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Fourth Workshop: Amazonian Region
2 - 4 June 2010, Brasilia, Brazil

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1. Opening and registration

The fourth 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 and Access and Benefit-sharing - Amazonian Region will be held in Brasilia from Wednesday, 2 June to Friday, 4 June 2010

The workshop will start at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, 2 June 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:

Sala San Tiago Dantas

Palácio Itamaraty

Ministry of Foreign Affairs Building, Brazil

Esplanada dos Ministérios - Bloco H –

Brasília/DF - Brasil

CEP 70.170-900

Telephone: +55-61-34116674

Web site: <http://www.itamaraty.gov.br/>

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:



<http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=WSCBILC-LAC-05>

5. General information on access to Brasilia, Brazil



Brasilia is serviced by the Brasilia International Airport – Presidente Juscelino Kubitschek (15 km from centre). Taxis are available at the airport. Please note that in Brasilia, taxi fares can only be paid in cash, credit cards are not accepted. The rate for the trip to the city centre is approximately R \$50 (Approx. US \$18).

6. Visa information



Participants from countries listed below **do not** require an entry visa for Brazil and participants from all other countries are strongly advised to contact the nearest Brazilian diplomatic or consular mission **as soon as possible** in order to secure the required entry visa in a

timely manner, prior to departure. Some airline companies will not allow boarding without a valid visa.

Participants requiring an entry visa to Brazil should attach, as appropriate, to their visa application forms the following:

- An official invitation letter from the CBD Secretariat;
- An international Health Certificate in respect of yellow fever, where applicable;
- One passport size photograph – except for Diplomatic visas;
- Valid passport (with expiry date no less than six months).

COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES WHOSE CITIZENS DO NOT REQUIRE A VISA IN ORDER TO ENTER BRAZIL AS VISITORS

A	H	P (cont'd)
Andorra	Holy See	Philippines
Argentina	Hungary	Poland
Austria		Portugal
B	I	R
Bahamas	Iceland	Romania
Barbados	Ireland	
Belgium	Israel	S
Bolivia	Italy	San Marino
Bulgaria		Slovakia
C	K	Slovenia
Chile	Korea, Republic of	South Africa
Colombia		Spain
Costa Rica	L	Suriname
Croatia	Liechtenstein	Sweden
Czech Republic	Lithuania	Switzerland
D	Luxembourg	
Denmark	M	T
E	Macau	Thailand
Ecuador	Malaysia	Trinidad and Tobago
F	Malta	Tunisia
Finland	Morocco	Turkey
France	Monaco	
G	N	U
Germany	Namibia	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Greece	Netherlands	Uruguay
Guatemala	New Zealand	
Guyana	Norway	V
	P	Venezuela
	Panama	
	Paraguay	
	Peru	

Information on visa procedures can be found at the web site of the Brazilian Embassy at: http://www.brasembottawa.org/en/consular/visas/tourist_visa.html A list of relevant Brazilian diplomatic/consular missions abroad is available on the following web site: <http://www.embassiesabroad.com/embassies-of/Brazil>.

As visa requirements may change at any time, please check specific requirements with your travel agent and/or consult the following web page: <http://www.braziltourism.org/visas.shtml>.

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

7. Health information

For entry into Brazil, a yellow fever vaccination certificate is required from travellers from the following countries, unless they are in possession of a waiver stating that immunization is contraindicated on medical grounds: *Latin America*: Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru. Participants intending to travel outside of Brasilia, the recommendations for the prevention of yellow fever and malaria may be found at the World Health Organization's International Travel and Health web site (<http://www.who.int/ith/countrylist02.html#27>).

8. Hotel information

Sponsored participants

A block booking has been made on behalf of sponsored participants at the Hotel Nacional. 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:

HOTEL NACIONAL

Setor Hoteleiro Sul - Quadra 01 - Bloco A
Brasília - Distrito Federal - Brasil Cep: 70322-900
Tel: +55-(061) 3321 7575
Fax: +55-(061) 3223 9213
Toll Free: 0800-644-7070
Web site: <http://www.hotelnacional.com.br/>

Non-sponsored participants

Non-sponsored may wish to avail themselves of reservations at the Hotel Nacional, however, they must secure and/or confirm their room reservations individually.

For assistance or any queries about hotel accommodation, participants are requested to contact directly:

Ms. Lucia Fernanda Belfort

INBRAPI – Setor Comercial Sul, Quadra 1, Bloco C

Ed. Antônio Venâncio, Sala 902, Da Silva

CEP: 70.301-000 – Brasília – DF

Telephone: +(055) (61) 3033-7019

Fax: +(055) (61) 3033-7198

Web-site: www.inbrapi.org.br

E-mail: inbrapi@yahoo.com.br

9. 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.

10. Official language in Brasilia, Brazil

The official language in Brazil is Portuguese. English is spoken in some hotels and restaurants.

11. Weather and time zone information



Brasilia is 1,158 metres above sea level. The average temperature in June is 17°C, though it can vary from 12°C to 27°C. More information on weather is available at <http://www.inmet.gov.br>.

12. Electricity

The electrical currents are 110 or 220 volts, 60 Hertz. The plugs are a two-pin type as shown in the table below.



13. Currency



The currency in Brazil is the Real/Reais (R\$). The current exchange rate as at 27 May is US\$ 1 = R\$ 1.87 and € 1 = R\$ 2.30.

14. 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.
