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ON TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE ASSOCIATED WITH
GENETIC RESOURCES

Hyderabad, India, 16 - 19 June 2009

INFORMATION NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS

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1. Opening and registration

The Meeting of the Technical and Legal Expert Group on Traditional Knowledge Associated with Genetic Resources will be held in Hyderabad, India from Tuesday, 16 to Friday, 19 June 2009.

The meeting will start at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, 16 June. Registration will take place upon arrival at the “Vamshadhara Residency”.

2. Venue

The meeting will be held at:

DR. Marri Chenna Reddy Human Resource Development Institute
Road No 25 Jubilee hills
Hyderabad Andhra Pradesh, India.
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3. Working language of the meeting

The meeting will be held in English.

4. Documents



Participants are kindly reminded to bring their own copies of the pre-session documents for the meeting as there will be no extra copies made available on site during the meeting. Pre-session documents are available on the Secretariat's web site at: <https://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=ABSGTLE-03>

5. General information on access to Hyderabad



Hyderabad International Airport is about 30 KMs from the city centre and the “Dr. MCR HRD Institute”, the venue of the Meeting.

Hyderabad Metropolis, is the 5th largest city of India, and is one of the fastest growing cities in the World. It is a 400 year old historic city and has developed in the last 2 decades as one of the Information Technology Hubs of India. Hyderabad is well accessed by flights from all major cities of India, such as Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Bengaluru and Chennai.

It should be noted that transportation between the airport and the meeting venue will be provided by the host country, free of charge, for all participants. In order to make the necessary arrangements, participants are kindly requested to provide their flight details (airline flight number, expected arrival and departure date and time) **no later than 8 June 2009**, to the designated focal person:

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This information on flight details will also serve as a confirmation of your accommodation.

A help desk clearly identified will be set at the airport to guide and assist participants on arrival.

Participants who do not provide their flight details **by the 8 June deadline** will need to make their own transfer arrangements from the airport to the meeting venue. Taxis are available at the airport. The average taxi fare is INR 500 (approx.10 US\$). Luxury taxis will however charge up to INR 1200 (approx. 24 US\$). Reputed car rental agencies have their counters at the airport. A car can be hired upon arrival.

6. Visa information

Participants from all countries require an entry visa for India and are strongly advised to contact the nearest Indian diplomatic or consular missions as soon as possible in order to secure the required entry visa in a timely manner, prior to departure. **It should be noted that air lines will deny boarding in the absence of a valid visa.**

A list of India's diplomatic or consular missions (abroad) and their contact details can be obtained at: <http://www.meaindia.nic.in/cgi-bin/db2www/meaxpsite/indmission.d2w/embassies>.

Information on visa requirements, including visa form is available on the website of the Ministry of External Affairs of India at: <http://passport.nic.in/>.

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

7. Health information

Travelers to India require vaccinations to enter the country. **Certificates of vaccination are required from travelers, who within the preceding six days, have been in or have passed through any country with risk of yellow fever transmission.** Several vaccinations are recommended such as Diphtheria, Hepatitis A and B, Tetanus, Typhoid, Malaria tablets and others depending on the country of origin/departure. For more information, **please consult soonest a medical professional** with regard to the vaccination requirements for your travel.

Hyderabad has several world class hospitals for treatment of all kinds of ailments. For any emergency, specialized Medicare is available at Apollo Hospitals, Care Hospitals and Nizam Institute of Medical Sciences.

8. Accommodation

A block booking has been made on behalf of all participants at Vamshadara Residency located within the Institute. The Residency, a top class centrally air-conditioned, is about 3 minutes' walk to the meeting venue. It is surrounded by lush greenery and has full-fledged dining facilities.

The institute campus equipped with security system also offers other facilities such as gymnasium, tennis courts, shuttle badminton court and swimming pool, etc.

The cost of accommodation for a single room inclusive of breakfast is **40 US\$ per night**.

The CBD Secretariat will settle the accommodation bill on behalf of all sponsored participants. Any extra, such as Internet, telephone, bar, laundry etc. will be at their own cost and must be settled directly with the Vamshadara Residency.

The non sponsored participants should settle their accommodation bills in cash, in local currency. The Institute will arrange exchange of major foreign currencies into Indian Rupees.

For information on tourist attractions in and around Hyderabad and in the country, please go to: www.aptourism.in and <http://www.indiaculture.org/>, respectively.

9. Services to participants

In addition to the above-mentioned facilities, a cyber café to access e-mails will be provided, free of charge, within the meeting venue. A list of events scheduled during the meeting will be handed out to participants upon registration.

10. Payment of the Daily Subsistence Allowances (DSA)

The CBD Secretariat's Sponsored participants will receive a relevant portion of their DSA on the first day of the meeting.

11. Official languages in India

The official languages in India are Hindi and English. The Official language of Hyderabad, the capital city of Andhra Pradesh, is Telugu.

12. Weather and time zone information



In June, temperatures in Hyderabad usually range between a maximum of 35°C in the daytime and a minimum of 24°C at night. Current weather conditions can be found at: <http://www.worldweather.org/066/c00530.htm>.

The standard time zone will be GMT + 5 ½ hours.

13. Electricity

The electrical currents in India are 230V, 50Hz. The type of sockets/plugs is illustrated below:



14. Currency



The currency in India is the Indian rupee (INR). The current exchange rate is 1 US\$= INR 49.3764 and 1 € = INR 67.1260

15. 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.
