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Dehradun, India

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1. Opening and registration

The Sub-Regional Capacity-Building Workshop for South Asia on the Clearing-House Mechanism will be held in Dehradun, India, from 12 - 16 December 2011 in parallel with the Expert Group on Biodiversity for Poverty Eradication and Development from 12 - 14 December 2011.

Both meetings will share a common opening ceremony at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, 12 December 2011 at the venue of the Expert Group on Biodiversity for Poverty Eradication and Development where registration will take place at 8:30 a.m. on the same day.

2. Venues

The meetings will be held as listed below. Please note that the venue buildings are located beside each other:

Expert Group on Biodiversity for Poverty Eradication and Development

Indian Council of Forestry Education and Research (ICFRE)

P.O. New Forest
Dehradun (Uttarakhand) 248 006
Uttarakhand, India
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Fax: +91-(0) 135-275-0296
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Forest Survey of India (FSI)

Kaulagarh Road P.O. – IPE
Dehradun (Uttarakhand) 248 006
Uttarakhand, India
Telephone: +91-(0)135-275-4507
Fax: +91-(0)135-275-4507
E-mail: freedomtower@rediffmail.com
Web site: <http://www.fsi.org.in>

Contact person:

Mr. R.S. Gill
IFS, Joint Director
Forest Survey of India

3. Working language of the workshop

The workshop will be held in English.

4. Documents

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



Sub-Regional Capacity-Building Workshop for South Asia on the Clearing-House Mechanism
<http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=CHM-CBW-2011-SA>

5. General information on access to Dehradun, India

The closest International Airport from Dehradun is Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGI), New Delhi. Dehradun is located approximately 250 km from New Delhi. The domestic airport at Dehradun is located about 30 km from the Dehradun city centre. Taxi from the airport costs approximately INR 1,000 (approx. US \$21).

5.1 By Train

The Indian Railways offers comfortable train services to and from Dehradun. The Dehradun Shatabdi Express, with daily service to and from New Delhi Railway Station is the most convenient way to go to Dehradun. In addition, there are a number of other trains, which go to Dehradun, thereby offering a wide range of choices. **Advance reservation is required which can be done via internet <http://www.irctc.co.in/>.** For more information on the train schedules, visit <http://www.indianrail.gov.in> and refer to **Annex B** below. Participants wishing to travel by Shatabdi Express from New Delhi to Dehradun may take a pre-paid taxi (Meru Taxi Service) from IGI Airport to New Delhi Railway Station, which would cost approx. INR 800 (US \$ 16). Participants arriving by train may take a taxi from Dehradun Railway Station to their hotel, at an approx. fare of INR 300 (US \$6).

5.2 By Air

Dehradun is connected by air. Kingfisher Red Airlines and Jet Airways Konnect operates two flights each from Delhi to Dehradun and back as per the following schedule:

Delhi to Dehradun

Departure (Delhi)	Airlines	Days	Arrival (Dehradun)	Flight Num
11:35	Kingfisher	Daily	12:30	IT2359
15:20	Kingfisher	Daily	16:20	IT2815

Dehradun to Delhi

Departure (Dehradun)	Airlines	Days	Arrival (Delhi)	Flight Num
13:00	Kingfisher	Daily	14:00	IT2360
16:50	Kingfisher	Daily	17:50	IT2816

Delhi to Dehradun

Departure (Delhi)	Airlines	Days	Arrival (Dehradun)	Flight Num
10:35	Jet Airways Konnect	Daily	11:35	9W2635
14:20	Jet Airways Konnect	Daily	15:20	9W2645

Dehradun to Delhi

Departure (Dehradun)	Airlines	Days	Arrival (Delhi)	Flight Num
12:00	Jet Airways Konnect	Daily	13:00	9W2636
15:50	Jet Airways Konnect	Daily	16:50	9W2646

The flights can be booked on-line through the web sites:

<http://www.flykingfisher.com/plan-book/bookings.aspx>

<http://www.jetairways.com>

6. Visa information



Participants from all countries require an entry visa for India and are strongly advised to contact the nearest Indian diplomatic or consular mission **as soon as possible** in order to secure the required entry visa in a timely manner, prior to departure. Visa requests must be made on line. It should be noted that airline companies will not allow boarding in the absence of a valid visa.

Information on visa procedures can be found on the web site of the National Portal of India at: <http://india.gov.in/overseas/passport/passport.php?id=6> . A list of relevant Indian diplomatic/consular missions abroad, is available on the same web site at: http://india.gov.in/overseas/embassy_detail.php?type=IE .

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

7. Health requirements

The International travel, health and vaccination requirements for travel to India can be obtained from the World Health Organization (WHO) web site: <http://apps.who.int/tools/geoserver/www/ith/index.html>.

