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RELEVANT TO ENVIRONMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT IN
MARINE AREAS BEYOND NATIONAL JURISDICTION
Manila, Philippines, 18-20 November 2009

Information Note for Participants

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1. Opening and registration

The Expert Workshop on Scientific and Technical Aspects relevant to Environmental Impact Assessment in Marine Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction will be held in Manila, Philippines from Wednesday, 18 to Friday, 20 November 2009.

The meeting will start at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, 18 November, and registration will take place at the meeting venue at 8:30 a.m. the same day.

2. Venue

The Workshop will be held at:

The Pan Pacific Manila Hotel

M. Adriatico corner Gen. Malvar Streets

Malate , Manila City 1004, Philippines

Tel: +63 2 536 0788

Fax: +63 2 536 6220

Web site: <http://www.panpacific.com/manila/Overview.html>

3. Working language of the meeting

The meeting 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. Documents are available on the Secretariat's web site at:



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

5. General information on access to Manila, Philippines



Manila is serviced by the Manila – Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA), about 7 km outside of the city centre of Manila. Information on transportation to downtown is as follows:

Taxi service is available from NAIA to metro Manila. Take only official, metered or pre-booked taxis. Taxis charge approximately 150-200 PHP (US \$6-8) to hotels in central Manila. The journey will take from 20 minutes to one hour, depending on traffic. The Pan Pacific Manila Hotel also offers a transfer service to the hotel, at a cost ranging from 800 to 2700 PHP (please see attached documents: Terminal-1-airport-transfer.pdf and Terminal-2-airport-transfer.pdf.), as do many other major hotels.

6. Visa information



Participants from countries listed in **annex A** below **do not** require an entry visa for the Philippines. Participants from countries not appearing on the list are strongly advised to contact the nearest Philippine 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, including a list of relevant Philippine diplomatic/consular missions abroad and countries with Visa exemption arrangements, is available on the website of the Bureau of Immigration of the Philippines: http://immigration.gov.ph//index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=16&Itemid=80.

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

A block booking has been made at the Hotel Pan Pacific on behalf of all participants. Please complete the attached reservation form as well as the guest preference form in pdf format. It should be noted that the block booking includes breakfast and lunch; with regard to supper, participants will have to make their own arrangements. The CBD Secretariat will settle the hotel accommodation for single occupancy, including breakfast and lunch on behalf of the sponsored participants. Any extras, such as telephone calls, room upgrade, bar, laundry, e-mail, restaurant, are at their own costs and must be settled upon checking out. The reservation and guest preference forms must be sent **no later than 6 November 2009**, in order to secure the required accommodation.

Non-sponsored participants are **strongly advised** to avail themselves of the accommodation at the Pan Pacific Hotel, a rate of PHP 5,000 per night (approx. US \$105). Please complete the attached pdf reservation and guest preference forms and return to the Pan Pacific Hotel as soon as possible.

Information may also be found on the web site of the Department of Tourism of the Philippines at the following link:

<http://www.tourism.gov.ph/>



8. Payment of the Daily Subsistence Allowances (DSA)

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

9. Official languages in Manila, Philippines

The official languages in the Philippines are Filipino and English.

10. Weather and time zone information

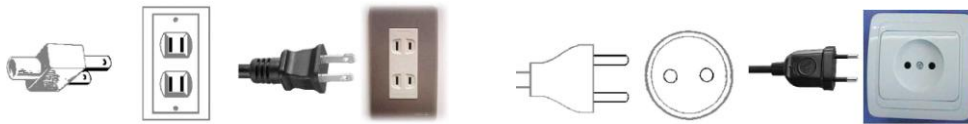


In November temperatures in Manila usually range between a maximum of 31°C in the daytime and a minimum of 25°C at night. Current weather conditions can be found at: <http://www.worldweather.org/021/c00092.htm>.

The standard time zone will be UTC/GMT + 8 hours.

11. Electricity

The electrical currents in use are 220 volts, 60 Hertz (the plugs are different from the ones used on the American continent).



12. Currency



The currency in the Philippines is the Philippine Peso (PHP). The current exchange rate as at 30 October 2009 is US \$1.00 = PHP47.72 and = €1.00 = PHP70.31.

