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AND ACTION PLANS
St-George's, Grenada, 17-21 October 2011

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1. Opening and registration

The Regional Workshop for Caribbean countries on Updating National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans will be held in St-George's, Grenada from Monday, 17 October to Friday, 21 October 2011.

The workshop will start at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, 17 October 2011, and registration will take place at the venue of the meeting from 8:30 a.m. the same day.

2. Venue

The workshop will be held at:

Grenada Grand Beach Resort and Convention Centre

P.O. Box 441

Grand Anse

St-George's, Grenada

Tel: +(473) 444-4371 Ext. 685

Fax: +(473) 444-4800

E-mail: sales@grenadagrand.com

Web site: www.grenadagrand.com

3. Working language of the workshop

The workshop will be held in English.

4. Documents

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



<http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=CBWNBSAP-CAR-02>

5. General information on access to St-George's, Grenada



The city of St-George's is serviced by the Grenada - Point Salines International Airport (10 km from downtown). Transportation by taxi from the airport to the Hotel is approximately EC\$ 30. Also, a bus is available for transport to and from St-George's for approximately EC\$ 10 and takes about 15-20 minutes. There is a departure tax of EC\$ 50 from the airport.

6. Visa information



Participants from requiring an entry visa for Grenada are strongly advised to contact the nearest Grenadian 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 at the following web site:
<http://www.grenadaconsulate.com/visa-information.html>.

A list of relevant Grenadian diplomatic/consular missions abroad is available on the web site of the Government of Grenada at: http://www.gov.gd/embassies_consulates.html.

All participants must travel with a valid passport and the visa application requires two passport sized photos. The application for a visa takes approximately three weeks to process. Below is a listing of countries requiring a visa to enter Grenada from the web site of the Government of Grenada. The link for the visa application form is as follows:
http://www.grenadaconsulate.com/uploads/files/grenada_visa_application_form.pdf.

Countries requiring visa to enter Grenada	
Afghanistan	Mexico
Bolivia	Mongolia
Brazil	Nepal
China	Nicaragua
Colombia	Oman
Costa Rica	Pakistan
Dominican Republic	Palestine
Ecuador	Panama
El Salvador	Paraguay
Guatemala	Peru
Haiti	Philippines
Honduras	Saudi Arabia
Indonesia	Sri Lanka
Iran, Islamic Republic of	Syrian Arab Republic
Iraq	Thailand
Jordan	United Arab Emirates
Korea, D.P.R.	Uruguay
Kuwait	Viet Nam
Lebanon	Yemen

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

7. Hotel information

Sponsored participants

The Secretariat has prepaid and reserved rooms for sponsored participants at the Grenada Grand Beach Resort and Convention Centre, please note that an alternative accommodation is not recommended. Any extras, such as telephone, room upgrade, bar, laundry, e-mail, restaurant, etc. are at participants own cost and must be settled upon checking out.

Non-sponsored participants

Non-sponsored participants may wish to avail themselves of the accommodation at the rate of US \$125.55 for a single room including full breakfast, VAT and service charges. Please contact the hotel directly for your reservations:

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P.O. Box 441
Grand Anse
St-George's, Grenada
Tel: +(473) 444-4371 Ext. 685
Fax: +(473) 444-4800
E-mail (reservations): paradise@grenadagrand.com
Web site: www.grenadagrand.com

Information on hotels and tourism in St-George's can be found at the following link:
<http://www.grenadagrenadines.com/>

8. Payment of the Daily Subsistence Allowances (DSA)

Sponsored participants will receive a portion of their DSA. Please note that breakfast is included with the accommodation and lunch will be supplied at the workshop.

9. Official language in Grenada

The official language in Grenada is English.

10. Weather and time zone information



In October, temperatures in St-George's usually range between a maximum of +31°C in the daytime and a minimum of +24°C at night. Current weather conditions can be found at:
<http://www.timeanddate.com/weather/grenada/saint-georges>.

The standard time zone is GMT/UTC -4 hours.

11. Electricity

The electrical currents in Grenada are 230 Volts, 50 Hertz a (two-pin flat and vertical with a ground connection).



12. Currency



The currency in Grenada is the East Caribbean dollar (XCD, EC). The current exchange rate on 19 September 2011 is US \$ 1.00 = EC\$2.70 and € = EC\$3.68.

13. Disclaimer

The CBD Secretariat disclaims all responsibilities for medical, accident and travel insurances, for compensation for death or disability compensation, for loss of or damage to personal property and for any other losses that may be incurred during travel time or the period of participation. In this context, it is strongly recommended that participants will secure international medical, accident and travel insurances for the period of participation prior to departure.
