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Second meeting
São Paulo, Brazil, 3-5 November 2005

INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

1. Opening and registration

The second Business and the 2010 Biodiversity Challenge meeting will be held in São Paulo, Brazil from Thursday, 3 November, to Saturday, 5 November 2005.

The meeting will start at 9.30 a.m. on Thursday, 3 November, and registration will take place at the meeting venue on the same day at 8.30 a.m.

2. Venue

The meeting will be held at:

Hotel Transamerica

Av. Das Nações Unidas 18.591

Santo Amaro

04795-901 – São Paulo – SP

Phone: + 55 11 5693 4868 Fax : + 55 11 5693-4511

e-mail: reservas@transamerica.com.br

Website: www.transamerica.com.br

3. Working language of the meeting

The meeting will be held in English only.

4. Documents

Participants are kindly reminded to bring copies of the documents prepared for the meeting, as they will be available in São Paulo in very limited quantities only.

5. Visas

All participants requiring an entry visa to Brazil should apply through their nearest Brazilian diplomatic or consular missions. Attached, as **Annex I**, is a list of countries whose citizens **require** and **do not require** an entry visa to Brazil. As visa requirements may change at any time, please check specific requirements with your travel agent and/or the nearest Brazilian diplomatic or consular missions. Visa requirements can also be found at: <http://www.braziltourism.org/visas.shtml>.

6. Health and vaccination requirements/recommendations

For entry into Brazil, a yellow fever vaccination certificate is required from travellers from the countries listed below, unless they are in possession of a waiver stating that immunization is contraindicated on medical grounds:

Africa: Angola, Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Chad, Congo, Côte D'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Sudan, Togo and Uganda.

Latin America: Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, French Guyana, Panama, Peru, Surinam, Trinidad and Tobago and Venezuela.

Participants wishing to travel outside of São Paulo after the meeting, are requested to visit the World Health Organization's International Travel and Health web site: (<http://www.who.int/ith/countrylist02.html#27>) for recommendations and information on the prevention of yellow fever and malaria.

7. Access to São Paulo

São Paulo is serviced by Guarulhos International Airport (55 km from Hotel Transamerica, the meeting venue). Taxis are available at the airport at R\$ 90 (approx. US\$ 40), depending on the traffic. Please note that in São Paulo, taxi fares cannot be paid by credit card, only cash is accepted. Hotel Transamerica, the meeting venue, can easily and rapidly be reached by taxi.

It should be noted that transportation from the airport to the hotels will be provided by the local organizers, once in the morning and once in the afternoon of Wednesday, 2 November. The exact timetable for airport pick-ups will be determined based on the flight schedules of participants, and will be circulated to participants closer to the dates of the meeting. In order to assist the local organizers establish appropriate timetable, please send your flight details **not later than 26 October 2005** to:

Ms. Sueli Mendes
Tel: +55 21 3139 1259
Fax: +55 21 3139 1254
E-mail: sueli@cebds.org

With a copy to:

Ms. Valéria Gualberto:
Tel: +55 21 3139 1251;
Fax: +55 21 3139 1254
E-mail: valeria@cebds.org

8. Services to participants

The following will be provided to the participants for the duration of the meeting:

- Coffee breaks (twice a day) and lunch on Thursday, 3 and Wednesday, 4 November. A reception will also be held at the meeting venue in the evening of Thursday, 3 November 2005;
- Display table(s) for participants wishing to bring brochures and documents;
- Space for the display of information on biodiversity activities and case studies. Participants interested in bringing posters or small displays are requested to contact Ms. Sueli Mendes with a copy to Ms. Valéria Gualberto (see coordinates above).
- Meeting rooms will also be made available after the official sessions of the meeting for participants wishing to meet or share experiences.

9. Hotel accommodation

Attached, as **annex II**, is a list of hotels with indicative room rates. Participants in the meeting are kindly reminded that they are responsible for making their own hotel accommodation arrangements.

For assistance or any queries about hotel accommodation, participants are requested to contact directly:

Mr. Leandro Queiroz
ViaBR Travel Agency
Rua Aimberê, 82 - Perdizes - 05018-010 São Paulo - SP
Tel: +55 11 3871 3082
Fax: +55 11 3801 2821
E-mail: leandro@viabrturismo.com.br

With a copy to:

Ms. Sueli Mendes
Brazilian Business Council for Sustainable Development
Av das Américas 1155 / 208 Barra da Tijuca – RJ CEP: 22.631-000
Tel: +55 21 3139 1259
Fax: +55 21 3139 1254
E-mail: sueli@cebds.org

11. Time zone

São Paulo in November will be 2 hours behind GMT.