13. 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 – Visa Requirements

COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES WHOSE CITIZENS DO NOT REQUIRE VISAS IN ORDER TO ENTER THE PHILIPPINES AS VISITORS (THE BUREAU OF IMMIGRATION OF THE PHILIPPINES)

Citizens of the following countries and territories **do not require** a visa to **visit** the Philippines for a period not exceeding 21 days:

A	E (cont'd)	L (cont'd)	S
Andorra	Eritrea	Liechtenstein	Saint Kitts and Nevis
Angola	Estonia	Lithuania	Saint Lucia
Antigua and Barbuda	Ethiopia	Luxembourg	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Argentina			Samoa
Australia	F	M	Sao Tomé e Príncipe
Austria	Fiji	Madagascar	Saudi Arabia
	Finland	Malawi	Senegal
B	France	Malaysia	Seychelles
Bahamas		Maldives	Singapore
Bahrain	G	Mali	Slovakia
Barbados	Gabon	Malta	Slovenia
Belgium	Gambia	Marshall Islands	Solomon Islands
Benin	Germany	Mauritania	Somalia
Bhutan	Ghana	Mauritius	South Africa
Bolivia	Greece	Mexico	Spain
Botswana	Grenada	Micronesia, Fed. States of	Suriname
Brazil	Guatemala	Monaco	Swaziland
Brunei Darussalam	Guinea	Mongolia	Sweden
Bulgaria	Guinea-Bissau	Morocco	Switzerland
Burkina Faso	Guyana	Mozambique	
Burundi		Myanmar	
	H	N	T
C	Haiti	Namibia	Tanzania, United Republic of
Cambodia	Honduras	Nepal	Thailand
Cameroon	Hungary	Netherlands	Togo
Canada		New Zealand	Trinidad and Tobago
Cape Verde	I	Nicaragua	Tunisia
Central African Republic	Iceland	Niger	Turkey
Chad	India	Norway	Tuvalu
Chile	Indonesia		
Colombia	Ireland	O	U
Comoros	Israel	Oman	Uganda
Congo, Democratic Republic of the	Italy		United Arab Emirates
Congo, Republic of the	J	P	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Costa Rica	Jamaica	Palau	United States of America
Côte d'Ivoire	Japan	Panama	Uruguay
Cyprus		Papua New Guinea	
Czech Republic	K	Paraguay	
	Kenya	Peru	
D	Kiribati	Poland	V
Denmark	Korea, Republic of	Portugal	Venezuela
Djibouti	Kuwait		Viet Nam
Dominica		Q	
Dominican Republic	L	Qatar	Z
	Lao, People's Democratic Republic of		Zambia
E	Latvia	R	Zimbabwe
Ecuador	Lesotho	Romania	
El Salvador	Liberia	Russian Federation	
Equatorial Guinea		Rwanda	

