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1. Opening and registration

The first meeting of the Informal Advisory Group on Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas will be held in Montreal, Canada, from Saturday 30 June at 9 a.m. to Sunday, 1 July 2018 at 1 p.m.

Registration will take place at the meeting venue as of 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, 30 June.

2. Venue

Kindly note that the meeting venue will be at the Secretariat headquarters on Saturday, and at the headquarters of the International Civil Aviation Organization on Sunday. The two venues are located within a five-minute walk of each other.

SATURDAY VENUE	SUNDAY VENUE		
The Secretariat of the Convention on	The International Civil Aviation Organization		
Biological Diversity	(ICAO)		
8 th Floor Conference Room (Suite 800)	Room A, 1st floor		
413 St-Jacques Street West	999 Robert Bourassa Boulevard* (between Viger		
Montréal, Québec	and St-Antoine streets)		
Canada, H2Y 1N9	Montreal, Quebec		
Tel: +1-514-288-2220	H3C 5H7, Canada		
Fax: +1-514-288-6588	Tel: +1-514-954-8219		
Metro, line 2: Orange line – station: Square-	Metro, line 2: Orange line – station: Square-		
Victoria-OACI	Victoria-OACI		
	(* please note that the street name was changed;		
Please note that a Secretariat staff member will be	it was previously named: University Street)		
on hand to escort you to the eight floor, as access			
is restricted. Please wait for them at the elevator.	Please note that access is restricted to those with		
	a special badge. This badge will be provided to		
	you on Saturday.		

3. Working language

The meeting will be held in English.

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 reminded to bring their own copies of the meeting documents, or to use paperless versions, as there will be no extra copies made available on site during the workshop. Documents are available on the following web page:



https://www.cbd.int/meetings/EBSA-OM-2018-01



5. **General information on access to Montreal**

Montreal is serviced by Montreal-Trudeau International Airport (15 km from downtown). Taxis and a bus (No. 747) are available at the airport. The information on rates is as follows.

Bus:	One-way trip		
Montreal-Trudeau Airport/Downtown	CAD \$10		
(several locations) STM Express bus	(Fares can be purchased from the automated		
No. 747 (runs 24 hrs a day)	dispensers at the international arrivals level.		
	The \$10 fare can also be paid in cash with exact		
	change in coins only on board the bus and is valid for		
	bus and metro for 24 hours.		
	More information:		
	http://www.stm.info/en/info/networks/bus/shuttle/mor		
	<u>e-about-747-aeroport-p-e-trudeau-centre-ville-shuttle</u>)		
Taxis:	CAD \$40 Fixed rate		
Montreal-Trudeau to Downtown			

6. Visa information



Participants from countries listed in annex A below require an entry visa for Canada and are strongly advised to contact the nearest Canadian diplomatic or consular mission as soon as possible in order to secure the required entry visa in a timely manner, prior to departure. Please note that airline companies will not allow boarding in the absence of a valid visa.

Information on visa procedures, including a list of relevant Canadian diplomatic/consular missions abroad, is available on the web site of Immigration and Citizenship Canada at: http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/information/offices/apply-where.asp.

A number of countries also require Biometrics (fingerprints and photos) in order to enter Canada on a visa, they are listed in annex A below with an asterisk. Information can be found at the following link: http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/biometrics.asp.

On-line visa application:

Anyone can apply online for a visa to enter Canada. However individuals who are required to provide biometrics still need to present themselves at a Visa Application Centre to provide this information. An application will not go forward without the biometric information. The CIC will send you a biometric instruction letter by email through your MyCIC account when they receive your application. Read and print this letter and bring it, along with your passport or other travel document, to a visa application centre (VAC) to give your biometrics. Find your closest VAC.

Important: Please continuously check your MyCIC visa application account for any incoming e-mails, queries, requests for more information and responses from the visa office.

<u>Visa-exempt foreign nationals must obtain an Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA) to fly to or transit through Canada</u>. Travellers are required to have an eTA before they can board a flight to Canada. Exceptions include U.S. citizens and travellers with a valid Canadian visa. Canadian citizens, including dual citizens, and Canadian permanent residents cannot apply for an eTA.

Applying for the eTA is an online process which takes only a few minutes to complete. The eTA will be valid for 5 years or upon expiry of your passport. There is a fee of CAN \$7.00 for the electronic travel authorization (eTA).

The eTA link is as follows: http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/visas.asp

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

7. Hotel information

Participants are kindly reminded that they must make their own hotel reservations, and that they should do so as soon as possible.

