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London, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
29 June –1 July 2011

Information Note for Participants

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1. Opening and registration

The Liaison Group Meeting on Climate-Related Geo-Engineering as it relates to the Convention on Biological Diversity will be held in London, United Kingdom from Wednesday, 29 June 2011 to Friday, 1 July 2011.

The meeting will start at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, 29 June 2011, and registration will take place at the venue of the meeting from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. the same day.

2. Venue

The meeting will be held at:

International Maritime Organization (IMO)

4, Albert Embankment
London, SE1 7SR
United Kingdom
Tel: +44 (0)20 7735 7611
Fax +44 (0)20 7587 3210
E-mail: info@imo.org
Web site: www.imo.org

Room: Committee Rooms 3, 4 and 5 combined, on the 1st floor.

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 pre-session documents for the meetings as there will be no extra copies made available on site during the meeting. Pre-session documents are available on the Secretariat's web site at:



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

5. General information on access to London

London is serviced by London Heathrow Airport (28km from central London). Taxis are available at the airport and will take half an hour to an hour depending on traffic and costs between £40 and £70. The Heathrow Express train makes the trip to Paddington train station in 15 minutes. More information on railway services is available at the following web site: http://www.heathrowairport.com/portal/page/Heathrow%5EGeneral%5ETo+and+from+Heathrow%5ETrains%5EHeathrow+Express/3e079e9260599110VgnVCM10000036821c0a_/448c6a4c7f1b0010VgnVCM200000357e120a____/.

6. Visa information

Participants requiring an entry visa for the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland are strongly advised to contact the nearest United Kingdom 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, including a list of relevant United Kingdom diplomatic/consular missions abroad, is available on the web site of the U.K. Border Agency at: <http://www.ukvisas.gov.uk/en/>.

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

7. Information for participants

In order to enter meeting venue at the offices of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), delegates are required to bring a proof of identity such as a passport or and photo identification card in order to gain access to the IMO building.

Directions on access to the meeting venue (IMO building) can be found at the following link: <http://www.imo.org/About/Pages/ContactUs.aspx>.

8. Hotel information



A hotel booking has been made on behalf of sponsored participants. The details are being communicated to participants by email.

Non-sponsored participants are kindly reminded that they have to make their own hotel reservations as soon as possible.

Below is an indicative list of hotels (**Annex A**) located in the vicinity of the meeting venue and IMO corporate rates have been made available to participants of the meeting. Further information on hotels in London is available at the following web site: <http://www.visitbritain.com/>.

9. Support for sponsored participants

Thanks to the generous support from the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of Norway, your participation in the Liaison Group Meeting on Climate-related Geo-engineering as it relates to the CBD (29 June – 1 July, London) is being supported as follows:

Included (already paid):

- Travel
- Accommodation
- A reception dinner on 30 June, at the IMO building.
- Lunch on 30 June and 1 July, and refreshments, at the IMO building.

Sponsored participants will receive a Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA) in US dollars on the first day of the meeting to cover other expenses. **Please bring a copy of your passport**, which the Secretariat needs to collect in order to disburse the DSA.

For accounting purposes, we require participants to collect receipts for those expenses covered by the above DSA and hand them to the Secretariat at the end of the meeting: eligible expenses for this purpose include visa costs, public transport to and from the airport, public transport to and from the meeting and meals not provided.

10. Official language in the United Kingdom

The official language in the United Kingdom is English.

11. Weather and time zone information



In July temperatures in London usually range between a maximum of 22°C and a minimum of 13°C. Current weather conditions can be found at: <http://www.worldweather.org/010/c00032.htm>.

The current time zone is GMT /UTC +1 hour.

12. Electricity

The electrical currents are 230 Volts, 50 Hertz. The power plug used in the U.K. is shown below.



13. Currency



The currency in the United Kingdom is the British Pound (£). The current exchange rate as at 23 June 2011 is US \$1 = £0.63 and (Euro) € 1 = £0.89.

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.

