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AND RESTORATION TO SUPPORT ACHIEVEMENT OF
THE AICHI BIODIVERSITY TARGETS
Amman, Jordan, 1-5 February 2014

Information Note for Participants

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1. Opening and registration

The Capacity-building workshop for West Asia and North Africa on ecosystem conservation and restoration to support achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets will be held in Amman, Jordan, from 1 to 5 February 2014.

The workshop will start at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, 1 February 2014, and registration will take place at the venue of the meeting from 8:30 a.m. the same day at the venue.

2. Venue

The workshop will be held at:

Landmark Amman Hotel and Conference Center

Al-Hussein Bin Ali Street

P.O. Box 6399

Amman 11118, Jordan

Tel: (+962 6) 560 7100

Fax: (+962 6) 566 5160

E-mail: info@landmarkamman.com

Web site: <http://landmarkamman.com/en/index.php>

3. Working language of the workshop

The workshop will be held in English and Arabic with interpretation.

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 will be available on the Secretariat's web site at:



<http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=CBWECD-2014-01>

5. General information on access to Amman, Jordan



Amman is serviced by the Amman, Queen Alia International airport which is about 26 km from the city centre. Taxis are available at the arrivals hall of the airport and vary in price; use a metered taxi and agree on the price beforehand. The Landmark Amman Hotel is about 30 kms from the airport and offers a shuttle service at a cost. Please contact hotel directly to arrange airport transfer.

6. Visa information



Participants requiring visa for entry into Jordan are strongly advised to contact the nearest Jordanian diplomatic or consular mission **as soon as possible** in order to secure the required entry visa in a timely manner, prior to departure.

Visa information can be found on the web site of the Jordan Tourism Board at the following link:

http://www.visitjordan.com/visitjordan_cms/Default.aspx?tabid=61

A listing of Jordanian embassies and consulates can be found at the following link:
<http://www.embassypages.com/jordan>

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

7. Health information

An international certificate of vaccination for yellow fever is required for all travelers arriving from a yellow-fever infected area.

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

8. Hotel information



A block booking has been made at the Landmark Amman Hotel (meeting venue) on behalf of all sponsored participants according to your flight arrangements. All personal expenses including laundry, phone calls, room services, etc., will be paid by participants upon check out.

Non-sponsored participants may avail themselves of the block booking by contacting the hotel directly. A special rate for a single room, which includes breakfast and internet, is offered for non-sponsored participants at rate of approximately US \$106.00 (75 JOD). The hotel details are listed below.

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9. Payment of the Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA)

The portion of the DSA will be paid to sponsored participants by the Secretariat during the workshop.

10. Official language in Jordan

The official language in Jordan is Arabic.

11. Weather and Time Zone information



In February temperatures in Amman range between a maximum of 14°C and minimum of 4°C. This time of the year is the rainy season, please bring appropriate warm clothing. Current weather conditions can be found at <http://www.worldweather.org/069/c00215.htm>.

The standard time zone is GMT + 3 hours.

12. Electricity

The electrical current is 230 volts, 50 Hertz. There are several plug types in Jordan as shown below.



13. Currency



The currency in Jordan is the Jordanian Dinar (JOD). The current exchange rate as at 7 January 2014 is US \$1.00 = 0.71 JOD and (Euro) € 1 = 0.96 JOD.

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.
