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Siem Reap, Cambodia, 1 - 3 February 2010

THE SEVENTH MEETING OF THE LIAISON GROUP ON CAPACITY-BUILDING FOR BIOSAFETY
Siem Reap, Cambodia, 4- 5 February 2010

Information Note for Participants

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1. Opening and registration

The Sixth Coordination Meeting for Governments and Organizations Implementing or Funding Biosafety Capacity-building Activities will be held from Monday, 1 February to Wednesday, 3 February 2010 and the Seventh Meeting of the Liaison Group on Capacity-building for Biosafety will be held from Thursday, 4 February to Friday 5 February 2010. Both meetings will be held in Siem Reap, Cambodia. The Sixth Coordination Meeting for Governments and Organizations Implementing or Funding Biosafety Capacity-building Activities will start at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, 1 February. Registration for both meetings will take place at the venue of the meeting at 8:30 a.m. on 1 February 2010.

2. Venue

The meeting will be held at:

City Angkor Hotel

Airport Road

Siem Reap, Kingdom of Cambodia

Tel: +(855-63) 760 336-9

Fax: +(855-63) 760 340

Web site: <http://www.cityangkorhotel.com/location/location.html>

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 meetings as there will be no extra copies made available on site during the meetings. Documents are available on the Secretariat's web site at the following links:



Sixth Coordination Meeting for Governments and Organizations Implementing or Funding Biosafety Capacity-building Activities:

<http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=BSCMCB-06>

Seventh Meeting of the Liaison Group on Capacity-building for Biosafety:

<http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=BSLGCB-07>

5. General information on access to Siem Reap, Cambodia



Siem Reap is serviced by the Siem Reap International Airport which is located 6 km from the city centre. A ticket booth for registered taxis into town is close to the temples outside the terminal. Independent taxis and motorcycles are also available just outside the airport. The price from the airport into town is standard for motorcycles (\$1) and cars (\$5). Most hotels offer free transportation from the airport but must be booked in advance.

6. Visa information

In order to visit Cambodia, a visa is required for most nationalities. A passport with at least six month validity is required. Philippine and Malaysian nationals do not require tourist visas for a stay of up to 21 and 30 days respectively. Participants from Lao, People's Democratic Republic, Singapore and Viet Nam are also exempt from the usual visa requirements. A visa on arrival is not permitted for holders of the following passports: Afghanistan, Algeria, Bangladesh, Islamic Republic of Iran, Iraq, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, and Sudan. Holders of the above mentioned passports must obtain a visa prior to arrival in Cambodia. Holders of these passports are required to hold a letter from a sponsor or a letter of invitation from a company / organization / travel agent, and are also advised to hold a valid return ticket.

A visa can be issued on arrival at the Siem Reap International Airport at the cost of US \$25.00, and takes approximately 20-30 minutes. Also, please bring one passport sized photo and supporting documentation. Information regarding the visa upon arrival including an electronic visa application form can be found at the web site of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Cambodia at the following link:

<http://evisa.mfaic.gov.kh/e-visa/vindex.aspx>

More information on visas can be found on the web site of the Ministry of Tourism of Cambodia at: <http://www.mot.gov.kh/GeneralInformation.aspx?sm=65&Ads=1>

The information link for Cambodian Diplomatic/Consular Missions abroad can be found on the web site of the Royal Embassy of Cambodia as follows:

http://www.embassyofcambodia.org/other_embassies.htm

7. Health Requirements

Yellow Fever Vaccination - Travellers to The Kingdom of Cambodia should obtain a yellow fever vaccination certificate if arriving within 10 days from infected areas.

Water for drinking, brushing teeth or making ice should first be boiled or otherwise sterilized. Bottled water is widely available.

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 health requirements for your travel.

8. Hotel information

A block booking has been made on behalf of all participants at the City Angkor Hotel, the price of a single room is US \$45.00 and a double room is US \$50.00. For reservation and registration, please contact our Biosafety steering committee secretariat staff:

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City Angkor Hotel
Airport Road
Siem Reap, Kingdom of Cambodia
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Fax: +(855-63) 760 340
Web site: <http://www.cityangkorhotel.com/location/location.html>

A listing of other hotels in the vicinity of the meeting venue is provided in the annex below.

9. Payment of the Daily Subsistence Allowances (DSA)

Sponsored participants will receive their DSA on the first day of the meeting.

10. Official language in Cambodia

The official language in Cambodia is Khmer. English is spoken and understood in hotels, shops and restaurants.

11. Weather and time zone information



In February, temperatures in Cambodia range between a maximum of 33°C in the daytime and a minimum of 21°C at night. Current weather conditions can be found at: <http://www.worldweather.org/145/c00347.htm>

The standard time zone is GMT/UTC + 7 hours:
<http://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/city.html?n=1941>

12. Electricity

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



<http://treehouse.ofb.net/go/en/voltage/Cambodia>

13. Currency



The currency in Cambodia is the Riel (KHR). The current exchange rate as at 14 December 2009 is 1,000KHR = US \$0.24 or US \$1 = 4.172 KHR; and 1€ = 6,024.93KHR or 1,000KHR = 0.16 €.

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.

Annex - Hotel Listing

The hotel rates are indicative and subject to change without notice

Hotel Name	Price (US \$)	Remarks
Apsara Angkor Hotel National Route 6, Airport Road Siem Reap, Angkor Kingdom of Cambodia Tel: +855-63-964-999 Fax: +855-63-964-567 E-mail: hotel@apsaraangkor.com Web site: www.apsaraangkor.com	Superior: US \$57 Deluxe: US \$67	Breakfast is included. Located a few blocks from City Angkor Hotel
Royal Empire Hotel National Route 6, Airport Road, Siem Reap, Angkor, Kingdom of Cambodia. Tel: +(855) 63 969 599 Fax: +(855) 63 969 588 E-mail: info@royalempirehotel.com , reservation@royalempirehotel.com Web site: www.royalempirehotel.com	Superior: US \$52 Deluxe: US \$68	Rates include breakfast, tax and service charge. Located a few blocks from City Angkor Hotel
Cozyna Angkor Hotel National Rd 6, Phoum Krous, Svay Dangcum Siem Reap, Kingdom of Cambodia Tel: +855-63-966569 Web site: http://www.agoda.com/asia/cambodia/siem_reap/cozyna_angkor_hotel.html	Single/double: US \$30 Superior: US \$35 Deluxe: US \$39	Breakfast included. Located a few blocks from City Angkor Hotel
Majestic Angkor Hotel National road No.6 , airport road, Krous Village, Svay Dangcum Commune Siem Reap, Kingdom of Cambodia Tel: +855 63 969 682 Fax: +855 63 969 681 E-Mail: info@majesticangkor.com Web site: www.majesticangkor.com	Deluxe: US \$33-43 Suite: US \$60-70	Service charges not included. Located a few blocks from City Angkor Hotel
Monoreach Angkor Hotel National Road No.6 Siem Reap Angkor, Kingdom of Cambodia Tel: (855) 63-760-182, 12-360-899 Fax: (855) 63-963 861 E-mail: monoreach@camnet.com.kh , sunsomaly@monoreach.com Web site: www.monoreach.com	Standard: US \$35 Deluxe: US \$50 Superior-Deluxe: US \$75	Breakfast is included. Located a few blocks from City Angkor Hotel
