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THE REPORT OF THE SECOND AD HOC TECHNICAL  
EXPERT GROUP ON BIODIVERSITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE  
Cape Town, South Africa, 20–24 July 2009

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## 1. Opening and registration

The Drafting Committee Meeting for the Report of the Second Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Biodiversity and Climate Change will be held in Cape Town, South Africa from Monday, 20 to Friday, 24 July 2009.

The meeting will start at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, 20 July 2009, and registration will take place at the venue of the meeting from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. the same day.

## 2. Venue

The meeting will be held at:

Pearson House, Kirstenbosch National Botanical Garden

Rhodes Drive, Newlands

Cape Town, South Africa

Tel: +27-21-799-8899

Fax +27-21-797-6570

E-mail: [KirstenboschInfo@sanbi.org](mailto:KirstenboschInfo@sanbi.org)

Web site: [http://dev.sanbi.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=703%3Apearson-house&catid=48%3Akirstenbosch-nbg&Itemid=356](http://dev.sanbi.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=703%3Apearson-house&catid=48%3Akirstenbosch-nbg&Itemid=356)

## 3. Working language

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



<http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=AHTEG-BDCC-02-03>

## 5. General information on access to Cape Town, South Africa



Cape Town is serviced by the "Cape Town International Airport" which is approximately 20 km from the city centre. The Kirstenbosch National Botanical Garden is located about 17 kms from the airport and 7 kms from the city centre.

Taxis are readily available at the airport. The approximate price of the journey is 350 ZAR (approx. 44 US\$) for the first passenger and about 20 ZAR for each extra passenger; and it should take approximately 20-40 minutes.

Shuttle services are also available on demand or by pre-booking at the transfer desk in the airport arrivals hall. Shuttle buses drive passengers, on request, to their required destinations. Schedules vary according to flight arrival times and passengers can also pre-book their return trip to the airport. Prices vary depending on the company and number of passengers.

## 6. Visa information



Participants from countries listed below **do not** require an entry visa for South Africa. All other participants are advised to contact the nearest South African 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 air lines will deny boarding in the absence of a valid visa for South Africa.

### **COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES WHOSE CITIZENS DO NOT REQUIRE VISAS IN ORDER TO ENTER SOUTH AFRICA AS VISITORS (AS LISTED ON THE WEBSITE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HOME AFFAIRS)**

Citizens of the following countries and territories **do not require** a visa to visit South Africa:

<b>A</b> Andorra Argentina Australia Austria	<b>F</b> Finland France	<b>N</b> Netherlands New Zealand Norway
<b>B</b> Belgium Botswana Brazil	<b>G</b> Germany Greece	<b>P</b> Paraguay Portugal
<b>C</b> Canada Chile Costa Rica Czech Republic	<b>I</b> Iceland Israel Italy	<b>S</b> Saint Vincent & the Grenadines San Marino Singapore Spain Sweden Switzerland
<b>D</b> Denmark	<b>L</b> Liechtenstein  Luxembourg	<b>U</b> United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland United States of America Uruguay
<b>E</b> Ecuador	<b>M</b> Malta Monaco	<b>V</b> Venezuela

Information on visa procedures can be found on the web-site of the South African Department of Home Affairs at: [http://www.home-affairs.gov.za/visa\\_schedule.asp](http://www.home-affairs.gov.za/visa_schedule.asp).

A list of relevant South African diplomatic/consular missions abroad, is available on the web-site of the South Africa Department of International Relations and Cooperation at: [http://www.dfa.gov.za/foreign/sa\\_abroad/index.htm](http://www.dfa.gov.za/foreign/sa_abroad/index.htm).

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

## 7. Health Information

Travellers to South Africa require a yellow fever vaccination certificate for travellers over 1 year of age, who within the preceding six days, have been in or have passed through any country with risk of yellow fever transmission. For more information, please consult a medical professional with regard to the vaccination requirements for your travel.

## 8. Hotel information



In the annex below is an indicative list of hotels located in the vicinity of the meeting venue. Further information on hotels in Cape Town is available at the following web-site: <http://www.tourismcapetown.co.za/>.

Participants are kindly reminded that they have to make their own hotel reservations as soon as possible.

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

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

## 10. Official languages in South Africa

There are 11 official languages in South Africa, they are as follows: Afrikaans, English, Southern Ndebele, Northern Sotho, Southern Sotho, Swazi, Tsonga, Tswana, Venda, Xhosa and Zulu.

## 11. Weather and time zone information



In July, temperatures in Cape Town usually range between a maximum of 18°C and a minimum of 7°C. Current weather conditions can be found at: <http://www.worldweather.org/035/c00138.htm>.

The time zone in Cape Town, South Africa is GMT +2 hours.

## 12. Electricity

The electrical currents are 230 Volts, 50 Hertz and the type of plugs is as illustrated below.



