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## 1. Opening and registration

The Second Curitiba Meeting on Cities and Biodiversity will be held in Curitiba, Brazil from Wednesday, 6 January to Thursday, 7 January 2010.

The meeting will start at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, 6 January, and registration will take place at the venue of the meeting at 8:30 a.m. the same day.

## 2. Venue

The meeting will be held at:

### **Salão de Atos – Barigui Park Complex**

Alameda Ecológica Burle Marx, s/n

Parque Barigüi

Telephone: + 55 41 3335 4874

E-mail: [biodiv@pmc.curitiba.pr.gov.br](mailto:biodiv@pmc.curitiba.pr.gov.br)

## 3. Working language of the meeting

The meeting will be held in English and Portuguese.

## 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=MAYORS-02>

## 5. General information on access to Curitiba, Brazil



Curitiba is serviced by the Afonso Pena International Airport (18 km from downtown).

Transportation to downtown Curitiba can be by public transport at a cost of approximately R\$ 2.20 (US \$1.30). Also the airport shuttle is available for approximately R\$ 8.00 (US \$4.75) and taxi service is available from the airport at approximately R\$ 50.00 (US \$29.00). OK

Transportation to all participants will be provided by the City of Curitiba upon arrival and departure. A help desk, located at the main Arrival hall, will be set up on 5 January. Please follow the signs. Participants wishing to avail themselves of this transportation facility are kindly requested to send duly completed a copy of the **Annex B** attached hereto by email: [biodiv@pmc.curitiba.pr.gov.br](mailto:biodiv@pmc.curitiba.pr.gov.br) or by fax: +55 41 3350 8135.

## 6. Visa information

Participants from countries listed below **do not** require an entry visa for Brazil and participants from all other countries are strongly advised to contact the nearest Brazilian

diplomatic or consular mission **as soon as possible** in order to secure the required entry visa in a timely manner, prior to departure. Some airline companies will not allow boarding without a valid visa.

Participants requiring an entry visa to Brazil should attach, as appropriate, to their visa application forms the following:

- An official invitation letter from the Municipality of Curitiba or the CBD Secretariat;
- An international Health Certificate in respect of yellow fever, where applicable;
- One passport size photograph – except for Diplomatic visas;
- Valid passport (with expiry date no less than six months).

### **COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES WHOSE CITIZENS DO NOT REQUIRE A VISA IN ORDER TO ENTER BRAZIL AS VISITORS**

#### **A**

Andorra  
Argentina  
Austria

#### **B**

Bahamas  
Barbados  
Belgium  
Bolivia  
Bulgaria

#### **C**

Chile  
Colombia  
Costa Rica  
Croatia  
Czech Republic

#### **D**

Denmark

#### **E**

Ecuador

#### **F**

Finland  
France

#### **G**

Germany  
Greece  
Guatemala  
Guyana

#### **H**

Holy See  
Hungary

#### **I**

Iceland  
Ireland  
Israel  
Italy

#### **K**

Korea, Republic of

#### **L**

Liechtenstein  
Lithuania  
Luxembourg

#### **M**

Macau  
Malaysia  
Morocco  
Monaco

#### **N**

Namibia  
Netherlands  
New Zealand  
Norway

#### **P**

Panama  
Paraguay  
Peru  
Philippines  
Poland  
Portugal

#### **R**

Romania

#### **S**

San Marino  
Slovakia  
Slovenia  
South Africa  
Spain  
Suriname  
Sweden  
Switzerland

#### **T**

Thailand  
Trinidad and Tobago  
Tunisia  
Turkey

#### **U**

Uruguay

#### **V**

Venezuela

Information on visa procedures can be found at the web site of the Brazilian Embassy at: [http://www.brasembottawa.org/en/consular/visas/tourist\\_visa.html](http://www.brasembottawa.org/en/consular/visas/tourist_visa.html) A list of relevant Brazilian diplomatic/consular missions abroad is available on the web site of the Ministry of External Relations at: [http://www.mre.gov.br/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=1805&Itemid=1523](http://www.mre.gov.br/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=1805&Itemid=1523).

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

## **7. Health Requirements**

Travellers to Brazil 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**

Below are three hotels that are located in the vicinity of the meeting venue, the coordinates are as follows:

Deville Rayon Hotel  
Visconde de Nacar, 1424  
Centro Curitiba, PR  
Telephone: +55 (41) 2108.1100  
E-mail: [valdomira@deville.com.br](mailto:valdomira@deville.com.br), [reservas.ctr@deville.com.br](mailto:reservas.ctr@deville.com.br)  
Web site: <http://www.deville.com.br>

Deville Curitiba Hotel  
Comendador Araujo, 99  
Centro, Curitiba, PR  
Telephone: +55 (41) 3883 4777  
E-mail: [valdomira@deville.com.br](mailto:valdomira@deville.com.br), [reservas.ctr@deville.com.br](mailto:reservas.ctr@deville.com.br)  
Web site: <http://www.deville.com.br>

Bourbon Curitiba Convention Hotel  
Candido Lopes, 102  
Centro, Curitiba, PR  
Telephone: +55 (41) 3221 4600  
Web site: <http://www.bourbon.com.br/br/home/default.aspx>

Information on hotels in Curitiba and tourism in Brazil is available at the following web-sites: <http://www.braziltour.com/site/en/home/index.php>



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

Transportation to and from the meeting venue will be provided by the Deville Rayon Hotel.

#### **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 Curitiba, Brazil**

The official language in Brazil is Portuguese. However, English and Spanish are spoken and understood in hotels and restaurants.

#### **11. Weather and time zone information**

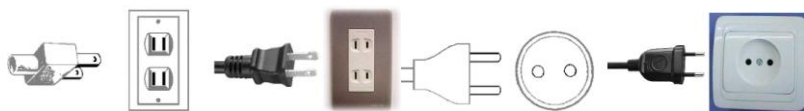


In January, temperatures in Curitiba range between a maximum of 26°C in the daytime and a minimum of 16°C at night. The rainy season is during the months from December to March. Current weather conditions can be found at: <http://www.worldweather.org/136/c01066.htm>.

The standard time zone will be GMT/UTC - 2 hours.

#### **12. Electricity**

The most common electrical currents Brazil are 127 and 220 volts, 60 Hertz and they are shown below.



#### **13. Currency**



The currency in Brazil is the Brazilian Reais (R\$). The current exchange rate as at 14 December 2009 is US \$1.00 = R\$1.743 and €1.00 = R\$2.553.

#### **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.

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