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CAPACITY-BUILDING WORKSHOP
FOR SOUTH AMERICA
Lima, Peru, 23-27 February 2015

INFORMATION NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS

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1. Opening and registration

The Sustainable Ocean Initiative (SOI) Capacity-building Workshop for South America will be held in Lima, Peru from Monday, 23 to Friday, 27 February 2015.

The workshop will start at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, 23 February 2015 and registration will take place at the venue of the workshop at 8:30 a.m. the same day.

2. Venue

The workshop will be held at:

Plaza del Bosque Hotel

Av. Paz Soldan 190

San Isidro

Lima 27 - Perú

Tel: +(51-1) 616-1818

Fax: +(51-1) 421-8582

Web site: www.plazadelbosque.com

3. Working language of the workshop

The workshop will be held in English and Spanish with interpretation provided.

4. Documents

In order to minimize the environmental footprint of the workshop and in line with the UN policy towards greener meetings, participants are kindly reminded to bring their own copies of the pre-session documents as there will be no extra copies made available on site during the workshop. Pre-session documents will be on the Secretariat's web site as they become available:



<http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=MCBWS-2015-01>

5. General information on access to Lima, Peru



Lima is serviced by the Jorge Chavez International Airport (13 km from San Isidro, Lima). Taxis are available at the arrivals hall just before the exit, the recommended company is Taxi Green, the price ranges from US \$20-30 depending on the area and takes about 30 minutes. Participants are strongly advised to make use of this service. Further information on airport taxi services is available at: http://www.lap.com.pe/lap_portal/ingles/taxis.html

6. Visa information



Participants from countries listed in **annex A** below require an entry visa for Peru and are strongly advised to contact the nearest Peruvian 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 Peruvian diplomatic/consular missions abroad is available on the web site of the Ministry of External Relations of Peru (in Spanish only): <http://www.rree.gob.pe/SitePages/home.aspx> and; http://www.rree.gob.pe/elministerio/Paginas/Directorio_de_Misiones_en_el_Exterior.aspx

Kindly contact your relevant diplomatic/consular mission directly for visa application information and procedures using the above link.

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

7. Health information

The International travel, health and vaccination requirements for travel to Peru can be obtained from the World Health Organization (WHO) web site: http://www.who.int/ith/ith_country_list.pdf?ua=1.

A yellow fever vaccination certificate is not required for travellers to Lima.

There is a risk of Malaria that exists throughout the year in rural areas at altitudes below 2300 metres. The 23 highest-risk districts are concentrated in the regions of Ayacucho, Junín, Loreto, Madre de Dios, Piura, Pasco, San Martín and Tumbes. Medication generally not recommended for travellers whose itineraries are limited to Lima.

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

Participants are responsible for obtaining their own travel/health insurance to be covered for emergencies during their stay in Peru. The following insurance is suggested by the government of Peru: <http://www.assist-card.com/pe> and the contact person is Ms. Laura Bernadet. She can be contacted at laura.bernadet@assist-card.com

8. Hotel information

The Secretariat has made accommodation arrangements with Plaza del Bosque Hotel for all participants according to your itineraries. A room will be waiting for you upon your arrival. **Please inform us of any dietary restrictions you may have, as soon as possible.**

9. Payment of the daily subsistence allowances (DSA)

The relevant portion of Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA) will be paid to sponsored participants on the first day of the workshop. Sponsored participants are asked to present their passports which will be photocopied and returned to them.

10. Official language

The official language in Peru is Spanish. English is spoken in major hotels.

11. Weather and time zone information



In February, temperatures in Lima usually range between +27°C in the daytime and a minimum of +19°C at night. Current weather conditions in the area can be found at: <http://www.worldweather.org/029/c00108.htm>.

The standard time zone is GMT/UTC -5 hours.

12. Electricity

The electrical currents are 220 volts, 60 Hertz as shown in the illustration below.



13. Currency



The currency in Peru is the Peruvian Nuevo Sol (PEN). The current exchange rate as at 1 February 2015 is US \$1 = PEN 3.037. It is recommended to use the exchange office at the airport.

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.

