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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CARTAGENA
PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY
St-George's, Grenada, 25 February to 1 March 2013

INFORMATION NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS

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1. Opening and registration

The Caribbean sub-regional workshop on capacity-building for the effective implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety will be held in St. George's, Grenada from Monday 4th, March to Friday, 8th March 2013.

The workshop will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, 4th March to Friday 8th March 2013. Registration will take place at the venue of the workshop from 8:30 a.m. on the same day.

2. Venue

The workshop will be held at:

Grenadian by Rex Resorts

P.O. Box 893

Point Salines

St. Georges, Grenada.

Tel: +(473) 444-3333

Fax: +(473) 444-1111

E-mail: refbmgr@soiceisle.com

Web site: <http://www.rexresorts.com/grenada/grenada-hotels-grenadian-by-rex-resorts.html>

3. Working language of the workshop

The workshop will be held in English.

4. Documents

Participants are kindly reminded to bring their own copies of the documents for the workshop as there will be no extra copies made available on site during the workshop. The documents are available on the Secretariat's web site at:



<http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=BSRWCB-CAR-01>

5. General information on access to St-George's, Grenada



The city of St. George's is serviced by the Grenada – Maurice Bishop International Airport. The workshop venue (Grenadian by Rex Resorts) is located approximately 2 km from the airport. Transportation by taxi from the airport to the Hotel is approximately EC\$ 25. Also, taxis are available from the hotel for transport to and from St. George's for approximately EC\$ 10.00 (organized groups of at least 6 – 12 persons) and takes about 15-20 minutes.

6. Visa information



Participants requiring an entry visa for Grenada are strongly advised to contact the nearest Grenadian diplomatic or consular mission **as soon as possible** in order to secure the required entry visa in a timely manner, prior to departure.

Information on visa procedures is available at the following web site:
<http://www.grenadaconsulate.com/visa-information.html>.

A list of relevant Grenadian diplomatic/consular missions abroad is available on the web site of the Government of Grenada at: http://www.gov.gd/embassies_consulates.html.

All participants must travel with a valid passport and the visa application requires two passport sized photos. The application for a visa takes approximately three weeks to process. Below is a listing of countries requiring a visa to enter Grenada form the web site of the Government of Grenada. The link for the visa application form is as follows: http://www.grenadaconsulate.com/uploads/files/grenada_visa_application_form.pdf.

Countries requiring visa to enter Grenada	
Afghanistan	Mexico
Bolivia	Mongolia
Brazil	Nepal
China	Nicaragua
Colombia	Oman
Costa Rica	Pakistan
Dominican Republic	Palestine
Ecuador	Panama
El Salvador	Paraguay
Guatemala	Peru
Haiti	Philippines
Honduras	Saudi Arabia
Indonesia	Sri Lanka
Iran, Islamic Republic of	Syrian Arab Republic
Iraq	Thailand
Jordan	United Arab Emirates
Korea, D.P.R.	Uruguay
Kuwait	Viet Nam
Lebanon	Yemen

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

7. Hotel information

The Secretariat has made a block booking at the Grenadian by Rex Resorts at a negotiated rate of US\$130 per night for a regular single room and US\$140 for a premier single room, including breakfast and taxes. Any extras, such as telephone, room upgrade, bar, laundry, e-mail, restaurant, etc. will be charged separately. Participants are advised to make their reservations directly with the hotel at the contacts below as soon as possible in order to benefit from the negotiated rate. Please note that this workshop is being held during peak tourism season. We therefore urge you to book your accommodation as soon as possible but **no later than 15 February 2013**.

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Web site: <http://www.rexresorts.com/grenada/grenada-hotels-grenadian-by-rex-resorts.html>

Information on other hotels in St-George's can be found at the following link:
<http://www.grenadagrenadines.com/>

8. Payment of the Daily Subsistence Allowances (DSA)

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

9. Official language in Grenada

The official language in Grenada is English.

10. Weather and time zone information



In March, temperatures in St-George's usually range between a maximum of +31°C in the daytime and a minimum of +24°C at night. Current weather conditions can be found at:
<http://www.timeanddate.com/weather/grenada/saint-georges>.

The standard time zone is GMT/UTC -4 hours.

11. Electricity

The electrical currents in Grenada are 220 - 240 Volts, 50 Hertz a (two-pin flat and vertical with a ground connection).



12. Currency



The currency in Grenada is the East Caribbean dollar (XCD, EC). The current exchange rate on 29 January 2013 is US \$ 1.00 = EC\$2.70 and € = EC\$3.64.

13. Disclaimer

The CBD Secretariat disclaims all responsibilities for medical, accident and travel insurances, for compensation for death or disability compensation, for loss of or damage to personal property and for any other losses that may be incurred during travel time or the period of participation. In this context, it is strongly recommended that participants will secure international medical, accident and travel insurances for the period of participation prior to departure.
