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Accra, Ghana, 8-10 December 2009

Information Note for Participants

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1. Opening and registration

The Regional Workshop for Africa on Ways and Means to Promote the Sustainable Production and Use of Biofuels will be held in Accra, Ghana from Tuesday, 8 December to Thursday, 10 December 2009.

The workshop will start at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, 8 December, and registration will take place at the venue of the meeting at 8:00 a.m. the same day.

2. Venue

The meeting will be held at:

Ange Hill Hotel Limited
PMB Ka61 Kotoka Int. Airport
Accra, Ghana
Telephone: (+233-21)517514, (+233-21)517270, (+233-21)286027
Fax: + (233-21)517515
Web site: <http://www.angehillhotel.com.gh/>

3. Working languages of the workshop

The workshop will be held in English and French.

4. Documents

Participants are kindly reminded 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. Documents are available on the Secretariat's web site at:



CBD

<http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=RWSPUBIO-03>

5. General information on access to Accra, Ghana



Accra is serviced by the Kotoka International Airport and is located about 10 kilometres from Accra's city centre which takes approximately 7 minutes. The Ange Hill Hotel will provide a free shuttle for all participants, please look for a panel indicating "SCBD WORKSHOP" in the arrival terminal.

6. Visa information

An entry visa is required for all participants. Delegates are requested to approach the nearest Ghanaian Diplomatic/Consular Mission in order to secure the required visa prior to departure. **If there is no local representation in your country, please E-mail a copy of your passport to Nader.Ibrahim@cbd.int**

7. Health Requirements

Travellers to Ghana require a yellow fever vaccination certificate for all travellers over 1 year of age. Also, there is a Malaria risk, prevention is recommended—predominantly due to *P. falciparum* which exists throughout the year in the whole country. Details are available on the web site of the World Health Organization at: <http://apps.who.int/tools/geoserver/www/ith/index.html>. For more information, please consult a medical professional with regard to the vaccination requirements for your travel.

8. Hotel information

A block booking has been made on behalf of all participants at the Ange Hill Hotel whose coordinates are below. If for any reason a delegate is unable to attend the meeting, please contact the hotel directly at angehillhotel@yahoo.com with a copy to Nader.ibrahim@cbd.int.

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9. Payment of the Daily Subsistence Allowances (DSA)

Sponsored participants will receive the relevant portion of their DSA on the first day of the workshop.

10. Official language in Ghana

The official language in Ghana is English.

11. Weather and time zone information



In December, temperatures in Accra range between a maximum of 32°C in the daytime and a minimum of 23°C at night. Current weather conditions can be found at: <http://www.worldweather.org/151/c00921.htm>.

There is not offset for the GMT/UTC standard time zone, i.e. it remains the same.

12. Electricity

The electrical currents in Ghana are 230 Volts, 50 Hertz. This plug has three rectangular prongs that form a triangle, see illustration below.



13. **Currency**



The currency in Ghana is the Ghana Cedis (GHS). The current exchange rate as at 6 October 2009 is US \$1.00 = GHS 1.455 and €1.00 = GHS 2.141.

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.