**Rate of exchange: US \$1 = £0.63
and € 1 = £0.89**

Annex A – Hotel List

**LIST OF HOTELS WITH INDICATIVE ROOM RATES IN BRITISH POUNDS
RATES AND AVAILABILITY ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE
IMO CORPORATE RATES**

GRANGE HOTELS:

HOTELS	ROOM TYPE	CORPORATE RATE
The Grange Langham Court 4* 31-35 Langham Street London, W1W 6BU	Single/Double/Twin Superior	£105.00
	Single/Double Executive	£120.00 + VAT
The Grange Fitzrovia Hotel 4* 20-28 Bolsover Street London, W1W 5NB	Single/Double/Twin Standard	£120.00
	Single/Double Executive	£140.00 + VAT
The Grange Whitehall 2-5 Montague Street London, WC1B 5BU	Single/Double/Twin Superior	£120.00
	Single/Double/Twin Executive	£140.00 + VAT
The Grange Rochester Hotel 4* 69 Vincent Square London, SW1P 2PA	Single/Double/Twin Standard	£100.00
	Single/Double Superior	£105.00
	Single/Double Executive	£125.00 + VAT
Grange Holborn 50-60 Southampton Row, WC1B	Single/Double/Twin Superior	£155.00
	Single/Double/Twin Executive	£175.00 + VAT
Grange Strathmore 41 Queen's Gate Gardens, SW7	Single	£95.00
	Double/Twin Superior	£100.00
	Single/Double/Twin Executive	£115.00 + VAT
<i>Rates valid until 29 February 2012</i>		
<i>Grange Central Reservations – Tel: 020 7233 7888 Fax: 020 7835 1888 E-mail: reservations@grangehotels.com</i>		

NOVOTEL LONDON WATERLOO

HOTEL	ROOM TYPE	CORPORATE RATE
Novotel London Waterloo 113 Lambeth Road London SE1 7LS	<i>With Breakfast</i>	
	1 Queen bed + Sofa Sup 1	£142.00
	1 Queen bed + Sofa Sup 2	£152.00
	1 Queen bed + Sofa Exec 1	£172.00
	1 Queen bed + Sofa Exec 2	£182.00
	<i>Without Breakfast</i>	
	1 Queen bed + Sofa Sup 1	£132.00
	1 Queen bed + Sofa Sup 2	£142.00
	1 Queen bed + Sofa Exec 1	£162.00
	1 Queen bed + Sofa Exec 2	£172.00
		(all inclusive of VAT)
<i>Rates valid from 1 January to 31 December 2011</i>		
<i>Tel: 020 7793 1010 Fax: 020 7793 0202 E-mail: H1785@accor.com</i>		

RIVERBANK PARK PLAZA:

Park Plaza Riverbank London 4* 18 Albert Embankment London, SE1 7TJ	Superior Single/Double Executive Single/Double Executive Riverview Single /Double <i>Inclusive of English Breakfast</i>	£108.00/ £118.00 £128.00 / £138.00 £148.00 / £158.00 + VAT
<i>Reservations + 44 (0)20 7769 2415 email: pprlres@pphe.com URL: http://www.parkplaza.com/imo</i>		
Plaza on the River – Club & Residence 5* 18 Albert Embankment London, SE1 7TJ Jing Monet Tel: +44 20 7034 1345 E: jmonet@pphe.com	Studio single/Double 1 Bed Suite Single/Double 1 Bed Suite with view 2 Bed Suite 2 Bed Suite with view	£150.00 / £150.00 £190.00 / £190.00 £205.00 / £205.00 £280.00 / £280.00 £330.00 / £330.00 + VAT Includes English breakfast free WIFI
<i>Reservations + 44 (0)20 7769 2415 email: pprlres@pphe.com URL: http://www.parkplaza.com/imo Rates valid from 1 Jan to 31 Dec 2011</i>		
HOTELS (continued)	ROOM TYPE	CORPORATE RATE
Dolphin House Dolphin Square London, SW1V 3LX	Studio 1 Bed 1 Bed Deluxe 2 Bed / 1 Bathroom 2 Bed / 2 Bathroom 3 Bed / 3 Bathroom	£135.00 £145.00 £155.00 On request £265.00 On request inclusive of VAT
<i>Rates include service and VAT and service charge. ** Rates valid from 1 January – 31 December 2011 Complimentary use of Dolphin Sports & Fitness Club gym, pool, sauna and steam room. Complimentary use of Sports and Fitness, Club Bar and Lounge including free Wi-Fi access. Reservations Manager: Magda Hryszkiewicz Tel: 020 7798 6890 Email: magdah@dolphinsquare.co.uk</i>		
Royal Garden Hotel 2-24 Kensington High Street London, W8 4PT	Queen Room - (Single occupancy) Contemporary King Room Garden Room (with park view) Executive Room Park Suite	£160.00 £185.00 £250.00 £290.00 £405.00 + VAT English Breakfast £23.00 or £19.00 Continental
<i>Rates Valid 1st April 2011 – 31 March 2012 Tel: 020 7361 0606 Fax: 020 7361 1979 Email: christophergoodwin@royalgardenhotel.co.uk</i>		