel/>

9. **Payment of the Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA)**

The DSA will be disbursed to funded participants on the first day of the meeting in the form of a prepaid credit card (Swiss Bankers card). **These funded participants are kindly requested to bring their passports and boarding passes on the first day of the meeting.** These will be recorded and returned to participants during the meeting. It is advisable that participants have some cash at hand to cover expenses that may occur between their arrival and the moment at which they are provided with the prepaid credit card from which they will access their DSA. Please note that the funds can take up to 48 hours to be loaded on the cards.

IMPORTANT: If you were provided with a Swiss Bankers card for a previous meeting, please inform the Secretariat and bring it with you to the meeting (if it is still valid) so that it may be reused. Please make sure you remember the PIN, otherwise contact the bank to request that they reset the PIN.

Swiss Bankers Contacts:

Swiss Bankers Prepaid Services Ltd, Customer Service
(forgotten PIN numbers, card replacements or transaction claims)

Tel: +41-31 710 12 15

Email: info@swissbankers.ch

Opening hours:

Mon-Sun: 8.00-22.00 Swiss time. Closed on Swiss bank holidays.

10. **Official language in Jordan**

The official language in Jordan is Arabic, however, English is widely used.

11. Weather and Time Zone information

Weather of January in Amman can be described as “moderately chilly”, the average temperature of a typical day ranges from 16°C (61°F) to a low of 5°C (40°F). The chance of precipitation in the form of rain or snow during this month is 20%. Please bring appropriate warm outer clothing and an umbrella for weather conditions.

The daily weather forecast can be accessed through: <https://www.arabiaweather.com/en/daily-weather/amman/1797/jo>

The standard time zone for Jordan is EEST (Eastern European Summer Time) which is GMT/UTC +3 hours.

12. Electricity

The electrical current is 230 volts, 50 Hertz. There are four different plug types in Jordan as shown below.



13. Currency

The currency in Jordan is the Jordanian Dinar (JOD). The current exchange rate as at 12 December 2024 is US \$1.00 = 0.709 JOD and (Euro) € 1 =0.762 JOD (source: www.xe.com, rates are subject to change).

14. Disclaimer

The CBD Secretariat disclaims all responsibility for medical, accident and travel insurance, for compensation for death or disability compensation, for loss of or damage to personal property and for any other loss that may be incurred during travel time or the period of participation. In this context, it is strongly recommended to secure international medical insurance for the period of participation prior to departure.