12. Weather

São Paulo is 803 metres above sea level. The average temperature in November can vary between 16°C to 26°C. More information on weather is available at: <http://www.inmet.gov.br>.

13. Voltage

120 volts, 60 Hertz. The plugs are a two-pin type.

14. Credit Cards

Major credit cards are accepted in most hotels and restaurants in São Paulo.

15. Currency

The Brazilian currency is the Real (R\$). US\$ 1 = R\$ 2.233 and € 1 = R\$2.685. Cash and travellers cheques can be exchanged in banks, travel agencies and most hotels.

16. Tourism information

Information on local tourism is available at the following links:

<http://www.braziltourism.org/>
<http://www.turismo.gov.br/site/en/home/index.php>
<http://www.saopaulo.sp.gov.br/ingles/>

17. Disclaimer

The CBD Secretariat shall not be responsible for any medical, accident and travel insurance, for compensation for death or disability, 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 that participants secure, prior to departure, international medical insurance cover for the duration of the meeting.

Attached: Annex I: Visa requirements;
 Annex II: List of hotels.

Annex I

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VISA REQUIREMENTS

Table of countries whose citizens require/do not require visas to enter Brazil

(In accordance with the list available on the Web site of the
Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Brazil)

Country	Entry visa required no/yes	Country	Entry visa required no/yes
Afghanistan	Yes	Czech Republic	no
Albania	no	Democratic Republic of Congo	yes
Algeria	yes	Denmark	no
Andorra	yes	Djibouti	yes
Angola	no	Dominica	yes
Antigua and Barbuda	yes	Dominican Republic	no
Argentina	No	Ecuador	no
Armenia	no	Egypt	no
Austria	No	El Salvador	No
Australia	yes	Equatorial Guinea	yes
Azerbaijan	Yes	Eritrea	yes
Bahamas	Yes	Estonia	yes
Bahrain	Yes	Ethiopia	Yes
Bangladesh	Yes	Fiji	Yes
Barbados	no	Finland	No
Belarus	yes	France	No
Belgium	No	Gabon	no
Belize	yes	Gambia	yes
Benin	yes	Georgia	yes
Bermuda	No	Ghana	yes
Bhutan	yes	Greece	No
Bolivia	No	Grenada	yes
Bosnia and Herzegovina	yes	Guatemala	No
Botswana	yes	Guinea	yes
Brazil	no	Guinea-Bissau	no
Brunei	yes	Guyana	no
Bulgaria	No	Haiti	yes
Burkina Faso	yes	Honduras	No
Burundi	yes	Hungary	no
Cambodia	yes	Iceland	no
Cameroon	yes	India	no
Canada	yes	Indonesia	yes
Cape Verde	no	Iran (Islamic republic of)	yes
Central African Republic	yes	Iraq	yes
Chad	yes	Ireland*	No
Chile	no	Israel	No
China	no	Italy	No
Colombia	no	Jamaica	yes
Comoros	yes	Japan	yes
Congo	yes	Jordan	Yes
Costa Rica	No	Kazakhstan	Yes
Côte d'Ivoire	no	Kenya	Yes
Croatia	No	Kiribati	Yes
Cuba	yes	Korea (Republic of)	No

Cyprus	no	Korea (Democratic People's Republic of)	Yes
Kuwait	Yes	Qatar	yes
Kyrgyzstan	Yes	Romania	No
Laos	Yes	Russia Federation	no
Latvia	yes	Rwanda	yes
Lebanon	Yes	Saint Christopher and Nevis	yes
Lesotho	yes	Saint Lucia	yes
Liberia	yes	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	yes
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	yes	Samoa	yes
Liechtenstein	yes	San Marino	No
Lithuania	yes	São Tomé and Principe	no
Luxembourg	no	Saudi Arabia	yes
Madagascar	yes	Senegal	yes
Malawi	yes	Serbia and Montenegro	yes
Malaysia	no	Seychelles	yes
Maldives	yes	Sierra Leone	yes
Mali	yes	Singapore	yes
Malta	yes	Slovakia	No
Marshall Islands	Yes	Slovenia	No
Mauritania	Yes	Solomon Islands	yes
Mauritius	Yes	Somalia	yes
Mexico	No	South Africa	no
Micronesia	yes	Spain	No
Moldova	yes	Sri Lanka	yes
Monaco	yes	Sudan	yes
Mongolia	Yes	Suriname	no
Morocco	no	Swaziland	yes
Mozambique	no	Sweden	No
Myanmar	yes	Switzerland	No
Namibia	no	Syrian Arab Republic	yes
Nauru	yes	Tajikistan	yes
Nepal	yes	Thailand	no
Netherlands	No	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	yes
New Zealand	no	Togo	yes
Nicaragua	yes	Tonga	yes
Niger	yes	Trinidad and Tobago	no
Nigeria	yes	Tunisia	no
North Korea	yes	Turkey	no
Norway	no	Turkmenistan	yes
Oman	yes	Tuvalu	yes
Pakistan	yes	Uganda	yes
Panama	no	Ukraine	no
Papua New Guinea	yes	United Arab Emirates	yes
Paraguay	no	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	No
Peru	no	United Republic of Tanzania	yes
Philippines	no	United States of America	yes

