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ORGANISMS

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1. Opening of the meeting

The Meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group (AHTEG) on Risk Assessment and Risk Management of Living Modified Organisms will be held in Bonn, Germany from 2 to 6 June 2014. The meeting will start at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, 2 June 2014 and registration will take place at the venue of the meeting.

2. Venue

The meeting will be held at:

Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture

Government of Germany

Rochusstraße 1

53123 Bonn, Germany

Web page: <http://www.bmel.de/EN>

See annex A for a map of the area surrounding the Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture.

Further assistance contact information

If you need assistance with regard to your stay in Bonn during the meeting, please contact:

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3. Working language of the meeting

The workshop will be held in English.

4. Documents

Background documents will be available, in due course, at <http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=BSRARM-05>. Participants are requested to bring their own copies of the background documents to the meeting as there will be no extra copies available on site.

5. General information on access to Bonn

Airports

There are several airports servicing the Bonn/Cologne area, as listed below:

Cologne/Bonn

This is the closest airport to the meeting venue, located approximately 25 km from Bonn. There are regular train connections to Bonn from the Cologne/Bonn Airport. Additional information about the airport is available at: <http://www.koeln-bonn-airport.de/>

Dusseldorf

The Dusseldorf Airport is approximately 85 km from Bonn. There are regular train connections to Bonn from the Dusseldorf Airport. Additional information about the airport can be found at: http://www.dus.com/dus_en/

Frankfurt

The Frankfurt Airport is approximately 165 km away from Bonn. There are regular train connections between the Frankfurt Airport and Bonn. Additional information about the airport is available at: http://www.frankfurt-airport.com/content/frankfurt_airport/en.html

Ground Transportation

Taxi

Taxis are available at the airports, “Bonn Hbf” (i.e. Bonn central station), and the Bonn-Siegburg station. The fare for a one-way taxi ride to the venue/hotel is approximately: 50€ from Cologne-Bonn airport; 30€ from the Bonn-Siegburg train station; and 15€ from the Bonn central station.

Public transportation

From Cologne/Bonn Airport to the Mercure hotel: Take the SB60 bus in direction of “Bonn Hbf” from the airport. Exit the bus at the “Bonn Hbf” stop and connect to the Bonn-Duisdorf regional bus lines 608 or 609 as described below. The total travel time is approximately one hour and the fare to the hotel is 8€.

From “Bonn Hbf” to the Mercure hotel: The hotel can be reached in approximately 20 minutes by taking the Bonn-Duisdorf regional bus lines 608 (exit the bus at “Basketsring, Bonn-Hardtberg”) or 609 (exit the bus at “Hardtberg Schulzentrum, Bonn-Brüser Berg”) from the Bonn central station in the direction of “Hardthöhe/Südliche”. The fare to the hotel is 3€.

From the Bonn-Siegburg train station to “Bonn Hbf” (central station): Transportation between these two train stations is via the #66 tram line in direction of “Heussallee/Museumsmeile”. Exit the tram at the “Bonn Hbf” stop. The trip takes 20 minutes and the fare to the station is 5€.

From the Mercure hotel to the venue: The venue is located at Rochusstraße 1, 53123 Bonn, which is approximately 8 minutes from the hotel by bus. Please use regional bus lines 608 or 609 in the direction of “Gielgen”. On either bus line, exit at the “Rochusstr. /Bundesministerien, Bonn-Duisdorf” stop. The fare to the venue is 3€.

6. Visa information

Participants from countries listed in annex B below require a Schengen entry visa for Germany and are strongly advised to contact the nearest German diplomatic or consular mission **as soon as possible** in order to secure the required entry visa in a timely manner, prior to departure. **It should be noted that airline companies will not allow boarding in the absence of a valid visa.** A list of relevant German diplomatic/consular missions abroad can be found at http://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/EN/AAmt/Auslandsvertretungen/Uebersicht_node.html.

Information on visa procedures and the visa application form are available on the website of the German Federal Foreign Office at:
http://www.auswaertigesamt.de/EN/EinreiseUndAufenthalt/StaatenlisteVisumpflicht_node.html.

