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Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, 14-17 May 2013

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1. Opening and registration

The Sub-regional Workshop on Valuation and Incentive Measures for Sub-Saharan West Africa will be held in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, from Tuesday, 14 to Friday, 17 May 2013.

The workshop will start at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, 14 May 2013, 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:

Splendid Hotel

1108 Avenue Kwamé N'Krumah

01 BP 1715

Ouagadougou, 01, Burkina Faso

Tel: (226) 50-31-72-78/79

Fax: (226) 50-31-72-91

E-mail: sph@fasonet.bf

Web site: <http://le-splendidhotel.com>

3. Working language of the workshop

The workshop will be held in English and French 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=RWIM-WAFR-01>

5. General information on access to Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso

Ouagadougou is serviced by the Ouagadougou Airport. The airport is about 3 kms from the city centre. Taxis are available at the airport and cost about US \$2.

6. Visa information

Participants from countries listed below do not require an entry visa for Burkina Faso, all others are strongly advised to contact the nearest Burkina Faso diplomatic or consular mission **as soon as possible** in order to secure the required entry visa in a timely manner, prior to departure.

A list of relevant diplomatic/consular missions abroad can be found on the web site of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Regional Cooperation of Burkina Faso at following link (in French): <http://www.mae.gov.bf/md%20du%20burkina.html>. Please consult the diplomatic/consular mission nearest you for the visa forms and specific requirements for the

application (each mission listed has its own web site or e-mail). A valid visa, two passport photos and two duly completed application forms are required for your visa application.

Member States from ECOWA countries do not require a visa to enter Burkina Faso

Benin	Ghana	Mali	Sierra Leone
Cape Verde	Guinea	Niger	Togo
Cote D'Ivoire	Guinea-Bissau	Nigeria	
Gambia	Liberia	Senegal	

7. Health information

An international certificate of vaccination for yellow fever is required from all travellers over one year of age. There is also a malaria risk throughout the whole country. For more information, please consult a medical professional with regard to the vaccination requirements for your travel.

The International travel, health and vaccination requirements for travel to Burkina Faso can be obtained from the World Health Organization (WHO) web site at:

http://www.who.int/ith/chapters/ith2012en_countrylist.pdf .

8. Hotel information

A block booking has been made on behalf of all **sponsored** participants at the Splendid Hotel according to your respective flight plan. Bed and breakfast will be provided for all participants lodged by the Hotel. At check-out please settle your personal bills for laundry telephone, mini bar etc...

Non-sponsored participants may wish to avail themselves of the hotel booking by contacting the hotel directly.

Other information on hotels in Ougadougou can be found at the following link:

<http://www.hotels.com/de68628/hotels-ouagadougou-burkina-faso/>

9. Payment of the Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA)

The portion of the DSA will be paid to sponsored participants by the Secretariat on the first day of the workshop.

10. Official language in Burkina Faso

The official language in Burkina Faso is French.

11. Weather and Time Zone information

In May, temperatures range between a maximum of 38°C and minimum of 26°C. The hot season is from March to June, please bring appropriate clothing. Current weather conditions can be found at: <http://www.theweathernetwork.com/weather/uvxx0001>.

The standard time zone is GMT/UTC, there is no offset.

12. Electricity

The electrical currents in Cameroon are 220 volts, 50 Hertz. The power plugs used in are shown below.



13. Currency

The currency in Burkina Faso is the Communauté Financière Africaine - CFA Franc (XOF). The current exchange rate as at 10 April 2013 is US \$1.00 = 510.53 XOF and (Euro) € 1 = XOF \$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 insurance for the period of participation prior to departure.
