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Montreal, Canada, 26-27, and 28-30 November 2012

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1. Opening and registration

The Information Sharing Event on the Nagoya Protocol (ISE NP) will be held in Montreal from Monday 26 to Tuesday 27 November 2012. Also back to back with this event, will occur the annual meeting of the United Nations Inter-Agency Support Group on Indigenous Peoples' Issues (IASG). Both meetings are hosted by the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (SCBD).

The Information Sharing Event on the Nagoya Protocol (ISE NP) will start at 10:00 a.m. on Monday 26 November 2012 and registration will take place at the venue of the meeting at 9:30 a.m. the same day.

The annual meeting of the United Nations Inter-Agency Support Group on Indigenous Peoples' Issues (IASG) will open for registration on Wednesday morning at 9.30 and will commence promptly at 10.00.

Both meetings will be from 10.00 to 18.00 daily, with a lunch break from 13.00 to 15.00, to allow for additional informal meetings on the margins.

2. Venue

The meeting will be held at:

Secretariat of the SCBD
Floor 8, JWH Meeting Room,
413, rue Saint-Jacques - Suite 800
Montréal - Québec
H2Y 1N9

3. Working language/s

The meetings will be held in English. Informal language assistance will be provided in Spanish, French and Russian.

4. Documents

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



<http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting>

5. General information on access to Montreal



Montreal is serviced by Montreal-Trudeau International Airport (15 km from downtown). Taxis and a bus (no. 747) are available at the airport. The information on rates is as follows.

Bus / Shuttles:

Montreal-Trudeau Airport/
Downtown (several locations)
STM Express bus No. 747

Taxis:

Montreal-Trudeau /Downtown

One way trip

CDN \$8
(at the airport tickets are sold at the
International Currency Exchange (ICE)
counter on the international arrivals level)

CDN \$40 Fixed rate plus 15% tip (or
approximately \$45 CAD)

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.** Participants are also reminded to check whether transit visas are applicable to your journey.

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

A block booking has been made on behalf of all participants at the L 'Hotel (formerly *Hotel XIX Siècle*) 262 Saint-Jacques, corner with St Pierre, Montreal, Old Montreal, Québec H2Y 1N1, Tel.: 1 514 9850019 <http://www.lhotelmontreal.com/>. Participants planning to arrive earlier for personal reasons and depart later (earlier or later than required for the meetings taking into account flight arrivals and departures) should contact the hotel directly with your revised dates.

Sponsored participants

All sponsored participants (UNPFII members and resource persons) are pre-booked at the L 'Hotel, which includes a single room, breakfast and internet access.

Non-sponsored participants

Non-sponsored participants are encouraged to confirm their reservation at the L' Hotel (formerly *Hotel XIX Siècle*). Reservations are made by contacting the hotel directly at Tel: 514 9850019, fax 514-985-0059 or info@lhotelmontreal.com, please refer to the CBD meetings 26-27 or 28-30 November.

8. Payment of the daily subsistence allowances (DSA)

The relevant partial DSA will be paid to sponsored participants on the first day of the Information Sharing Event on the Nagoya Protocol.

9. Official languages

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 November, temperatures in Montreal usually range between a maximum of +4.5°C in the daytime and a minimum of -3°C at night. Current weather conditions in the area can be found at: <http://www.worldweather.org/056/c00634.htm>.

The standard time zone will be GMT/UTC -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 (CDN \$). The current exchange rate as at 25 October 2012 is US \$1 = CDN \$1 and (Euro) € 1 = CDN \$1.29.

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