Poland	No	Uruguay	no
Portugal	No	Uzbekistan	yes
Vanuatu	yes		
Venezuela	No		
Viet Nam	Yes		
Yemen	Yes		
Zambia	Yes		
Zimbabwe	Yes		

Annex II

LIST OF HOTELS WITH INDICATIVE PRICES

NB. (1) Participants are responsible for making their own hotels reservations

(2) To benefit from a negotiated group rate at the Hotel Transamerica, please contact Ms. Sueli Mendes (Tel: +55 21 3139 1259; Fax: +55 21 3139 1254; E-mail: sueli@cebds.org) with a copy to Ms. Valéria Gualberto (Tel: +55 21 3139 1251; Fax: +55 21 3139 1254; E-mail: valeria@cebds.org) at the Brazilian Business Council for Sustainable Development prior to making your reservation.

A. FIVE-STARS HOTELS

1. Hotel Transamerica (meeting venue)

Av. das Nações Unidas 18.591

Santo Amaro

São Paulo – SP

Phone: +55 11 5693 4868 Fax: +55 11 5693-4511

e-mail: reservas@transamerica.com.br

Website: www.transamerica.com.br

Single: R\$ 266 (approx. US\$ 119) + 5% Tax - breakfast included

Double: R\$ 296 (approx. US\$ 133) + 5% Tax - breakfast included

B. FOUR- STARS HOTELS

2. Blue Tree

Rua Fernandes Moreira, 1371 – Chácara Sto Antonio

e-mail: reservas.nacoes@bluetree.com.br

Tel/Fax: + 55 11 5189-6555

Website: www.bluetree.com.br

Distance from Transamerica: 3 Km

Distance from Shopping Morumbi: 2 Km

Single - week days: R\$ 122 (approx. US\$ 55) + 5% Tax - breakfast included + garage

Double - week days: R\$ 142 (approx. US\$ 64) + 5% Tax - breakfast included + garage

Single – weekend: R\$ 109 (approx. US\$ 49) + 5% Tax - breakfast included + garage

Double - weekend: R\$ 129 (approx. US\$ 58) + 5% Tax - breakfast included + garage

The **Blue Tree** provides a free shuttle service to the meeting venue, Hotel Transamerica, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

3. Tryp Nações Unidas

Rua Fernandes Moreira, 1264 – Chácara Sto. Antonio

e-mail: reservas.trypnacoes@solhoteles.com.br

Tel/Fax: + 55 11 5180-9700

Website: www.solmeliar.com

Single: R\$ 112 (approx. US\$ 50) + 5% Tax - breakfast included + garage

Double: R\$ 119 (approx. US\$ 53) + 5% Tax - breakfast included + garage

Credit card number should be provided as a guaranty. The payment will be completed at check out.

C. THREE-STARS HOTELS

4. Travel Inn Montecattini

Rua Nazira Carone, 09

e-mail: vanessa@travelinn.com.br

Tel/Fax: + 55 11 3749-8420

Single: R\$ 95 (approx. US\$ 43) + 5% Tax - breakfast included + garage

Double: R\$ 115 (approx. US\$ 52) + 5% Tax - breakfast included + garage

Payment: credit card at check out

5. Tulip Inn Morumbi Business

Rua Dr. Chibata Miyakoshi, 183

e-mail: reservas@morumbibusiness.com.br

Website: <http://www.morumbibusiness.com.br/>

Tel/Fax: + 55 11 3758-2068

Single: R\$ 85 (approx. US\$ 38) + 5% Tax - breakfast included + garage

Dbl: R\$ 95 (approx. US\$ 43) + 5% Tax - breakfast included + garage

Payment: credit card at check out

D. FLATS

6. Transamérica Flat Nas Unidas

Rua Américo Brasiliense 2163 – Chácara Sto Antonio

e-mail: rsnunidas@transamericaflats.com.br

Tel/Fax: + 55 11 5187-2955

Website: www.transamericaflats.com.br

Distance from Transamérica, the meeting venue: 3 Km

Distance from Shopping Morumbi: 1 Km

Single: R\$ 120 (approx. US\$ 54) + 5% Tax - breakfast included + garage

Double: R\$ 135 (approx. US\$ 60) + 5% Tax - breakfast included + garage
