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LATIN AMERICA SUBREGIONAL WORKSHOP ON
CAPACITY-BUILDING FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
THE PROGRAMME OF WORK ON PROTECTED AREAS
UNDER THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

Salinas, Province of Santa Elena,
Ecuador, 23-25 September 2008

Information Note for Participants

1. Opening and registration

The Latin America Subregional Workshop on Capacity-building for the Implementation of the Programme of Work on Protected Areas under the Convention on Biological Diversity will be held in the hall Salón Valdivia, Hotel Barceló Colón Miramar in the city of Salinas, Province of Santa Elena, Ecuador, from 23 to 25 September 2008.

The meeting will start at 9:15 a.m. on Tuesday, 23 September 2008. Registration will take place at the venue of the meeting between 8:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. the same day. The meeting will close on 25 September 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

2. Venue

The meeting will be held at:

Hall Salón Valdivia
Hotel Barcelo Colón Miramar
Malecon between 38 and 40
Salinas, Santa Elena, Ecuador

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3. Working language of the meeting

The meeting will be held in Spanish and some segments translated into English.

4. Documents

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

<https://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=WSPALA-01>.

5. General information on access to Salinas, Santa Elena, Ecuador

Access to Salinas is through the José Joaquin de Olmedo International Airport in Guayaquil, which is 144 km from Salinas. Bus transfer service between Salinas and Guayaquil has been arranged by the Government of Ecuador. Duration of travel is approximately 1 hour 30 minutes. Your air travel itineraries have been communicated to the organizers and you will be picked up at the airport.

All passengers leaving on international flights from the airport in Guayaquil must pay a departure tax of approximately US \$30.00.

6. Visa/customs

Most nationals are exempt from tourist visa requirements, for periods up to 90 days in length.

7. Hotel information

Tentative room reservations have been made at the hotel where the meeting is taking place. Hotel accommodation is from 22 to 25 September at a cost of US \$108.00 for a single room and US \$150.00 for a double room (US \$75.00 per person) which includes taxes and three meals per day: breakfast, lunch, dinner buffet and unlimited drinks. Upon arrival at the hotel, you must indicate your participation in the meeting of the CBD. :

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8. Information for Participants

Funded

Hotel and all meals are paid for by the Secretariat for funded participants. In addition, a rate of 20% of US \$96.00 (which is the regular DSA rate applicable to areas outside Quito) will be paid per day plus one full day of DSA to cover extra expenses such as taxis and terminal fees.

Non-Funded

All non-funded participants must secure/confirm their room reservations individually.

9. On-site Visit

A visit to a Salinas coastal marine area will take place. Please bring appropriate clothing.

10. Official language in Ecuador

The official language is Spanish. English is understood and spoken in some hotels and restaurants.

11. Weather and time zone information

In September, temperatures in Salinas usually range between a maximum of 25°C and 28°C. The standard time zone will be GMT – 5 hours.
<http://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/city.html?n=93>.

12. Electricity

110 volts, 60 Hertz.



13. Currency

The official currency in Ecuador is the US dollar.

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.