## 13. Currency



The currency in the South Africa is the South African Rand (ZAR). The current exchange rate as at 25 June is US \$1 = 8.000 ZAR and (Euro) €1 = 11.164 AR.

## 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**

<p><b>Rate of exchange:</b> US \$1 = 8.000 ZAR and €1 = 11.164 ZAR</p>
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**LIST OF BED & BREAKFAST AND HOTELS WITH INDICATIVE ROOM RATES IN SOUTH AFRICAN RANDS (ZAR)**

A.	BED AND BREAKFAST	CONTACT PERSON/ E-MAIL	WEB SITE	APPROXIMATE ROOM RATES	DISTANCE TO THE MEETING VENUE
1.	At The Nook Guest House - Newlands 7 Rose Street, Newlands, Cape Town Tel: +27 21 671 8280 ; Cell: +27 84 671 8280 Fax: +27 21 671 8280	Mark <a href="mailto:nook@telkomsa.net">nook@telkomsa.net</a>	<a href="http://www.capestay.co.za/nook">http://www.capestay.co.za/nook</a>	Nook Single/double: 400 ZAR Cottage: 300 ZAR per person	5 minutes to Botanical Gardens
2.	Brettamhouse - Newlands 71 Newlands Avenue, Newlands Tel: +27 21 683 9902 ; Cell: +27 82 320 6086 Fax: +27 21 683 9908	Margaret O'Donnell <a href="mailto:Brettamhouse@gmail.com">Brettamhouse@gmail.com</a>	<a href="http://www.capestay.co.za/brettam">http://www.capestay.co.za/brettam</a>	B & B Single: 460 ZAR B & B double: 700 ZAR Other single: 430 ZAR Other double: 680 ZAR	5 minutes drive to Botanical Gardens
3.	Camp Ground Guest House -Newlands 119 Camp Ground Road, Newlands, Western Cape Tel: +27 21 689 1695; Cell: +27 73 186 7525 Fax: +27 21 695 1013	Melvyn Wallis-Brown <a href="mailto:mwallisb@bishops.org.za">mwallisb@bishops.org.za</a>	<a href="http://www.capestay.co.za/campgroundguesthouse">http://www.capestay.co.za/campgroundguesthouse</a>	500 ZAR per suite	4 kms from Botanical Gardens
4.	Drawbridge Cottage 51 - Newlands 51 Newlands Avenue, Newlands, Cape Town Cell: +27 73 657 7811 Fax: +27 21 686 2350 ;	Dirk & Kathleen van Zijl <a href="mailto:dirkath@mweb.co.za">dirkath@mweb.co.za</a>	<a href="http://www.capestay.co.za/drawbridgecottage51">http://www.capestay.co.za/drawbridgecottage51</a>	Single: 250 ZAR per person sharing	5 minute drive to Botanical Gardens
5.	Fernwood Manor Newlands 35 Almond Street, Fernwood, Newlands Tel: +27 21 674 4406/61 1134 ; Fax: +27 21 683 7246 Cell: +27 82 894 4792	Emanuela <a href="mailto:mwspeter@iafrica.com">mwspeter@iafrica.com</a>	<a href="http://www.fernwoodmanor.co.za">www.fernwoodmanor.co.za</a>	Single: 650 ZAR Double: 550 ZAR/ per person sharing	Close to Botanical Gardens
6.	Kidger House Guest House 11 Cannon Street, Upper Newlands Tel: +27 21 674 5500 ; Cell: +27 82 674 5500 ; +27 21 674 5500 Fax: +27 21 674 5300	Tony Lotter <a href="mailto:info@kidgerhouse.co.za">info@kidgerhouse.co.za</a>	<a href="http://www.kidgerhouse.co.za">www.kidgerhouse.co.za</a>	Single and sharing: 495 ZAR	5 minute drive to Botanical Gardens
7.	Lavender House - Newlands 18 Akkerdal Avenue, Newlands, Cape Town Tel: +27 21 671 9429 ; Cell: +27 82 332 5448 Fax: +27 286 621 8159	Brenda Franklin <a href="mailto:lavenderhouse@mweb.co.za">lavenderhouse@mweb.co.za</a>	<a href="http://www.lavenderhousebnb.co.za">www.lavenderhousebnb.co.za</a>	Single: 500 ZAR Double: 350 ZAR per person	5 minute drive to Botanical Gardens
8.	Little Lodge 4 Appian Way, Newlands, Cape Town Tel: +27 21 671 4489	Yvonne Whitford <a href="mailto:littlelodge@polka.co.za">littlelodge@polka.co.za</a>	<a href="http://www.stayinsa.co.za/2033.htm">http://www.stayinsa.co.za/2033.htm</a>	Single: 350 ZAR Double: 300 ZAR per person sharing	5 minutes to Botanical Gardens
9.	Long Cottage - Newlands 81A Newlands Avenue, Newlands, Cape Town Tel: +27 21 683 7019 ; Cell: +27 83 955 5747 Fax: +27 21 683 7019	Cathy Duncan <a href="mailto:cathy@longcottage.co.za">cathy@longcottage.co.za</a>	<a href="http://www.longcottage.co.za">www.longcottage.co.za</a> ; <a href="http://www.capestay.co.za/longcottage">http://www.capestay.co.za/longcottage</a>	Single: 430 ZAR Double: 300 ZAR per person sharing	5 minutes to Botanical Gardens
10.	Mountain View Guest House - Newlands 13 Sans Souci Road, Newlands Tel: +27 21 683 3393 ; Cell: +27 82 455 4457 Fax: +27 86 613 1486	Liz Wright <a href="mailto:bookings@mountainviewcapetown.com">bookings@mountainviewcapetown.com</a>	<a href="http://www.mountainviewcapetown.com">www.mountainviewcapetown.com</a>	Single: 450-700 ZAR Double: 350-550 ZAR per person	5 minute drive to Botanical Gardens