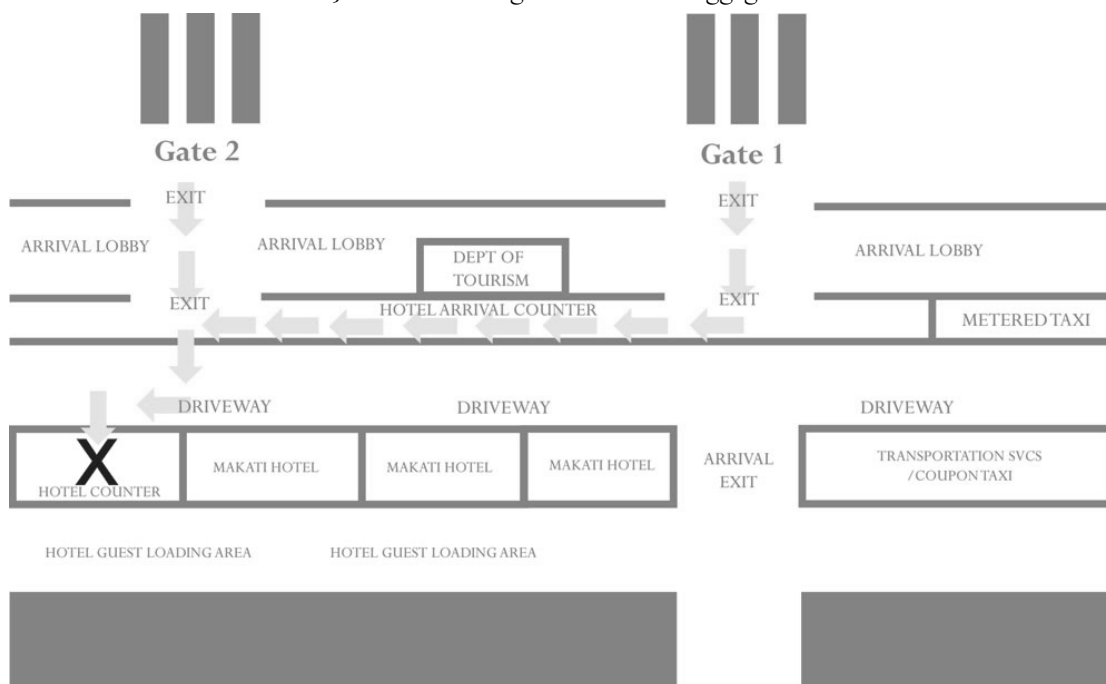
AIRPORT TRANSFER NAIA TERMINAL 1

Thank you for choosing the Pan Pacific Manila.

Should your guest require a hotel transfer from airport to hotel, we have the following transfers available at only minimal fees* per way:

Mercedes Benz	Php 2,700.00 net
Ford Club Wagon	Php 2,700.00 net
Toyota Camry	Php 2,100.00 net
Toyota Hi-Ace Van	Php 2,100.00 net
Toyota Altis (Transfer In)	Php 800.00 net
Toyota Altis (Transfer Out)	Php 1,200.00 net

For your guests arriving at NAIA Terminal 1 (old airport servicing all international flights except Philippine Airlines), please advise them to meet our Hotel Airport Representatives at the **Hotel Arrival Counter** for their transfer to the Hotel. The **Hotel Arrival Counter** is located at the center of the main arrival terminal just after exiting customs and baggage claim area.



Here are the mobile phone numbers of our airport representatives in case you or your guests need to reach them:

Lloyd Bullecer	+63 918 914 5174
Emmar Romero	+63 918 914 5205

We look forward to welcoming your guest to his home in Manila.

*Prices are subjected to change without prior notice

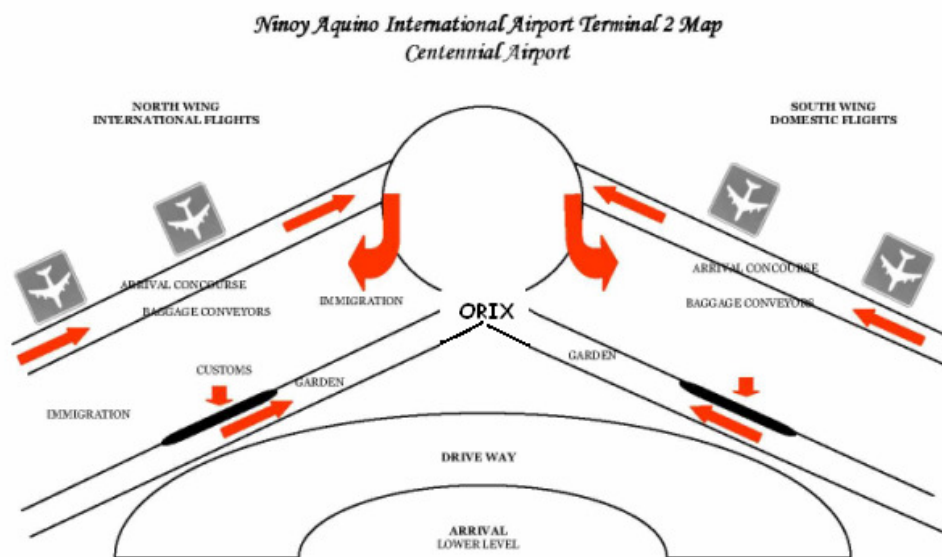
AIRPORT TRANSFER NAIA TERMINAL 2

Thank you for choosing the Pan Pacific Manila.

Should your guest require a hotel transfer from airport to hotel, we have the following transfers available at only minimal fees* per way:

Mercedez Benz	Php 2,700.00 net
Ford Club Wagon	Php 2,700.00 net
Toyota Camry	Php 2,100.00 net
Toyota Hi-Ace Van	Php 2,100.00 net
Toyota Altis (Transfer In)	Php 800.00 net
Toyota Altis (Transfer Out)	Php 1,200.00 net

For your guests arriving at NAIA Terminal 2 (new airport servicing Philippine Airlines only), please advise them to meet our Hotel Airport Representatives at the **Hotel Transportation Counter** for their transfer to the Hotel. The **Hotel Transportation Counter** is located at the center of the main arrival terminal for International flights (North wing) and Domestic flights (South wing) just after exiting customs and baggage claim area.



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