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CUSTOMARY SUSTAINABLE USE UNDER THE CBD
St. John's, Antigua and Barbuda, 14-18 December 2015

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1. Opening and registration

The Regional Capacity-Building Workshop for the Caribbean Region on Traditional Knowledge and Customary sustainable use under the CBD will be held in St. John's, Antigua and Barbuda from Monday, 14 December to Friday, 18 December 2015.

The workshop will start at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, 14 December 2015 and registration will take place at the venue of the workshop at 8:30 a.m. the same day.

2. Venue

The workshop will be held at:

Precision Centre

Paynters Estate

St. John's, Antigua

Tel: +268-460-8741

Fax: +268 460-8742

E-mail: precise@candw.ag

Web site: <http://www.precisioncentre.org/>

3. Working language of the workshop

The workshop will be held in English.

4. Documents

The workshop pre-session documents are available on the Secretariat's website at:



<https://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=A8JWS-2015-02>

In order to minimize the environmental footprint of the workshop and in line with the UN policy towards greener meetings, participants are kindly reminded to bring their own copies of the pre-session documents as there will be no extra copies made available on site during the workshop.

5. General information on access to St. John's



St. John's is serviced by V.C. Bird International Airport (11 km from the hotel). Taxis are available at the arrivals hall and cost about US \$15-20. The trip to the hotels takes about 20 minutes.

6. Visa information



Participants requiring a visa to attend this workshop are requested to obtain a visa prior to departure and are requested to verify requirements prior to departure.—Information on visa requirements can be found on the web site of the Department of Tourism of Antigua and Barbuda at: <http://www.antigua-barbuda.org/Agtip01a.htm>

7. Hotel information

Accommodations are being made at the Anchorage Inn where a special rate of (US \$70.00 per night) for workshop participants has been negotiated.

The Secretariat through the Precise Development Foundation has made a booking for funded participants at the following Hotel:

Anchorage Inn

Anchorage Road

P.O. 249

St. John's, Antigua

West Indies

Phone: +(268) 462-4065

Fax: +(268) 462-4066

E-mail: info@antiguaanchorageinn.com

Web site: <http://www.antiguaanchorageinn.com/>

Self-funded participants may also make reservations at the above hotel by contacting them directly.

8. Payment of the daily subsistence allowances (DSA)

A Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA) will be paid to sponsored participants on the first day of the workshop. Sponsored participants are asked to present their passports which will be photocopied and returned to them.

9. Official language

The official language in Antigua and Barbuda is English.

10. Weather and time zone information



In December, temperatures usually range between 22°C and 29°C. Current weather conditions in the area can be found at: <http://worldweather.wmo.int/en/city.html?cityId=151>

The standard time zone is GMT -4 hours.

11. Electricity

The electrical currents are 110 and 230 volts, 60 Hertz. The plugs used are as shown in the illustrations below.



12. Currency



The currency in Antigua and Barbuda is the East Caribbean dollar (XCD or \$). The current exchange rate as at 27 November 2015 is US \$1 = XCD 2.70 and € 1 = XCD 2.88. The rates are subject to change.

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.