Travellers to India require a yellow fever vaccination certificate for travellers over 9 months of age, who within the preceding six days, have been in or have passed through any country with risk of yellow fever transmission.

Malaria risk exists throughout the year in the whole country at altitudes below 2000 metres, with overall 40% to 50% of cases due to *P. falciparum* and the remaining due to *P. vivax*.

For more information, please consult a medical professional with regard to the vaccination requirements for your travel.

8. Hotel information

For SCBD funded participants, block bookings have been made in Hotel Viceroy Inn in Dehradun (see Annex A). Non-SCBD funded participants / resource persons are kindly requested to make their own hotel reservations in one of the hotels listed in Annex A as soon as possible, using their credit cards.

For more information on India, please visit the following web site: <http://www.incredibleindia.org/>



9. Payment of the Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA)

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

10. Official languages in India

There are two official languages in India: Hindi and English.

11. Weather and time zone information



In December, temperatures in the region of Dehradun usually range between a maximum of +23°C in the daytime and a minimum of +8°C at night. Current weather conditions in the area can be found at: <http://www.worldweather.org/066/c00224.htm>.

The standard time zone is GMT /UTC +5 ½ hours.

12. Electricity

The electrical currents in India are 230 volts, 50 Hertz. The type of sockets used are illustrated below:



13. Currency



The currency in India is the Indian rupee (INR). The current exchange rate as at 16 October 2011 is US \$1 = INR 48.80 and (Euro) € 1 = INR 67.61.

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 A - Hotel Listing Dehradun

Prices are in India Rupees and are subject to change

No.	Name of the Hotel	Contact Person	Approximate room rate per person
1.	Hotel Madhuban	Mr. Medineesh Khanduri Manager Sales & Marketing Hotel Madhuban 97,Rajpur Road,Dehra Dun Tel.: +91-135-2749990-95 Mobile: +91-9837388699 E-mail: info@hotelmadhuban.com Fax: +91-135-2746496 Web site: www.hotelmadhuban.com	Rs. 3742 /person /day
2.	Hotel Great Value	Mr. Charanjit Singh EAM-Front Office Hotel Great Value 74-C, Rajpur Road, Rajpur Road Dehradun, Uttarakhand 248001 Tel.: +91-135-2744086; 2744762 - 65, 3292020, 3298030, 3298038-39 Fax.: +91-135-2746058 E-mail: gvhotel@sancharnet.in, greatvaluehotel@gmail.com Web site: www.greatvaluehotel.com	Rs. 2800 /person /day
3.	Hotel Softel Plaza	Mr. Ajay Manjkhola Front Office Manager Hotel Softel Plaza Mohbewala, NH 72A, Saharanpur Road Dehradun, Uttarakhand 248001 Tel.: +91-135 - 2645050-60-70-80 Mobile: +91-8958310091 Fax: +91-135 – 2645080 Web site: www.hotelsoftelplaza.com	Rs. 1620 /person /day
4.	Hotel Viceroy Inn	Mr. Ved Prakash Anant Manager Operations Hotel Viceroy Inn 391/1,Saharanpur Road, Niranjanpur, Dehradun,248001 Tel.: +91-135-2729995 / 96 / 97 Fax: +91-135 - 2729992 Mob: +91-9719640994, +91-9719637560 E-mail: booking@hotelviceroyinn.com Web site: www.hotelviceroyinn.com	Rs. 2650 /person /day

Annex B

DETAILS OF TRAINS BETWEEN DELHI AND DEHRADUN

S. No.	Train No	Train Name	From	To	Departure	Arrival	AC -I/ Executive Class	AC-II/ Chair Car	Remarks
1	2017	SHATABDI EXPRESS	New Delhi Railway Station	Dehradun Railway Station	07:05	12:40	Rs. 1032 or US\$ 23	Rs. 516 or US \$ 12	Only Executive and Chair Car; no sleeper coach
2	2017A	NZM DDN AC SPECIAL	New Delhi Railway Station	Dehradun Railway Station	23:55	05:45	Rs. 1017 or US \$ 23	Rs. 592 or US \$ 13	No Executive and Chair Car; only Air Conditioned First, Second and Three-tier coaches
3	4041	MUSSOORIE EXPRESS	Old Delhi Railway Station	Dehradun Railway Station	21:10	08:00	Rs. 1039 or US \$ 23	Rs. 519 or US \$ 12	No Executive and Chair Car; only Air Conditioned First, Second and Three-tier coaches
4	2055	JAN SHATABDI EXPRESS	New Delhi Railway Station	Dehradun Railway Station	15:30	21:10	--	Rs. 450 or US \$ 10	Only Chair Car; no sleeper coach
