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EXPERT MEETING ON THE FURTHER STRENGTHENING OF THE INTERLINKAGES BETWEEN BIODIVERSITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE

Montreal, 19 – 20 March 2007

INFORMATION NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS

1. Opening and registration

The Expert Meeting on the Further Strengthening of the Interlinkages between Biodiversity and Climate Change will be held in Montreal from Monday, 19 March 2007 to Tuesday, 20 March 2007.

The opening of the meeting will be at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, 19 March 2007, and registration will take place at the venue of the meeting at 9 a.m. the same day.

2. Venue

The meeting will be held at:

The Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (SCBD)

World Trade Centre 413 St. Jacques, Suite 800, 8th Floor Telephone: + 1 514 288 2220

Fax: + 1 514 288 6588

E-mail: Secretariat@biodiv.org

Metro access, line 2 - Orange, station Square-Victoria

3. Working language of the meeting

The meeting will be held in English only.

4. General information on access to Montreal

Montreal is serviced by Montreal-Trudeau International Airport (15 km from downtown). Taxis are available at the airport and there is a shuttle-bus service every 30 minutes.

Fares in Canadian dollars:

Bus / Shuttles:	One way trip	Round trip
Airport/Downtown	\$13	\$22.75
Taxis: Airport/downtown	\$35	N.A.

5. Visa/customs

Delegates from countries listed in **annex A** attached hereto require an entry visa for Canada and are strongly advised to approach the nearest Canadian diplomatic or consular mission in order to secure the required entry visa prior to departure.

Information on visa procedures, including a list of relevant Canadian diplomatic/consular missions abroad, is available on the website of the Canadian Citizenship and Immigration at: http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/offices/index.html.

6. Hotel information

Attached is an indicative list of hotels (annex B) located in the vicinity of the CBD Secretariat or next to a Metro (subway) station. Further information on hotels in Montreal is available at:

http://www.travelnow.com/hotels/hotnetlist.jsp?cid=54847&city=Montreal&stateProvince=PQ&country=CA

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

7. Official languages in Canada

There are two official languages in Canada: English and French. French is the official language of Quebec; however English is widely spoken in Montreal.

10. Weather and time zone information

In March, daytime temperatures in Montreal range between a maximum of 2° C and a minimum of -8° C. The standard time zone will be GMT - 5 hours.

13. Electricity

110 volts, 60 Hertz. [Two-pin, flat and vertical and round earth connection].

14. Currency

The currency in Canada is the Canadian Dollar (CDN \$). The current exchange rate is US \$1 = CDN \$1.18.

15. Disclaimer

The CBD Secretariat disclaims all responsibility for medical, accident and travel insurance, for compensation for death or disability, 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 prior to departure international medical insurance for the period of participation.

Annex A

COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES WHOSE CITIZENS REQUIRE VISAS IN ORDER TO ENTER CANADA AS VISITORS

(In accordance with the website of Citizenship and Immigration Canada)

Citizens of the following countries and territories require a Visa to **visit** or **transit** Canada:

AE (cont'd)L (Cont'd)SAfghanistanEquatorial GuineaLesothoSao Tomé e PrincipeAlbaniaEritreaLiberiaSaudi Arabia, Kingdom ofAlgeriaEstoniaLibyan Arab JamahiriyaSenegalAngolaEthiopiaLithuaniaSerbiaArgentinaFMSeychellesArmeniaFijiMacao S.A.R.Sierra LeoneAzerbaijanGMadagascarSlovak Rep.BGabonMalawiSomaliaBahrainGambiaMalaysiaSouth AfricaBangladeshGeorgiaMaldives IslandsSri LankaBelarusGhanaMaliSudanBelizeGrenadaMarshall IslandsSurinameBeninGuatemalaMauritaniaSyrian Arab Republic
Albania Eritrea Liberia Saudi Arabia, Kingdom of Algeria Estonia Libyan Arab Jamahiriya Senegal Angola Ethiopia Lithuania Serbia Argentina F M Seychelles Armenia Fiji Macao S.A.R. Sierra Leone Azerbaijan G Madagascar Slovak Rep. B Gabon Malawi Somalia Bahrain Gambia Malaysia South Africa Bangladesh Georgia Maldives Islands Sri Lanka Belarus Ghana Mali Sudan Belize Grenada Marshall Islands Suriname Benin Guatemala Mauritania Syrian Arab Republic
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Bhutan Guinea Mauritius Kuwait
Bolivia Guinea-Bissau Micronesia, Fed. States of Kyrgyzstan
Bosnia-Herzegovina Guyana Moldova T
Brazil H Mongolia Tajikistan
Bulgaria Haiti Montenegro Tanzania
Burkina Faso Honduras Morocco Thailand
Burundi Hungary Mozambique The former Yugoslav Republic
C Myanmar (Burma) of Macedonia
Cambodia India N Togo
Cameroon Indonesia Nauru Tonga
Cape Verde Iran, Islamic Republic of Nepal Trinidad and Tobago
Central African Rep. Iraq Nicaragua Tunisia
Chad Israel (only Israeli Niger Turkey
Chile citizens holding valid Nigeria Turkmenistan
China Israeli "Travel Document O Tuvalu
Colombia in lieu of National Oman U
Comoros Passport") P Uganda
Congo, Democratic Rep. of the Vory Coast Pakistan Ukraine
Congo, Rep. of the J Palau United Arab Emirates
Costa Rica Jamaica Palestinian Authority Uruguay
Croatia Jordan Panama Uzbekistan
Cuba K Paraguay V
Czech Rep. Kazakhstan Peru Vanuatu
D Kenya Philippines Venezuela
Djibouti Kiribati Poland Viet Nam
Dominica Korea, North Q Y
Dominican Rep. L Qatar Yemen
E Laos R Z
East Timor Latvia Romania Zambia
Ecuador Lebanon Russian Federation Zimbabwe
Egypt Rwanda
El Salvador