7. Hotel information

Please note that each participant is kindly requested to make her/his own travel and accommodation arrangements. The organizers have negotiated preliminary room allocations at a preferential rate (77.13 EUR for a single room with breakfast) with the hotel indicated below:

Mercure Hotel Bonn Hardtberg

Max-Habermann-Straße 2

53123 Bonn

Phone: +49-228-25990

E-mail: H0676@accor.com

Web site: <http://www.hotel-bonn.org/en>

IMPORTANT: Please use the code **AHTEG** when booking your accommodation to access the preferential rate. Please note that this arrangement is **valid until 2 May 2014**, and you are advised to make your booking as soon as possible.

Participants will be requested to provide a credit card upon check-in at the hotel. Sponsored participants who wish to pay their hotel with their DSA (see below), are encouraged to bring enough cash (in Euros) to pay for part of their reservation at the time of the check-in given that the DSA will only be paid on Monday.

8. Payment of the Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA)

Sponsored participants will receive the relevant portion of their DSA on the first day of the meeting including one extra full day DSA, to cover other travel expenses such as visa expenses, travel cost and terminal expenses.

9. Official language in Germany

The official language in Germany is German. English is spoken in hotels and restaurants.

10. Weather and time zone information

In June, the average temperatures in Bonn typically range between 20 and 25°C in the daytime and between 10 and 15°C at night.

In June, Daylight Saving Time is in effect in Germany, and the standard time zone is GMT/UTC +2 hours.

11. Electricity

The electrical currents in Germany are 230 Volts, 50 Hertz and plugs are as shown below.



12. Currency

The currency in Germany is the Euro (€). The current exchange rate as of 24 March 2014 is US\$1 = €0.72 and €1 = US\$1.39.

Currency exchange facilities are readily available in banks and hotels.

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 insurance for the period of participation prior to departure.

Annex A



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and Agriculture

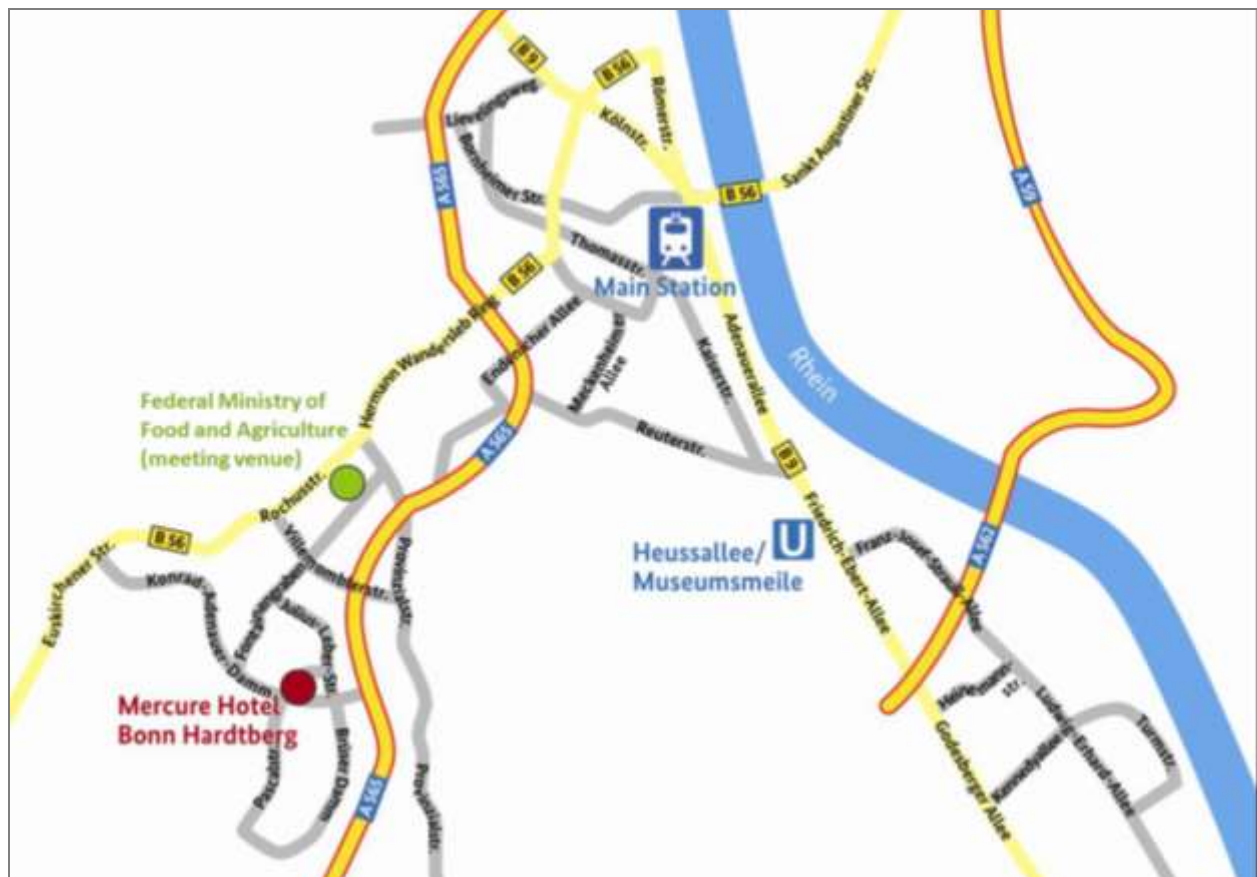
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The map below indicates the location of the Ministry and the Mercure Hotel in relation to Bonn-City.