Below is an indicative list of hotels (**Annex B**) located in the vicinity of the two venues or close to a Metro (subway) station. Note that hotels are offering special room rates. Please see the information provided in the annex.

Further information on hotels in Montreal is available at the following web site:

http://www.tourisme-montreal.org/Accommodations



8. Payment of the daily subsistence allowance (DSA)

The DSA will be paid to eligible participants during the meeting.

9. Official languages

There are two official languages in Canada: English and French. French is the official language of Quebec, however English is widely spoken in Montreal.

10. Weather and time zone information



In July average temperatures in Montreal usually range between a maximum of 26°C in the daytime and a minimum of +13°C at night. Current weather conditions in the area can be found at: http://worldweather.wmo.int/en/city.html?cityId=634.

The current time zone in Montreal is Eastern Daylight Savings Time and is equivalent to GMT/UTC -4 hours.

11. Electricity

The electrical currents are 120 volts, 60 Hertz and the plugs used are shown below.



12. Currency



The currency in Canada is the Canadian Dollar (CAD \$). The current exchange rate as at 11 June is US \$1 = CAD \$1.30 and €1 = CAD \$1.53 (rates are subject to change, source: www.xe.com).

13. 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, accident and travel insurance for the period of participation prior to departure.

Annex A - Country Listing

COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES WHOSE CITIZENS REQUIRE VISAS IN ORDER TO ENTER CANADA AS VISITORS (AS LISTED ON THE WEB SITE OF CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION CANADA)

Citizens of the following countries and territories require a visa to visit or transit Canada:

A	E (cont'd)	M	
Afghanistan*	Eritrea*	Madagascar	S (Cont'd)
Albania*	Ethiopia	Malawi	Senegal
Algeria*		Malaysia	Serbia
Angola	F	Maldives	Seychelles
Antigua and Barbuda	- Fiji	Mali	Sierra Leone
Argentina	9-	Marshall Islands	Somalia*
Armenia	G	Mauritania	South Africa
Azerbaijan	Gabon	Mauritius	South Sudan*
Azerbarjan	Gambia, The	Micronesia, Fed. States of	Sri Lanka*
В	Georgia	Moldova	Sudan*
Bahrain	Ghana	Mongolia	Suriname
Bangladesh*	Grenada	Montenegro	Swaziland
Belarus	Guatemala	Morocco	
Belize	Guinea	Mozambique	Syrian Arab Republic*
Benin	Guinea-Bissau	Myanmar*	T
Bhutan	Guyana	•	Tajikistan
Bolivia	•	N	Tanzania, United Republic
Bosnia and Herzegovina	H	Namibia	of
Botswana	Haiti*	Nauru	Thailand
Brazil	Honduras	Nepal	The former Yugoslav
Burkina Faso		Nicaragua	Republic of Macedonia
Burundi	I	Niger	Togo
	India	Nigeria*	Tonga
C	Indonesia	_	Trinidad and Tobago
Cabo Verde	Iran, Islamic Republic of *	O	Tunisia*
Cambodia*	Iraq*	Oman	Turkey
Cameroon	Israel		Turkmenistan
Central African Republic		P	Tuvalu
Chad	${f J}$	Pakistan*	Tuvatu
China	Jamaica*	Palau	U
Colombia*	Jordan*	Palestinian Authority*	Uganda
Comoros	b of dair	Panama	Ukraine
Congo, Democratic	K	Paraguay	United Arab Emirates
Republic of the*	Kazakhstan	Peru	Uruguay
Congo, Republic of the	Kenya	Philippines	Uzbekistan
Costa Rica	Kiribati		
Cote d'Ivoire	Korea, Democratic People's	Q	V
Cuba	Republic of	Qatar	Vanuatu
	Kuwait		Venezuela
D	Kyrgyzstan	R	Viet Nam*
Djibouti	<i>y 6,</i>	Russian Federation	
Dominica	L	Rwanda	Y
Dominican Republic	Lao, People's Democratic		Yemen*
	Republic of*	S	Temen
E	Lebanon*	Saint Kitts and Nevis	Z
East Timor	Lesotho	Saint Lucia	Zambia
Ecuador	Liberia	Saint Vincent and the	Zimbabwe
Egypt*	Libya*	Grenadines	
El Salvador	Lioju	Sao Tomé e Principe	
E. Survidor		Saudi Arabia*	

Saudi Arabia*

Equatorial Guinea

^{*:} Countries requiring biometrics (fingerprints and photos).