A. FIVE-STAR HOTEL	Number of rooms	Indicative room rates*	Distance to the meeting venue
1. Hotel Inter-Continental Montreal Same building as SCBD office 360 St. Antoine Street West Montreal Tel.: +1-514847-8525 America toll free: +1-800 327-0200/361 3600 Fax: +1-514 847-8730 E-mail: montreal@interconti.com www.montreal.interconti.com	N/A	• Rooms: \$159	5 minutes' walk
B. FOUR-STAR HOTELS	Number of rooms	Indicative room rates [†]	Distance to the meeting venue
2. Best Western 3407 Peel Street (corner of Peel and Sherbrooke Street) Montreal Tel: +1-514-288-4141 or toll-free: +1-800-528-1234 Fax: +1-514-288-3021 www.hotelvillemarie.com	171	• Single: \$150	20 minutes' walk
3. Delta Centre Ville 5-minutewalk to SCBD office 777 University Street Montreal Tel.: +1-514-879-1370 Fax: +1-514-879-1761 www.deltahotels.com/bg3 First class hotel	712	 Single or double occupancy: Standard Delta guestroom: \$149 Club Signature guestroom: \$179. 	Across the street
B. FOUR-STAR HOTELS	Number of rooms	Indicative room rates [‡]	Distance to the meeting venue
4. Holiday Inn Select 99 Viger Street West Montreal Tel.: +1-514-878-9888 Fax: +1-514-878-6341 www.hiselect-yul.com	N/A	Standard: \$170	10 minutes' walk
5. Hôtel de la Montagne 1430 de la Montagne Street Montreal Tel.: +1-514288-5656 Toll free in North America: +1(800) 361-6262 Fax: +1-514-288-9658 www.hoteldelamontagne.com	N/A	Deluxe room: \$155Suite: \$215	20 minutes' walk
6. Hotel Courtyard Marriott Montreal	181	Single or double	15 minutes' walk

^{*} Room rates are subject to change without notice.

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(formerly La Citadelle)		occupancy: \$116	
410, Sherbrooke Street West			
Montreal			
Tel.: +1-514-844-8851			
Fax: +1-514-844-0912			
www.courtyardmontreal.com			
7. Fairmont the Queen Elizabeth	1039	 Moderate & Fairmont 	5-8 minutes' walk
900 Rene Levesque Blvd. West, Montreal		room: \$149	
Tel: +1-514-861-3511 (ask for reservations)		• Junior suite: \$209	
Global reservation Centre: 1 800 441 1414		• Fairmont gold: \$259	
Fax: +1-514-954-2258		• Bedroom suite: \$309	
E-mail: queenelizabethhotel@fairmont.com			
Web site: www.fairmont.com			
B. THREE-STAR HOTELS	Number of rooms	Indicative room rates	Distance to the
8. Square Phillips (Hotel & Suites)	160	• Studios: \$119	meeting venue 10 minutes' walk
• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	100	• Junior suite 1 DB: \$129	10 mmaco wark
1193 Place Phillips		• Junior suite (KSB): \$143	
Montreal		• 1 BR suite: \$150	
Tel.: +1-514-393 1193		• 2 BR suite: \$196	
Fax: +1-514393 1192		2 Dividite. \$170	
www.squarephillips.com			
9. La Tour Centre-Ville	N/A	Studio:	15 minutes' walk
400 René-Lévesque Blvd. West		• Single or double: \$80	
Montreal		Small suite:	
Tel.: +1-514-866-8861		• Single or double \$90	
Fax: +1-514-866-7257		Big suite:	
		• Single or double \$100	
10. Holiday Inn & Express Suites EX	161	Single or double	About 10 minutes'
Hotel suites le Faubourg		occupancy: \$109	walk
155 René-Lévesque Blvd. East			
Montreal		N.B. \$15 additional person	
Tel.: +1-514-448 7100			
Toll free: +1-800-398-7100			
Fax: +1-514-448-7101			
E-mail: <u>info@hotelfaubourg.com</u>			
www.hiemontreal.com			
11. Hôtel Manoir des Alpes	30	• Rooms: \$65	20 minutes' walk
1245 St. André Street			
Montreal			
Tel.: +1-514-845-9803			
Fax: +1-514845-9886			
www.hotelmanoirdesalpes.qc.ca			
12. Travelodge	N/A	Single or double occupancy	20 minutes' walk
50, René-Lévesque Blvd. West		\$69	
Montreal		400	
Tel.: +1-514-874-9090		N.B. Continental buffet	
Fax: +1-514-874-0907		included	
E-mail :reserve@travellodgemontreal.ca			
www.travelodge.com			
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B. THREE-STAR HOTELS	Number of rooms	Indicative room rates	Distance to the meeting venue
13. L'Appartement-in-Montréal	126	• Studio: \$101	
455 Sherbrooke Street West		• 1 BR suite: \$121	
Montreal		• 2 BR suite: \$164	
Tel.: +1-514-284-3634			
Fax: +1-514-287-1431			
www.appartementin.com			

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