Annex C

TOURIST ATTRACTIONS

Bonn has a large variety of museums and tourist attractions, catering to different interests. Below is just a small selection of places and facilities you may visit or see, either in the city itself or in the nearby surrounding area. Further information about these is also available at: http://www.bonn.de/tourismus_kultur_sport_freizeit/index.html?lang=en

Beethoven-House Bonn

Bonngasse 18 - 26 53111 Bonn

Telephone: +49-228-981750

E-mail: info@beethoven-haus-bonn.de

Web site: <http://www.beethoven-haus-bonn.de>

German Museum Bonn

Ahrstraße 45 53175 Bonn

Telephone: +49-228-302255

E-mail: info@deutsches-museum-bonn.de

Web site: <http://www.deutsches-museum-bonn.de>

House of the History of the Federal Republic of Germany

Willy-Brandt-Allee 14 53113 Bonn

Telephone: +49-228-91650

E-mail: post@hdg.de

Web site: <http://www.hdg.de/bonn>

Bonn Art Museum

Friedrich-Ebert-Allee 2 53113 Bonn

Telephone: +49-228-776260

E-mail: kunstmuseum@bonn.de

Web site: <http://www.kunstmuseum-bonn.de>

Zoological Research Museum Alexander Koenig

Adenauerallee 160 53113 Bonn

Telephone e: +49-228-9122211

E-mail: info.zfmk@uni-bonn.de

Web site: <http://www.museumkoenig.de>

Theatre Bonn

Am Boeselagerhof 1

53111 Bonn

Web site: <http://www.theater-bonn.de/>

Pantheon Theatre

Bundeskanzlerplatz 2-10 53113 Bonn

Web site: <http://www.pantheon.de/>

Excursions into the surrounding area

Siebengebirge

Visit the mountains “Siebengebirge” and the castle “Drachenfels”. There you have a wonderful view over Bonn and the river “Rhein”. If the weather is very clear you can see the famous city Cologne.

Web site: <http://www.siebengebirge.com/>

Navigating the Rhine

Experience the “Rheinland” from the water. Many famous cities are situated at the Rhine.

Web site: <http://www.b-p-s.de/>

Andernach Geyser

Visit the world’s tallest cold water geyser. Experience nature with all your senses, listen to the hissing and gurgling sound when the geyser erupts, see the majestic fountain and if you are not afraid, draw nearer and you will be able to smell and taste the water. After this fantastic experience the boat will take you back to where you started your trip.

Web site: <http://www.geysir-andernach.de/english/>
