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Fourth Workshop: Mesoamerican Region
Guatemala City, Guatemala, 4 - 6 March 2010

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1. Opening and registration

The Latin American and Caribbean Indigenous and Local Community Capacity-building Workshop on the CBD including issues relevant to Article 8(j), Traditional Knowledge and Access and Benefit-Sharing: Mesoamerican Region will be held in Guatemala from Thursday, 4 March to Saturday, 6 March 2010

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

The Hotel Royal Palace

Avenue 12-66 Zona 1

Guatemala, Guatemala

Telephone: +502-24164400

Fax: +502+2416-4314

Web site: <http://hotelroyalpalace.com/>

3. Working language of the workshop

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 workshop. Pre-session documents are available on the Secretariat's web site at:



<http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=WSCBILC-LAC-04>

5. General information on access to Guatemala City, Guatemala



Guatemala City is serviced by the Guatemala City La Aurora International Airport. The airport is situated about 6 km from the city centre.

Taxis are available for travel into the city and the cost is approximately US \$8 - US \$12 and should take approximately 20 minutes. There is an airport shuttle service available, please enquire upon making reservations whether your hotel offers this service.

There is a departure tax of approximately US \$30.00 that must be paid in cash prior to departure.

6. Visa information



Information on visa related issues is available on the website of the Government of the Republic of Guatemala at: <http://www.minex.gob.gt/> (in Spanish only).

Participants requiring an entry visa for Guatemala are advised to contact the nearest Guatemalan Diplomatic/Consular representations in order to secure, in a timely manner, the required entry visa, prior to departure. A listing of Guatemalan Diplomatic/Consular representations can be found at the following link. http://www.minex.gob.gt/index.php?option=com_content&task=blogcategory&id=91&Itemid=100. 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 GUATEMALA AS VISITORS (AS LISTED ON THE WEBSITE OF THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL RELATIONS OF GUATEMALA)

For this workshop, citizens of the following countries and territories do not require a visa to **visit** Guatemala:

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| Andorra | Holy See | Qatar |
| Antigua and Barbuda | Hungary | Romania |
| Argentina | Iceland | Russian Federation |
| Australia | India | Saint Kitts and Nevis |
| Austria | Ireland | Saint Lucia |
| Bahamas | Israel | San Marino |
| Bahrain | Italy | San Vincent and the Grenadines |
| Barbados | Japan | Sao Tome e Principe |
| Belgium | Korea, Republic of | Saudi Arabia |
| Belize | Kuwait | Singapore |
| Brazil | Latvia | Slovakia |
| Brunei- Darussalam | Liechtenstein | Slovenia |
| Bulgaria | Lithuania | Spain |
| Canada | Luxemburg | Solomon Islands |
| Chile | Madagascar | South Africa |
| China | Malaysia | Sweden |
| Costa Rica | Malta | Switzerland |
| Croatia | Marshall Islands | The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia |
| Cyprus | Mexico | Trinidad and Tobago |
| Czech Republic | Monaco | Turkey |
| Denmark | Netherlands | Tuvalu |
| Dominican Republic | New Zealand | Ukraine |
| Estonia | Norway | United Arab Emirates |
| Fiji | Panama | United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland |
| Finland | Paraguay | United States of America |
| France | Poland | Uruguay |
| Germany | Portugal | Vanuatu |
| Greece | | |

7. Hotel information

Participants are kindly requested to make their own reservations at the Hotel Royal Palace, the venue of the meeting. The hotel information is listed below:

The Hotel Royal Palace

Avenue 12-66 Zona 1
Guatemala, Guatemala
Telephone: + 502-24164400
Fax: +502+2416-4314
Web site: <http://hotelroyalpalace.com/>

Further information on hotels in Guatemala is available at the following web-site:

<http://www.visitguatemala.com/web/index.php?lang=english>



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 Guatemala

The official language in Guatemala is Spanish.

10. Weather and time zone information



In March, temperatures in Guatemala usually range between a maximum of +27°C in the daytime and a minimum of +14°C at night. Current weather conditions can be found at: <http://www.worldweather.org/152/c00906.htm>.

The current time zone is GMT/UTC -6 hours.

11. Electricity

The electrical currents are 120 volts, 60 Hertz as illustrated below.



12. Currency



The currency in Guatemala is the Quetzal (GTQ). The current exchange rate as at 16 February 2010 is US \$1 = GTQ \$8.91 and €1 = GTQ \$11.24.

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.
