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**LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN INDIGENOUS AND LOCAL  
COMMUNITY CAPACITY-BUILDING WORKSHOP ON THE  
CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY INCLUDING  
ISSUES RELEVANT TO ARTICLE 8(j) TRADITIONAL  
KNOWLEDGE AND ACCESS AND BENEFIT-SHARING**

Third Workshop: Southern Cone Region

4 - 6 February 2010, Buenos Aires, Argentina

### INFORMATION NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS

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## 1. Opening and registration

The Workshop for the Latin American and Caribbean Indigenous and Local Community Capacity Building Workshop on the Convention on Biological Diversity including issues relevant to Article 8(j) Traditional Knowledge & Access and Benefit-sharing - Third Workshop: Southern Cone Region will be held in Buenos Aires from Thursday, 4 February to Saturday, 6 February 2010

The workshop will start at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, 4 February 2010, 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:

**Facultad de Derecho de la Universidad de Buenos Aires**

Av. Figueroa Alcorta 2263, C1425CKB

C. de Buenos Aires, Argentina

Telephone: + 54-11-4809-5600

Web site: <http://www.derecho.uba.ar/>

## 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 meetings 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:



<http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=WSCBILC-LAC-03>

## 5. General information on access to Buenos Aires, Argentina



Buenos Aires is serviced by the Ministro Pistarini International Airport (Ezeiza). The airport is situated in Ezeiza, about 37 km southwest of the city centre.

Taxis are available for travel to the city of Buenos Aires by identified taxis and private cars called “remises” or by private buses located outside terminals A and B, the cost of travel to the city centre is approximately US \$30 - US \$35 and should take approximately 30-40 minutes. More information regarding transportation can be found at the following links:

For taxis and private cars: [http://www.aa2000.com.ar/eea\\_lys\\_taxisyremises.aspx](http://www.aa2000.com.ar/eea_lys_taxisyremises.aspx).

For buses and shuttles: [http://www.aa2000.com.ar/eea\\_lys\\_buses.aspx](http://www.aa2000.com.ar/eea_lys_buses.aspx).

## 6. Visa information



Information on visa related issues is available on the website of the Government of the Republic of Argentina at:

<http://www.argentina.gov.ar/argentina/portal/paginas.dhtml?pagina=1245>.

Participants requiring an entry visa for Argentina are advised to contact the nearest Argentinean Diplomatic/Consular representations in order to secure, in a timely manner, the required entry visa, prior to departure. A listing of Argentinean Diplomatic/Consular representations can be found at the following link: [http://www.cancilleria.gov.ar/portal/repre\\_argentinas/repre\\_argentinas.html](http://www.cancilleria.gov.ar/portal/repre_argentinas/repre_argentinas.html) (available in Spanish only). It should be noted that some airlines will deny boarding in the absence of a valid visa.

**COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES WHOSE CITIZENS DO NOT REQUIRE VISAS IN ORDER TO ENTER ARGENTINA AS VISITORS (AS LISTED ON THE WEBSITE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARGENTINA)**

For this workshop, citizens of the following countries and territories do not require a visa to **visit** or **transit** Argentina: Chile, Panama, Paraguay and Uruguay.

## 7. Hotel information

### Sponsored participants

A block booking has been made for sponsored participants at Hotel Ayres de Recoleta Plaza (details are in **annex A** below). Kindly send arrival and departure details to Ms. Florina Lopez Miro at [florina.lopez@gmail.com](mailto:florina.lopez@gmail.com) with a copy to Ms. Viviana Figueroa at [Viviana.figueroa@cbd.int](mailto:Viviana.figueroa@cbd.int). The hotel information is listed below:

### **HOTEL AYRES DE RECOLETA PLAZA**

Guido 1980

Ciudad Autonoma de Buenos Aires

Argentina

Tel: +54-11- 5983 9462

Web site: [http://www.buenosaires.com.ar/ayres\\_de\\_recoleta\\_plaza\\_1.html](http://www.buenosaires.com.ar/ayres_de_recoleta_plaza_1.html)

Room rate: Single or double: US \$109 (Price includes VAT (21%) Tax)

### Non-sponsored participants

Non-sponsored may wish to avail themselves of reservations at the Hotel Ayres de Recoleta Plaza, however, they must secure and/or confirm their room reservations individually. Further information on hotels in Buenos Aires is available at the following web-site:

<http://www.turismo.gov.ar/esp/menu.htm>



## 8. Payment of the Daily Subsistence Allowances (DSA)

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

## 9. Official language in Buenos Aires, Argentina

The official language in Argentina is Spanish.

## 10. Weather and time zone information



In February, temperatures in Buenos Aires usually range between a maximum of +30°C in the daytime and a minimum of +25°C at night. The climate is rainy at this time of the year. Current weather conditions can be found at: <http://www.worldweather.org/050/c00294.htm>.

## 11. Electricity

The electrical currents are 220 volts, 50 Hertz. There are two type of plugs used in Argentina depending on the area and type of building. The first plug has a grounding pin and two flat prongs forming a V-shape and the type of socket used is illustrated below.



The second type is found in older buildings is two round pins and the type of socket is illustrated below.



## 12. Currency



The currency in Argentina is the Pesos (ARS). The current exchange rate as at 26 January 2010 is US \$1 = ARS \$3.80, €1 = ARS \$5.36.

## 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.

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