Annex B – Hotel Listing

LIST OF HOTELS WITH INDICATIVE ROOM RATES FOR 2018 IN CANADIAN DOLLARS PRICES DO NOT INCLUDE THE APPLICABLE TAXES: GST 5% + PST 9.975% and accommodation tax 3.5% RATES ARE INDICATIVE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE

HOTELS	ROOM RATES IN CANADIAN DOLLARS (Rates on certain holidays / special events may not be available)		WALKING DISTANCE TO VENUE	REMARKS
1. Hotel InterContinental Montreal 360 St. Antoine Street West, Montreal, Quebec Tel.: +1-514-847-8525 America toll free: 1-877-660-8550 Fax: +1-514-847-8730 E-mail: yulhb-reservations@ihg.com Reservation link: InterContinental Montreal - ICAO/UNITED NATIONS HQ reservation Link Web site: www.montreal.intercontinental.com	Please request these <u>ICAO</u> rates at the time of booking. Standard/Deluxe Room Jan 1 - Apr 22: \$174.00 Apr 23- Oct 25: \$219.00 Oct 26 - Dec 31: \$174.00 Club Room Jan 1 - Apr 22: \$224.00 Apr 23- Oct 25: \$269.00 Oct 26 - Dec 31: \$224.00 Many room types and rates and are available, check web link		5 minutes	Rates include: • High speed internet
2. Hyatt Regency Montreal 1255 Jeanne-Mance Montreal, Quebec, H5B 1E5 Tel: +1-1514- 982-1234 Fax: +1-514-841-2069 Web site: www.montreal.hyatt.com Reservation link: http://montreal.hyatt.com/en/hotel/home.html?corp_id=78642	Please request these <u>ICAO</u> rates at the time of booking or group code #78642 for online bookings. Jan – May \$164.00 June – Oct \$214.00 Nov – Dec \$165.00 Note: Rates are for standard single room only; other upgraded rooms types and suites are available for additional charges.		10 minutes	Rates include: • High speed internet
3. Square Phillips (Hotel & Suites) 1193 Place Phillips Montreal, Quebec, H3B 3C9 Tel. +1-514-393-1193 Fax: +1-514-393-1192 E-mail: info@squarephillips.com Web site: www.squarephillips.com	Please request/mention these S booking. Daily (D) and weekly Studio: Jan-Apr (D \$136.00-W \$127.00) May-Oct (D \$161.00-W \$146.00) Nov-Dec (D \$138.00-W \$129.00) Loft Suite (King): Jan-Apr (D \$164.00-W \$147.00) May-Oct (D \$185.00-W \$167.00) Nov-Dec (D \$167.00-W \$150.00) Two Bedroom Suite: Jan-Apr (D \$227.00-W \$202.00) May-Oct (D \$231.00-W \$234.00) Nov-Dec (D \$231.00-W \$206.00) Note: Additional charges apply for S beds). Monthly rates available for al directly for details.	Loft Suite (Queen): Jan-Apr (D \$148.00-W \$134.00) May-Oct (D \$174.00-W \$157.00) Nov-Dec (D \$150.00-W \$136.00) One Bedroom Suite: Jan-Apr (D \$171.00-W \$155.00) May-Oct (D \$192.00-W \$174.00) Nov-Dec (D \$174.00-W \$158.00) Studio or Loft Suite rooms with two	15 minutes	Rates include: Continenta 1 Buffet Breakfast Free High Speed internet Daily newspaper Local calls
4. Le Westin Montréal 270 St-Antoine West Montreal, Quebec Tel: +1-514-380-3333 Fax: +1-514-380-3332 E-mail: reservations@westinmontreal.com Web site: http://www.westinmontreal.com/	Please request/mention that these are ICAO rates in your correspondence at the time of booking. 1 Jan – 22 Apr: \$179.00 23 Apr – 8 Nov: \$225.00 9 Nov – 31 Dec: \$179.00 Note: Rates for standard room, other room types are available for additional charges.		5 minutes	Rates include: • High speed internet
5. Hotel Le Dauphin 1025, De Bleury Montreal, Quebec Tel: +1-514-788-3888 Fax: +1-514-788-3889 E-mail: mtl centre@hoteldauphin.ca Web site: www.hoteldauphin.ca	Please request/mention these ICAO/CBD rates in your correspondence at the time of booking. Jan 1 - Apr 30: \$135.00 May 1 - Oct 31: \$145.00 Nov 1 - Dec 31: \$135.00 Note: Rates for standard room, \$10.00 extra for each additional person.		5 minutes	Rates include: • Breakfast • WIFI