ANNEX A – VISA REQUIREMENTS TO ENTER PERU



PERÚ

Ministerio
de Relaciones Exteriores

REQUERIMIENTOS DE VISAS PARA CIUDADANOS EXTRANJEROS

AMERICA CENTRAL Y EL CARIBE			
	HASTA 183 DÍAS		HASTA 90 DÍAS
PAIS	TURISTA	NEGOCIO	ESTUDIANTE
Antigua Barbuda	NO	SI	SI
Bahamas	NO	SI	SI
Barbados	NO	SI	SI
Belice	NO	SI	SI
Costa Rica	SI	SI	SI
Cuba	SI	SI	SI
Dominica	NO	SI	SI
El Salvador	SI	SI	SI
Granada	NO	SI	SI
Guatemala	SI	SI	SI
Haití	SI	SI	SI
Honduras	NO	SI	SI
Jamaica	NO	SI	SI
Nicaragua	SI	SI	SI
Panamá	NO	SI	SI
Rep. Dominicana	SI	SI	SI
San Cristóbal y Nevis	NO	SI	SI
Santa Lucía	NO	SI	SI
San Vicente y Granadinas	NO	SI	SI
Trinidad y Tobago	NO	SI	SI

AMERICA DEL NORTE			
	HASTA 183 DÍAS (IMPRORROGABLES)		HASTA 90 DÍAS (PRORROGABLES EN DIGEMIN)
PAIS	TURISTA	NEGOCIO	ESTUDIANTE
Canadá	NO	SI	SI
Estados Unidos de America	NO	SI	SI
México	NO	NO	SI

AMERICA DEL SUR			
	HASTA 183 DÍAS (IMPRORROGABLES)		HASTA 90 DÍAS (PRORROGABLES EN DIGEMIN)
PAIS	TURISTA	NEGOCIO	ESTUDIANTE
Argentina	NO	SI	SI
Bolivia	NO	SI	SI
Brasil	NO	NO	SI
Colombia	NO	NO	SI
Chile	NO	NO	SI
Ecuador	NO	SI	SI
Guyana	NO	SI	SI
Paraguay	NO	SI	SI
Suriname	NO	SI	SI
Uruguay	NO	SI	SI
Venezuela	NO	SI	SI

EUROPA			
	HASTA 183 DÍAS		HASTA 90 DÍAS
PAIS	TURISTA	NEGOCIO	ESTUDIANTE
Albania	SI	SI	SI
Alemania	NO	SI	SI
Andorra	NO	SI	SI
Armenia	SI	SI	SI
Austria	NO	SI	SI
Azerbaiyán	SI	SI	SI
Bélgica	NO	SI	SI
Bielorrusia	NO	SI	SI
Bosnia Hercegovina	SI	SI	SI
Bulgaria	NO	SI	SI
Croacia	NO	SI	SI
Dinamarca	NO	SI	SI
Eslovenia	NO	SI	SI
Chipre	NO	SI	SI
Eslovaquia	NO	SI	SI
España	NO	SI	SI
Estonia	NO	SI	SI
Federación de Rusia	NO	SI	SI
Finlandia	NO	SI	SI
Francia	NO	SI	SI
Georgia	SI	SI	SI
Gran Bretaña e Irlanda del Norte	NO	SI	SI
Grecia	NO	SI	SI
Hungría	NO	SI	SI
Irlanda	NO	SI	SI
Islandia	NO	SI	SI
Italia	NO	SI	SI
Letonia	NO	SI	SI
Liechtenstein	NO	SI	SI
Lituania	NO	SI	SI
Luxemburgo	NO	SI	SI
Macedonia	NO	SI	SI
Malta	NO	SI	SI
Moldavia	NO	SI	SI
Mónaco	NO	SI	SI
Noruega	NO	SI	SI
Países Bajos	NO	SI	SI
Polonia	NO	SI	SI
Portugal	NO	SI	SI
República Checa	NO	SI	SI
República Serbia y Montenegro	NO	SI	SI
Rumania	NO	SI	SI
San Marino	NO	SI	SI
Santa Sede	NO	SI	SI
Suecia	NO	SI	SI
Suiza	NO	SI	SI
Turquía	NO	SI	SI
Ucrania	NO	SI	SI