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AND EXCHANGE OF EXPERIENCES ON RISK ASSESSMENT
AND RISK MANAGEMENT OF LIVING MODIFIED ORGANISMS
Nadi, Fiji, 5-7 July 2010

Information Note for Participants

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1. Opening and registration

The Pacific Sub-regional Workshop on Capacity-building and Exchange of Experiences on Risk Assessment and Risk Management of Living Modified Organisms will be held in Nadi, Fiji from Monday, 5 to Wednesday, 7 July 2010.

The workshop will start at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, 5 July, and registration will take place at the venue of the meeting at 8:30 a.m. the same day.

2. Venue

The workshop will be held at:

The Novotel Nadi Hotel

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 meeting

The meeting 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 meeting. Documents will be made available on the Secretariat's web site at:



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

5. General information on access to Nadi, Fiji

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 Novotel Hotel which is located close to the airport and the hotel provides a free shuttle service to and from Nadi International Airport.

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 90 days:

Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Belize, Bermuda, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominica, Estonia, Finland, France, Gambia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guyana, Holy See, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kenya, Kiribati, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lesotho, Luxembourg, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Moldova, Monaco, 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, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovak Republic, 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 for all delegates (sponsored and non-sponsored) at the Novotel Nadi Hotel. The room rates are FJD \$145 for a single room, FJD \$175 for a superior room and FJD \$195 for a deluxe room. Lunch and two coffee breaks during the meeting are provided at a cost of approximately FJD \$40 per day (non-sponsored delegates are required to pay for these services).

To benefit from these rates, all delegates are required to confirm their room reservations with the hotel by 21 June 2010. Below please find information on the hotel:

Novotel Nadi Hotel
Namaka Hill
Nadi, Fiji Islands
Tel.: (+679)6/722000
Fax: (+679)6/720590



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SCBD contact person: Ms. Swastika RAJ (Conference and Sales Co-ordinator)
swastika@novotelnadi.com.fj; Tel Direct: +67 9 673 6168
Web site: <http://www.novotel.com/gb/hotel-6287-novotel-nadi/index.shtml>

9. Payment of the Daily Subsistence Allowances (DSA)

The Secretariat will cover the cost of hotel accommodation for sponsored delegates, including breakfast and lunch. SCBD will also provide sponsored delegates a portion of the DSA to cover the costs for dinner and incidental expenses.

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 July, temperatures in Nadi usually range between a maximum of 29°C in the daytime and a minimum of 18°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 \$). The current exchange rate as at 14 June 2010 is US \$1.00 = FJD \$2.02 and = €1.00 = FJD \$2.44.

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.
