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WORKSHOP TOWARDS ACHIEVING THE AICHI  
BIODIVERSITY TARGETS 9 AND 19 FOR  
WESTERN AND CENTRAL AFRICA  
Dakar, Senegal, 4-7 March 2013

## INFORMATION NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS

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## 1. Opening and registration

The Global Taxonomy Initiative Capacity-building Workshop towards Achieving the Aichi Biodiversity Targets 9 and 19 for Western and Central Africa will be held in Dakar, Senegal from Monday, 4 March to Thursday, 7 March 2013.

The workshop will start at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, 4 March 2013 and registration will take place at the venue of the workshop at 8:30 a.m. the same day.

## 2. Venue

The workshops will be held at:

### Hotel Ngor

Hotels Ngor Diarama

B.P. 8092

Dakar, Yoff, Senegal

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Web site: <http://www.hotles-ngordiarama.com>

## 3. Working language

The workshops will be held in English and French with interpretation.

## 4. Documents

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



<http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=CBWGTI-WCAFR-01>

## 5. General information on access to Dakar, Senegal



Dakar is serviced by the Dakar-Yoff - Leopold Sedar Senghor International Airport (9 km from downtown). The hotel is located about 4 km from the airport. Taxis are available and range from about 3,000 CFA – 4,000 CFA (US \$5.00 - US \$7.00) depending on arrival times. It is highly recommended to make sure that the taxi drivers are able to identify themselves as official Dakar Taxi Drivers.

## 6. Visa information



Participants from countries listed in below do not require an entry visa for Senegal, all others are strongly advised to contact the nearest Senegalese 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 is available on the web site of Tourism Board of Senegal at: <http://www.sunugaal.com/sunugaal.asp>.

A list of relevant Senegalese diplomatic/consular missions abroad can be found on the web site of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Senegal at following link (in French): [http://www.diplomatie.gouv.sn/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=65&Itemid=101](http://www.diplomatie.gouv.sn/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=65&Itemid=101)

**COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES WHOSE CITIZENS DO NOT REQUIRE VISAS IN ORDER TO ENTER SENEGAL AS VISITORS  
(AS LISTED ON THE WEB SITE OF THE TOURISM BOARD OF SENEGAL)**

ECOWAS (Economic Community of West African States) do not require visas (they are included below)

Belgium	Ghana	Mali
Benin	Guinea	Mauritius
Burkina Faso	Guinea Bissau	Netherlands
Canada	Ireland	Niger
Cape Verde	Israel	Nigeria
Cote d'Ivoire	Italy	Sierra Leone
France	Japan	South Africa
Gambia	Liberia	Togo
Germany	Luxembourg	United States of America

Visa requirements are as follows:

- Valid passport (minimum of 6 months validity);
- Two completed application forms;
- Two (2) passport sized pictures attached per form;
- Return ticket, invitation or hotel booking;
- Visa fee as required.

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

## **7. Hotel information**

### Sponsored participants

Accommodation including breakfast and lunch (conference package) is being made on behalf of all participants attending the workshop at the Hotel Ngor. Reservations will be made for sponsored participants for the duration of the meeting based on participant's individual itinerary.

### Non-sponsored participants

Non-sponsored participants may wish to avail themselves of the special hotel rate which includes tourist tax are required to directly with the hotel. The rate is approximately 72,000 CFA (US \$150.00).

Further information on hotels and tourism in Senegal is available at the following web site:

<http://www.discoverсенegal.com/ho/dakar.htm>



## 8. Health information

A yellow fever vaccination certificate is required from travellers coming from countries with risk of yellow fever transmission. Also, a meningitis vaccination is highly recommended if the traveler is arriving from or has recently traveled to an endemic area.

Risk of Malaria exists throughout the year in the whole country. There is less risk from January through June in the central western regions.

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

## 9. Payment of the daily subsistence allowances (DSA)

Sponsored participants will receive the relevant DSA on the first day of the workshop.

## 10. Official language

The official language in Senegal is French: English is spoken in some hotels and restaurants.

## 11. Weather and time zone information



In March, temperatures in Dakar usually range between a maximum of +25°C in the daytime and a minimum of +18°C at night. Current weather conditions in the area can be found at: <http://www.worldweather.org/048/c00244.htm> and <http://www.theweathernetwork.com/>.

There is no offset for the standard time zone which is equal to the GMT/UTC time zone.

## 12. Electricity

The electrical currents are 230 Volts, 50 Hertz as shown in the pictures below.



## 13. Currency



The currency in Senegal is the West African CFA Franc (Communauté Financière Africaine - CFA) (XOF). The current exchange rate as at 6 February 2013 is US \$1 = CFA 484.82 and € 1 = CFA 655.96.

#### **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, accident and travel insurances for the period of participation prior to departure.

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