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1. Opening and registration

The First Meeting of the Steering Committee for South-South Cooperation on Biodiversity will be held in Montreal from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon on Thursday, 29 October 2009.

2. Venue

The meeting will be held at:

Montreal International

380, Saint-Antoine Street West

Suite 8000

Montréal, Québec

H2Y 3X7

Telephone: (514) 987-8191

Fax: (514) 987-1948

(Please note that this venue is located in the same building as the CBD Secretariat offices (413 St-Jacques) except that access to it is through a different entrance.)
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 Workshop as there will be no extra copies made available on site. Pre-session documents are available on the Secretariat's web site at:



<http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=SSC-SC-01>

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>



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 Canada

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 October, temperatures in Montreal usually range between a maximum of 12°C in the daytime and a minimum of 2°C at night. Temperatures at this time of the year will be close to the freezing point (0°C), please bring warm clothing. Current weather conditions can be found at: <http://www.worldweather.org/056/c00634.htm>

The standard time zone will be GMT – 4 hours.

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 September 2009 is US \$1 = CAD \$1.07 and (Euro) € 1 = CAD \$1.57.

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	E (cont'd)	M	S (Cont'd)
Afghanistan	Eritrea	Macao	Sierra Leone
Albania	Ethiopia	Madagascar	Somalia
Algeria		Malawi	South Africa
Angola	F	Malaysia	Sri Lanka
Argentina	Fiji	Maldives	Sudan
Armenia		Mali	Suriname
Azerbaijan	G	Marshall Islands	Syrian Arab Republic
	Gabon	Mauritania	
B	Gambia	Mauritius	T
Bahrain	Georgia	Mexico	Tajikistan
Bangladesh	Ghana	Micronesia, Fed. States of	Tanzania, United Republic of
Belarus	Grenada	Moldova	Thailand
Belize	Guatemala	Mongolia	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Benin	Guinea	Montenegro	Togo
Bhutan	Guinea-Bissau	Morocco	Tonga
Bolivia	Guyana	Mozambique	Trinidad and Tobago
Bosnia and Herzegovina		Myanmar	Tunisia
Brazil	H		Turkey
Bulgaria	Haiti	N	Turkmenistan
Burkina Faso	Honduras	Nauru	Tuvalu
Burundi		Nepal	
	I	Nicaragua	
C	India	Niger	U
Cambodia	Indonesia	Nigeria	Uganda
Cameroon	Iran, Islamic Republic of		Ukraine
Cape Verde	Iraq	O	United Arab Emirates
Central African Republic	Israel	Oman	Uruguay
Chad	Ivory Coast		Uzbekistan
Chile		P	
China	J	Pakistan	V
Colombia	Jamaica	Palau	Vanuatu
Comoros	Jordan	Palestinian Authority	Venezuela
Congo, Democratic Republic of the		Panama	Viet Nam
Congo, Republic of the	K	Paraguay	
Costa Rica	Kazakhstan	Peru	Y
Cuba	Kenya	Philippines	Yemen
Czech Republic	Kiribati	Poland	
	Korea, Democratic People's Republic of	Q	Z
D	Kuwait	Qatar	Zambia
Djibouti	Kyrgyzstan		Zimbabwe
Dominica		R	
Dominican Republic	L	Romania	
	Lao, People's Democratic Republic of	Russian Federation	
E	Lebanon	Rwanda	
East Timor	Lesotho		
Ecuador	Liberia	S	
Egypt	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	Sao Tomé e Príncipe	
El Salvador	Lithuania	Saudi Arabia	
Equatorial Guinea		Senegal	
		Serbia	
		Seychelles	

Rate of exchange: US \$1 = CAD \$1.07 and
€1 = CAD \$1.57

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, Quebec 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, Quebec Tel.: +1-514-879-1370 Fax: +1-514-879-1761 Web-site: www.deltahotels.com/bg3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Single: \$159 Signature Club: \$199 	About 5 minutes' walk	
4. Holiday Inn Select 99 Viger Street West Montreal, Quebec 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, Quebec 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: \$249 	About 20 minutes' walk	
6. Square Phillips (Hotel & Suites) 1193 Place Phillips Montreal, Quebec H3B 3C9 Tel. + 1-514-393-1193 Fax: + 1-514-393-1192 Web-site: www.squarephillips.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Studios: \$142 Junior suite 1 DB: \$153 Junior suite 1 KB: \$162 1 Bedroom suite: \$170 2 Bedroom suite: \$217 	About 10 minutes' walk	
7. Embassy Suites 208 St-Antoine West Montreal, Quebec Tel: 514-288-8886 Fax: 514-288-8899 Web site: http://embassysuites1.hilton.com/en_US/es/hotel/YULDNES-Embassy-Suites-Montreal-Quebec/index.do	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 room Suite QB: \$170 2 room Suite KB: \$190 2 room Suite DB: \$210 	About 10 minutes' walk	

C. FOUR –STAR HOTELS (Continued)	Approximate room rates	Distance to the meeting venue	Remarks
8. Le Westin Montréal 270 St-Antoine West Montreal, Quebec Tel: 514-380-3333 Fax:514-380-3332 Web site: http://www.westinmontreal.com/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 room Suite KB: \$219 • 2 room Suite Double Beds: \$249 	About 10 minutes' walk	
C. THREE-STAR HOTELS	Approximate room rates	Distance to the meeting venue	Remarks
9. 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
10. 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.hiementreal.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single or double occupancy: \$136 	About 20 minutes' walk	
11. 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
12. 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: \$80 	About 15 minutes' walk	Including breakfast
13. 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: \$121 • 1 Bedroom suite: \$135 • 2 Bedroom suite: \$190 	About 20 minutes' walk	
14. 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: \$99 • Double: \$119 	About 20 minutes' walk	Including continental breakfast
