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First Meeting
Montreal, 8 – 10 July 2009

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1. Opening and registration

The South-South-Exchange Meeting on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Forest Biodiversity will be held in Montreal from Wednesday, 8 July to Friday, 10 July 2009.

The meeting will start at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, 8 July 2009, and registration will take place at the venue of the meeting at 9:00 a.m. the same day.

2. Venue

The meeting will be held at:

The Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)

413 St. Jacques Street West

Suite 800

Montreal, Quebec

Canada

Metro, station Square-Victoria, line no. 2 – Orange

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 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:

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

5. General information on access to Montreal



Montreal is serviced by Montreal-Trudeau International Airport (15 km from downtown). Taxis are available at the airport and there is a shuttle bus service every 30 minutes.

Fares in Canadian dollars

Bus / Shuttles:

Montreal-Trudeau /Downtown

One way trip

\$15

Round trip

\$25

Taxis:

Montreal-Trudeau /Downtown

\$38 Fixed rate

N.A.

6. Visa information



Participants from countries listed in **annex A** below require an entry visa for Canada and are strongly advised to contact the nearest Canadian diplomatic or consular mission **as soon as possible** in order to secure the required entry visa in a timely manner, prior to departure. **Please note that airline companies will not allow boarding in the absence of a valid visa.**

Information on visa procedures, including a list of relevant Canadian diplomatic/consular missions abroad, is available on the website of Canadian Citizenship and Immigration at: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/information/offices/index.asp#international>.

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

7. Hotel information

Below is an indicative list of hotels (**Annex B**) located in the vicinity of the CBD Secretariat or next to a Metro (subway) station. Further information on hotels in Montreal is available at the following web-site:

<http://www.tourisme-montreal.org/Accommodations>



To benefit from the preferential room rates some hotels are offering, please indicate at the time of your reservation that you will be attending a CBD meeting.

Participants are kindly reminded that **they have to make their own hotel reservations as soon as possible**. To benefit from the special room rates some hotels are offering, please indicate that you will be attending a CBD meeting.

8. Payment of the Daily Subsistence Allowances (DSA)

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

9. Official languages in Montreal

There are two official languages in Canada: English and French. French is the official language of Quebec; however English is widely spoken in Montreal.

10. Weather and time zone information



In July, temperatures in Montreal usually range between a maximum of 26°C in the daytime and a minimum of 14°C at night. The standard time zone will be GMT – 4 hours. Current weather conditions can be found at: <http://www.worldweather.org/056/c00634.htm>

11. Electricity

The electrical currents are 120 volts, 60 Hertz a (two-pin flat and vertical with a ground connection).



12. Currency



The currency in Canada is the Canadian Dollar (CAD \$). The current exchange rate as at 11 June 2009 is US \$1 = CAD \$1.10 and (Euro) €1 = CAD \$1.55.

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 – Country Listing

COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES WHOSE CITIZENS REQUIRE VISAS IN ORDER TO ENTER CANADA AS VISITORS (AS LISTED ON THE WEBSITE OF CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION CANADA)

Citizens of the following countries and territories require a visa to **visit** or **transit** Canada:

A

Afghanistan
Albania
Algeria
Angola
Argentina
Armenia
Azerbaijan

B

Bahrain
Bangladesh
Belarus
Belize
Benin
Bhutan
Bolivia
Bosnia and Herzegovina
Brazil
Bulgaria
Burkina Faso
Burundi

C

Cambodia
Cameroon
Cape Verde
Central African Republic
Chad
Chile
China
Colombia
Comoros
Congo, Democratic
Republic of the
Congo, Republic of the
Costa Rica
Cuba

D

Djibouti
Dominica
Dominican Republic

E

East Timor
Ecuador
Egypt
El Salvador
Equatorial Guinea

E (cont'd)

Eritrea
Ethiopia

F

Fiji

G

Gabon
Gambia
Georgia
Ghana
Grenada
Guatemala
Guinea
Guinea-Bissau
Guyana

H

Haiti
Honduras

I

India
Indonesia
Iran, Islamic Republic of
Iraq
Israel
Ivory Coast

J

Jamaica
Jordan

K

Kazakhstan
Kenya
Kiribati
Korea, Democratic People's
Republic of
Kosovo
Kuwait
Kyrgyzstan

L

Lao, People's Democratic
Republic of
Lebanon
Lesotho
Liberia
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya

M

Macao
Madagascar
Malawi
Malaysia
Maldives
Mali
Marshall Islands
Mauritania
Mauritius
Micronesia, Fed. States of
Moldova
Mongolia
Montenegro
Morocco
Mozambique
Myanmar

N

Nauru
Nepal
Nicaragua
Niger
Nigeria

O

Oman

P

Pakistan
Palau
Palestinian Authority
Panama
Paraguay
Peru
Philippines
Poland

Q

Qatar

R

Romania
Russian Federation
Rwanda

S

Sao Tomé e Príncipe
Saudi Arabia
Senegal
Serbia
Seychelles

S (Cont'd)

Sierra Leone
Somalia
South Africa
Sri Lanka
Sudan
Suriname
Syrian Arab Republic

T

Tajikistan
Tanzania, United Republic
of
Thailand
The former Yugoslav
Republic of Macedonia
Togo
Tonga
Trinidad and Tobago
Tunisia
Turkey
Turkmenistan
Tuvalu

