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## SOUTH-SOUTH-EXCHANGE MEETING ON THE CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE USE OF FOREST BIODIVERSITY

First Meeting  
Montreal, 8 – 10 July 2009

### Information Note for Participants

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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
<b>1. Hotel Inter-Continental Montreal</b> 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: <a href="mailto:montreal@interconti.com">montreal@interconti.com</a> ; <a href="mailto:yulhb-reservations@ihg.com">yulhb-reservations@ihg.com</a> Web-site: <a href="http://www.ichotelsgroup.com/intercontinental/en/gb/reservations/dates-preferences/montreal">http://www.ichotelsgroup.com/intercontinental/en/gb/reservations/dates-preferences/montreal</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Superior room KB: \$179</li> <li>Deluxe room: \$189</li> <li>Business and Club rooms: \$229</li> </ul>	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)
<b>2. Fairmont the Queen Elizabeth</b> 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: <a href="mailto:queenelizabethhotel@fairmont.com">queenelizabethhotel@fairmont.com</a> Web-site: <a href="http://www.fairmont.com">www.fairmont.com</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fairmont: \$185</li> </ul>	About 10 minutes' walk	
<b>B. FOUR-STAR HOTELS</b>			
<b>3. Delta Centre Ville</b> 777 University Street Montreal Tel.: +1-514-879-1370 Fax: +1-514-879-1761 Web-site: <a href="http://www.deltahotels.com/bg3">www.deltahotels.com/bg3</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Single: \$159</li> </ul>	About 5 minutes' walk	
<b>4. Holiday Inn Select</b> 99 Viger Street West Montreal Tel.: +1-514-878-9888 Fax: +1-514-878-6341 Web-site: <a href="http://www.ichotelsgroup.com">www.ichotelsgroup.com</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Single or double: \$137</li> </ul>	About 10 minutes' walk	
<b>5. Hôtel de la Montagne</b> 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: <a href="http://www.hoteldelamontagne.com">www.hoteldelamontagne.com</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deluxe KB: \$199</li> <li>Deluxe 2 QB: \$229</li> </ul>	About 20 minutes' walk	
<b>6. Square Phillips (Hotel &amp; Suites)</b> 1193 Place Phillips Montreal H3B 3C9 Tel. + 1-514-393-1193 Fax: + 1-514-393-1192 Web-site: <a href="http://www.squarephillips.com">www.squarephillips.com</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Studios: \$175</li> <li>Junior suite 1 QB: \$203</li> <li>Junior suite 1 KB: \$218</li> </ul>	About 10 minutes' walk	

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

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