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Nadi, Fiji, 28-30 November 2011

Information Note for Participants

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1. **Opening and registration**

The Pacific Sub-regional Workshop on Capacity-building for the Effective Implementation of the Biosafety Protocol will be held in Nadi, Fiji from Monday, 28 to Wednesday, 30 November 2011.

The workshops will start at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, 28 November, and registration will take place at the venue of the workshops at 8:30 a.m. the same day.

2. **Venue**

The workshops will be held at:

The Hotel Novotel Nadi

Namaka Hill

0 Nadi, Fiji Islands

Tel.: (+679) 6/722000

Fax: (+679) 6/720590

E-mail: reservations@novotelnadi.com.fj

Web site: <http://www.novotel.com/gb/hotel-6287-novotel-nadi/index.shtml>

3. **Working language of the workshops**

The workshops will be held in English.

4. **Documents**

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



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

5. **General information on access to Nadi, Fiji**

The city of Nadi is serviced by the Nadi International Airport in Nadi, Fiji (about 8 km from Nadi Town). It is located on the West of Viti Levu and the capital Suva is located to the East. Participants will be staying at the Hotel Novotel Nadi which is located close to the airport. Shuttle services from the Hotel Novotel Nadi are available.

6. **Visa information**



Participants from countries listed below do not require an entry visa for Fiji all others are strongly advised to contact the nearest Fijian diplomatic or consular mission **as soon as possible** in order to secure the required entry visa in a timely manner, prior to departure.

Citizens of the following countries **do not** require a visa for Fiji for a stay of up to 4 months:

Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Belize, Bermuda, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Cook Islands, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominica, Estonia, Finland, France, Gambia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guyana, Holy See, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kenya, Kiribati, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lesotho, Luxembourg, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Moldova, Monaco, Nauru, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Serbia, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Tanzania (United Republic of), Thailand, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Tuvalu, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Information on visa procedures, including a list of relevant Fijian diplomatic/consular missions abroad and countries with visa exemption arrangements, is available on the web site of the Fiji Government which provides a listing of visa exempt countries at: http://www.fiji.gov.fj/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=110&Itemid=160.

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

7. Health Requirements

A yellow fever vaccination certificate is required from travellers entering Fiji within 10 days of having stayed overnight or longer in countries with risk of yellow fever transmission.

The International travel, health and vaccination requirements for travel to Fiji can be obtained from the World Health Organization (WHO) web site: <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 (sponsored and non-sponsored). Kindly reserve with the hotel directly by **1 November 2011** by sending your request to the following contact person: Tima Raju: tima@novotelnadi.com.fj. The negotiated room rate is F\$142.00 for a single room including breakfast and taxes (approximately US \$80).

9. **Payment of the Daily Subsistence Allowances (DSA)**

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

10. **Official languages in Fiji**

The official language in Fiji is English, however, Bau Fijian, and Hindustani are also spoken.

11. **Weather and time zone information**



In November, temperatures in Nadi usually range between a maximum of 30°C in the daytime and a minimum of 21°C at night. Current weather conditions can be found at: <http://www.worldweather.org/022/c00094.htm>.

The standard time zone will be GMT/UTC + 12 hours.

12. **Electricity**

The electrical currents are 240 volts, 50 Hertz and the plugs and are shown below.



13. **Currency**



The currency in Fiji is the Fijian Dollar (FJD \$) (F\$). The current exchange rate as at 25 October 2011 is US \$1.00 = FJD \$1.77 and = €1.00 = FJD \$2.46.

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.