U

Uganda
Ukraine
United Arab Emirates
Uruguay
Uzbekistan

V

Vanuatu
Venezuela
Viet Nam

Y

Yemen

Z

Zambia
Zimbabwe

Rate of exchange: US \$1 = CAD \$1.10 and
€ = CAD \$1.55

Annex B – Hotel listing

LIST OF HOTELS WITH INDICATIVE ROOM RATES IN CANADIAN DOLLARS PRICES DO NOT INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING TAXES: GST 5% + QST 7.5% (12,875%)

RATES ARE INDICATIVE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE

A. FIVE STAR HOTELS	Approximate room rates	Distance to the meeting venue	Remarks
1. Hotel Inter-Continental Montreal 360 St. Antoine Street West, Montreal Tel.: +1-514-847-8525, option #3 America toll free: +1-800 361 3600 Fax: +1-514-847-8730 E-mail: montreal@interconti.com ; yulhb-reservations@ihg.com Web-site: http://www.ichotelsgroup.com/intercontinental/en/gb/reservations/dates-preferences/montreal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Superior room KB: \$179 Deluxe room: \$189 Business and Club rooms: \$229 	Same building as the SCBD office	Including free internet access (For on-line booking use Group & Corporate rate of ICAO ID No: 956110420, by phone please request ICAO corporate rate)
2. Fairmont the Queen Elizabeth 900 Rene Levesque Blvd. West Montreal Tel: +1-514-861-3511 (ask for reservations) Global reservation Centre: 1-800-441-1414 Fax: +1-514-954-2258 E-mail: queenelizabethhotel@fairmont.com Web-site: www.fairmont.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fairmont: \$185 	About 10 minutes' walk	
B. FOUR-STAR HOTELS			
3. Delta Centre Ville 777 University Street Montreal Tel.: +1-514-879-1370 Fax: +1-514-879-1761 Web-site: www.deltahotels.com/bg3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Single: \$159 	About 5 minutes' walk	
4. Holiday Inn Select 99 Viger Street West Montreal Tel.: +1-514-878-9888 Fax: +1-514-878-6341 Web-site: www.ichotelsgroup.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Single or double: \$137 	About 10 minutes' walk	
5. Hôtel de la Montagne 1430 de la Montagne Street Montreal Tel.: +1-514-288-5656 Toll free in North America: + 1-800-361-6262 Fax : +1-514-288-9658 Web-site: www.hoteldelamontagne.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deluxe KB: \$199 Deluxe 2 QB: \$229 	About 20 minutes' walk	
6. Square Phillips (Hotel & Suites) 1193 Place Phillips Montreal H3B 3C9 Tel. + 1-514-393-1193 Fax: + 1-514-393-1192 Web-site: www.squarephillips.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Studios: \$175 Junior suite 1 QB: \$203 Junior suite 1 KB: \$218 	About 10 minutes' walk	

C. THREE-STAR HOTELS	Approximate room rates	Distance to the meeting venue	Remarks
7. Best Western 3407 Peel Street (corner of Peel and Sherbrooke Street) Montreal Tel: +1-514-288-4141 or Toll-free: +1-800-528-1234 Fax: +1-514-288-3021 Web-site: www.hotelvillemarie.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single: \$129 • Double 2 QB: \$155 • Junior Suite: \$200 	About 20 minutes' walk	Including breakfast
8. Holiday Inn & Express Suites EX Hotel suites le Faubourg 155 René-Lévesque Blvd. East Montreal Tel.: +1-514-448-7100 Toll free: +1-800-398-7100 Fax: +1-514-448-7101 E-mail : info@hotelfaubourg.com Web-site: www.hiemontreal.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single or double occupancy: \$136 	About 20 minutes' walk	
9. Hotel Le Dauphin 1025, De Bleury Montreal Tel: +1-514-788-3888 Fax: + 1-514-788-3889 E-mail: mtl_centre@hoteldauphin.ca Web-site: www.hoteldauphin.ca	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single or double occupancy: \$129 	About 10 minutes' walk	Including continental breakfast and free internet access
10. Hôtel Manoir des Alpes 1245 St. André Street Montreal Tel.: +1-514-845-9803 Fax : +1-514845-9886 Web-site: www.hotelmanoirdesalpes.qc.ca	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single QB: \$85 	About 15 minutes' walk	Including breakfast
11. L'Appartement-in-Montréal 455 Sherbrooke Street West Montreal Tel.: +1-514-284-3634 Fax: +1-514-287-1431 Web-site: www.appartementhotel.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Studio: \$146 • 1 BR suite: \$173 	About 20 minutes' walk	
12. La Tour Centre-Ville 400 René-Lévesque Blvd. W. Montreal Tel.: + 1-514-866-8861 Fax: + 1-514-866-7257 Web-site: www.hotelcentreville.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Studios single: \$91 • Small suites single: \$101 • Large suite, single: \$111 	About 15 minutes' walk	
13. Travelodge 50, René-Lévesque Blvd. West Montreal Tel.: +1-514-874-9090 Fax: +1-514-874-0907 E-mail: reserve@travellodgemontreal.ca Web-site: www.travelodge.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single: \$95 • Double/Suite: \$139 	About 20 minutes' walk	Including continental breakfast