	<b>A. BED AND BREAKFAST</b>	<b>CONTACT PERSON/ E-MAIL</b>	<b>WEB SITE</b>	<b>APPROXIMATE ROOM RATES</b>	<b>DISTANCE TO THE MEETING VENUE</b>
11.	Newlands Guest Cottages 39 Klipper Road, Newlands, Cape Town Tel: +27 21 689 8067; Cell: +27 82 564 5368 Fax: +27 21 689 8067	Susanne Botha <a href="mailto:bothaw@mweb.co.za">bothaw@mweb.co.za</a> ; <a href="mailto:nfo@clarkia.co.za">nfo@clarkia.co.za</a>	<a href="http://www.newlandscottages.co.za">www.newlandscottages.co.za</a>	450 ZAR – 750 ZAR	Close to Botanical Gardens
12.	Newlands Homestay - Newlands 17 Avenue Grande, Newlands Tel: +27 21 671 1318 ; Cell: +27 82 321 2169 Fax: +27 21 671 1318	Wendy Linley <a href="mailto:newlands-homestay@telkomsa.net">newlands-homestay@telkomsa.net</a>	<a href="http://www.capestay.co.za/newlands-homestay">http://www.capestay.co.za/newlands-homestay</a>	Single: 375 ZAR Double: 275 ZAR per person sharing	3 kms from Botanical Gardens
13.	Panorama Guest House 10 Orchard Heights Newlands, Cape Town Tel: +27 21 683 4158 ; Cell: +27 82 218 6611 Fax: +27 21 683 4457	Hans and Regine <a href="mailto:panoramagh@gmail.com">panoramagh@gmail.com</a>	<a href="http://www.capestay.co.za/panoramaguesthouse">http://www.capestay.co.za/panoramaguesthouse</a> ; <a href="http://www.savenues.com/visit/panoramaguesthouse/rates.php">http://www.savenues.com/visit/panoramaguesthouse/rates.php</a>	B & B Single: from 495 ZAR B & B double: from 750 ZAR Self-catering unit: 750 ZAR	Close to Botanical Gardens
14.	Squirrels Nest - Newlands 15 Kings Street, Newlands Village, Newlands Tel: +27 21 674 3384 ; Cell: +27 82 532 8314 Fax: +27 21 671 8280	Adrian <a href="mailto:lith@saharaonline.co.za">lith@saharaonline.co.za</a> ; <a href="mailto:info@newlandsaccommodation.co.za">info@newlandsaccommodation.co.za</a>	<a href="http://www.capestay.co.za/squirrelsnest">http://www.capestay.co.za/squirrelsnest</a>	200-450 ZAR	Close to Botanical Gardens
	<b>B. HOTELS</b>	<b>CONTACT PERSON/ E-MAIL</b>	<b>WEB SITE</b>	<b>APPROXIMATE ROOM RATES</b>	<b>DISTANCE TO THE MEETING VENUE</b>
15.	Southern Sun Newlands Hotel (Formerly Holiday Inn Garden Court) Main Road, Newlands, Cape Town Tel: +27 21 683 6562; Fax: +27 21 683 6317; +27 21 674 1105	General Manager: Johann Nortje <a href="mailto:newlands@southernsun.com">newlands@southernsun.com</a>	<a href="http://capetown.hotelguide.co.za/CapeTownSouthernSuburbs-travel/capetown-hotel-newlands.html">http://capetown.hotelguide.co.za/CapeTownSouthernSuburbs-travel/capetown-hotel-newlands.html</a>	Single: 880 ZAR Double: 960 ZAR (Breakfast included)	5 minute drive to Botanical Gardens
16.	Vineyard Hotel & Spa Colinton Road (off Protea Road), Newlands Tel: +27 21 657 4500 ; Fax: +27 21 657 4501	<a href="mailto:hotel@vineyard.co.za">hotel@vineyard.co.za</a>	<a href="http://www.vineyard.co.za">www.vineyard.co.za</a>	Single: 795 ZAR Double: 1,080 ZAR	10 minute drive to Botanical Gardens