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WORKSHOP ON SUSTAINABLE USE OF  
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Fourth workshop  
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 6-8 May 2003

**INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS**

***Venue***

The Fourth Workshop on Sustainable Use of Biological Diversity will be held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from Tuesday, 6 May to Thursday, 8 May 2003, at:

The United Nations Conference Centre of the Economic Commission for Africa  
PO Box 3001, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia  
Tel: ++ 251-1-514874, -514945  
Fax: ++ 251-1-513155  
ccmail address: UNCC-AA  
Email: UNCC-AA@UN.ORG

***Opening and registration***

The Workshop will be opened at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, 6 May 2003. Registration will take place at the venue of the workshop from 8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. the same day.

***Working language of the workshop***

The Workshop will be held in English only.

***Documents***

The main pre-session documents for the Workshop will be dispatched to the participants as soon as finalized. It is to be noted that the documents will also be accessible at the Secretariat's web site at [www.biodiv.org](http://www.biodiv.org).

**Delegates are kindly reminded to bring their copies, as they will only be available at the meeting facilities in limited quantities for reasons of economy.**

### ***Access to Addis Ababa***

The Bole International Airport is about 15 minutes drive from downtown Addis Ababa. Taxis are readily available for US\$10 from the Airport to any hotel in the city.

### ***Hotel information***

Delegates are kindly reminded that they are responsible for making their own hotel bookings. A list of hotels located in the vicinity of the workshop venue with indicative prices is attached as annex I.

### ***Time zone***

In May, the time in Addis Ababa will be GMT plus 3 hours.

### ***Weather***

In May, the maximum temperature is 25<sup>0</sup>C and the minimum is 11<sup>0</sup>C. The rainfall is occasional, and of low intensity.

### ***Electricity***

In Ethiopia the electricity standard is 220 volts and 50/60 Hertz.

### ***Visas***

Delegates are advised to check with the nearest Ethiopian Diplomatic or Consular Mission regarding visa and vaccination requirements in order to secure an entry visa to Ethiopia prior to departure. It is to be noted that entry visas to Ethiopia will be granted free of charge to all participants in the workshop.

### ***Official language***

The official language in Ethiopia is Amharic. However, English is a working language at international conferences and is fairly well understood and spoken in hotels and restaurants.

### ***Currency***

The currency in Ethiopia is Birr. The current exchange rate against the US dollar stands at approximately 8.58 Birr for one US dollar. The exchange rate between the two currencies has been stable, and hence a major fluctuation is not expected in the coming months.

### ***Credit cards***

Major credit cards are accepted in most hotels and restaurants in the city.

### ***Annex***

## ***LIST OF HOTELS CLOSE TO CONFERENCE VENUE WITH INDICATIVE PRICES***

1. Sheraton Addis  
Taitu St, PO Box 6002, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Tel: 251-1- 17- 17- 17

Fax: 251- 1- 17-27-27

E-mail: [reservationsaddisEthiopia@luxurycollection.com](mailto:reservationsaddisEthiopia@luxurycollection.com)

Price: 165.00USD, excluding tax/breakfast included

Shuttle bus free from Airport to Hotel

Distance from Conference venue: about 15 minutes walk

2. Addis Ababa Hilton Hotel

Corner of Menelik II Av, PO Box 1164, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Tel: 251-1- 51-84-00

E-mail: [hiltonaddis@telecom.net.et](mailto:hiltonaddis@telecom.net.et)

Price: 140.00USD, plus 25% sales & service charge

Shuttle bus free from Airport to Hotel

Distance from Conference venue: about 5 minutes walk

3. Queen of Sheba Hotel

Haile Gebre Selassie St, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Tel: 251-1- 61-54-00

Fax: 251-1- 61-31-74

E-mail: [queenshebahotel@telecom.net.et](mailto:queenshebahotel@telecom.net.et)

Price: Single & Double Rooms, 59.00USD & 69.00USD respectively, including tax.

Shuttle bus free from Airport to Hotel

Distance from Conference venue: about 10 minutes drive

4. Ghion Hotel

PO Box 1643, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Tel: 251-1- 51-32-22

Fax: 251-1- 50-51-50

E-mail: [ghionhotel@telecom.net.et](mailto:ghionhotel@telecom.net.et)

**Price: Single Rooms, ranging from 55.00USD to 81.00USD**

Double Rooms, ranging from 68.00USD to 94.00USD

Shuttle bus free from Airport to Hotel

Distance from Conference venue: about 20 minutes walk

5. Yordanos Hotel

Tel.: 251-1- 51 57 11

Price: 1<sup>st</sup> Class Suite Room and Semi-Suite Room, 53.00 & 50.00 USD, respectively

2<sup>nd</sup> Class, double and single rooms, 44.00 & 32.00USD, respectively

Breakfast is not included

Distance from Conference venue: about 10 minutes walk

6. Ethiopia Hotel

Tel.: 251-1- 51 74 00

Fax: 251-1- 51 08 71

Price: Double and Single Rooms, 65.00 & 45.00 USD, respectively

Service charge, tax and breakfast are included

Distance from Conference venue: about 15 minutes walk

More information on hotels is also available at the following site:

<http://www.africa-ata.org/hotels.htm>

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