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Panama City, Panama, 23 - 27 May 2016

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1. Opening and registration

The Workshop will be held in Panama from Monday, 23 May to Friday, 27 May 2016.

The workshop will start at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, 23 August 2016, and registration will take place at the venue of the meeting from 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. the same day.

2. Venue

The workshop will be held at:

Gran Hotel Soloy

Avenida Perù y Calle 30

Tel: +507-301-1156 directo Ext.210, +507-301-1133 Central Telefonica

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

3. Working language of the meeting

The workshop will be held in Spanish.

4. Documents

Participants are kindly reminded to bring their own copies of the documents for the workshop 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:



<https://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=A8JWS-2016-02>

5. General information on access to Panama City, Panama



Panama City is serviced by the Tocumen International Airport, which is about 25 km from downtown Panama City. More information about the airport can be found at <http://www.tocumenpanama.aero/index.php?cccpage=index>

6. Visa information



All participants must travel with passport with a minimum validity of 6 months from the date of entry into the country.

It is recommended that each participant contact the Embassy or Consulate of Panama in his/her country to complete visa requirements. Information on Consular offices of the Republic of Panama in your country can be found at the following link: www.migracion.gob.pa (in Spanish only). Information concerning visa requirements can be also found at the website of the Panama's Secretary of the Presidency for Government Innovation at: [Panamá Tramita](#) (Information available in Spanish only). You can also find further information about each country at:

<http://www.migracion.gob.pa/images/PAGINA%20WEB%20ANGEL%202015/NOVIEMBRE/TRANSPARENCIA/cuadro%20de%20paises%20actualizado%20septiembre%202015.pdf>

To facilitate the issuance of visas, the CBD Secretariat will issue upon request invitation letters to be attached to the visa applications.

7. Hotel information

Sponsored participants by the SCBD

A block booking has been made on behalf of sponsored participants at the Hotel Soloy. Kindly send arrival and departure details to Ms. Florina Lopez Miro at florina.lopez@gmail.com with a copy to Ms. Viviana Figueroa at Viviana.figueroa@cbd.int. The hotel information is listed below:

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Sponsored participants by the ABS/CCAD-GIZ

Rooms have been reserved for GIZ sponsored at Gran Hotel Soloy for participants. Their air tickets and travel advances will be delivered at the offices of GIZ each of their countries.

Once we have received confirmation of your participation, Ms. Doris Zetino will contact each of you for the logistical arrangements of your trip. The hotel information is:

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Non-sponsored participants

Non-sponsored participants may wish to avail themselves of the block booking at the Gran Hotel Soloy, and are requested to kindly contact the hotel. For assistance or any queries about hotel accommodation in Panama, participants are requested to directly contact:

Ms. Florina Lopez Miro

RMIB-FPCI – Ave. Perú. Calle 41.

Edificio Las Camelias. Oficina 302

Tel: + (507) 392 1074

Cell: +(507) 60079323

Fax: (507) 392 1497

E-mail: florina.lopez@gmail.com

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

8. Payment of the Daily Subsistence Allowances (DSA)

Sponsored participants will receive the relevant portion of their DSA to cover incidentals on the first day of the meeting.

9. Official language in Panama

The official language in Panama is Spanish. English is the language of business and administration, and is widely spoken and understood in Panama City.

10. Weather and time zone information

In May, temperatures in Panama City range between a maximum of +35°C in the daytime and a minimum of +21°C at night. Current weather conditions can be found at:

<http://www.worldweather.org/076/c01221.htm>

The standard time zone will be the GMT/UTC -5 hours.

11. Electricity

The electrical currents in Panama are 110 Volts 60 Hertz (two-pin flat and vertical with a ground connection) as in the illustrations below.



12. Currency

The currencies used in Panama are the Panamanian Balboa (PAB) and the U.S. Dollar (US \$) both are used interchangeably and are of equivalent value. The current exchange rate as at 10 May2016 is US \$1.00 =1.00 PAB and € 1 = 1.14 PAB. It is recommended that you exchange money at the exchange counters at the airport.

13. Health Information

A yellow fever vaccination certificate is required from travellers entering Panama coming from countries with risk of yellow fever transmission and travelling to the provinces of Comarca Emberá, Darien, Kuna Yala (old San Blas) and Panama east of the Canal Zone, excluding the Canal Zone, Panama City and San Blas Islands.

The International travel, health and vaccination requirements for travel to Panama can be obtained from the web site of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/none/panama> .

For more information, please consult a medical professional with regard to the vaccination requirements for your travel.

14. Disclaimer

The CBD Secretariat disclaims all responsibilities for medical, accident and travel insurances, for compensation for death or disability compensation, for loss of or damage to personal property and for any other losses that may be incurred during travel time or the period of participation. In this context, it is strongly recommended that participants will secure international medical, accident and travel insurances for the period of participation prior to departure.