HOTELS	ROOM RATES IN CANADIAN DOLLARS (Rates on certain holidays / special events are not available)		DISTANCE TO THE MEETING VENUE (Walking)	REMARKS
6. L'Appartement Hotel 455 Sherbrooke Street West Montreal, Quebec Tel.: +1-514-284-3634 Fax: +1-514-287-1431 E-mail: info@appartementhotel.com Web site: www.appartementhotel.com	May – Oct (D\$133.00-W\$114.00) Nov – Dec (D\$116.00-W\$105.00) <u>Studio (2 double beds):</u> Jan – Apr (D\$123.00-W\$113.00) May – Oct (D\$143.00-W\$124.00)	One bedroom suite: Jan – Apr (D\$134.00-W\$124.00) May –Oct (D\$146.00-W\$131.00) Nov – Dec (D\$136.00-W\$126.00) Two bedroom suite: Jan – Apr (D\$134.00-W\$124.00) May –Oct (D\$144.00-W\$129.00) Nov – Dec (D\$134.00-W\$129.00)	15 minutes	Rates include: Continental Buffet Breakfast High speed internet Daily newspaper Local calls
7. Travelodge Montreal Centre 50, René-Lévesque Blvd. West Montreal, Quebec Tel.: +1-514-874-9090 Fax: +1-514-874-0907 Meeting link (dedicated link for CBD meetings): https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/travelodge/montreal-quebec/hotel-travelodge-montreal-centre/overview?propId=TL09782&rate_code=LKCB Web site: http://www.travelodgemontrealcentre.com/	Please request <u>CBD</u> rates at the time of booking. Jan – Apr: Standard single occupancy: \$89.00 May – Oct: Standard single occupancy \$119.00 Nov – Dec: Standard single occupancy \$89.00 (18.5% taxes are not included) Promotional rate code: LKCB Rates for corner rooms, triple and quadruple occupancy also available. Please contact hotel directly for details.		10 minutes	Rates include: Internet /WIFI Continental buffet breakfast Single/Dou ble occupancy
8. L'HOTEL 262 St Jacques West Montreal, Quebec, H2Y 1N1 Tel.: +1-514-985-0019 Fax.: +1-514-985-0059 Web site: http://www.lhotelmontreal.com/	Please request "Convention on Biological Diversity" rates at the time of booking. Single or double occupancy Jan 1 – Apr 30: Single:\$155.00; Double \$175.00 May 1 – Oct 31: Single:\$219.00; Double \$239.00 Nov 1 – Dec 31: Single:\$161.00; Double \$181.00 Note: Additional occupants \$40 per room per night. Some blackout dates apply, kindly check with hotel.		5 minutes	Rates include: Breakfast High speed internet
9. Le Nouvel Hotel 1740 Rene-Levesque West Montreal, Quebec, H3H 1R3 Tel: +1-514-931-8841 x 2600 US/Can toll free: 1-800-363-6063 Fax: +1-514-931-5581 Web site: http://www.lenouvelhotel.com/	Please request ICAO rate at the time of booking Jan – Apr: 1 – 7 nights - Executive room or Condo*: \$126 and 8 + nights - Executive room or Condo*: \$122 May-Oct: 1 – 7 nights - Executive room or Condo*: \$144 and 8 + nights - Executive room or Condo*: \$133 Nov-Dec: 1 – 7 nights - Executive room or Condo*: \$126 and 8 + nights - Executive room or Condo*: \$133 Note: Rates are for single occupancy.		15 minutes	Rates include: • American Breakfast • WIFI
10. Holiday Inn Montréal Centre Ville 999 rue St-Urbain Montréal, Quebec H2Z 1K4 Tel: +514-878-4027 Fax: +514-878-6341 Reservations: +514-878-9888 US/Can toll free: 1-888-878-9888 Reservation link: https://www.holidayinn.com/redirect?path=hd&brandCode=HI&localeCode=en&hotelCode=YULCA&rateCode=IPUNS& PMID=99502056&corpNum=10 0319583&viewfullsite=true E-mail: reservations@hicvmtl.com Web site: www.holidayinndowntownmontreal.com	$\frac{\mathbf{r}}{0}$		7 minutes	Rates include: • American Buffet Breakfast • High speed internet/W IFI