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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

Eighth Workshop: Caribbean Region  
Georgetown, 16-18 March 2011

### INFORMATION NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS

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## 1. Opening and registration

The Eighth Workshop for the Latin American and Caribbean Indigenous and Local Community Capacity-building on the Convention on Biological Diversity including issues relevant to Article 8(j) Traditional Knowledge and Access and Benefit-sharing – Caribbean Region, will be held in Georgetown, Guyana from Wednesday, 16 March to Friday, 18 March 2011.

The workshop will start at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, 16 March 2011, and registration will take place at the venue of the meeting from 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. the same day.

## 2. Venue

The workshop will be held at:

### **Hotel Grand Coastal Inn**

Plantation Le Ressouvenir

ECD, Guyana

Tel: + 592-220-1091.

Fax: +592-220-1498

Web site: <http://www.grandcoastal.com/inn.html>

## 3. Working language of the meeting

The workshop will be held in English.

## 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=WSCBILC-LAC-08>

## 5. General information on access to Georgetown, Guyana



The city of Georgetown is serviced by the Cheddi Jagan International Airport (41 km from downtown). More information about the airport can be found at: <http://www.cjairport-gy.com/>

Transportation from the Airport to the Hotel will be provided for participants. Taxis for travel around Georgetown can be arranged through the Grand Coastal Inn, at rates dependant on the distance travelled and the number of stops.

## 6. Visa information



Participants from requiring an entry visa for Guyana are strongly advised to contact the nearest Guyanese diplomatic or consular mission **as soon as possible** in order to secure the required entry visa in a timely manner, prior to departure.

All participants must travel with a passport valid for at least 6 months from the date of entry into the country.

Information on visa procedures is available at the following web site: [http://www.guyana.org/govt/visa\\_requirements.html](http://www.guyana.org/govt/visa_requirements.html). A list of relevant Guyanese diplomatic/consular missions abroad is available on the web site of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Guyana at: [http://www.minfor.gov.gy/tsite/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=50&Itemid=75](http://www.minfor.gov.gy/tsite/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=50&Itemid=75).

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

## 7. Hotel information

### Sponsored participants

A block booking has been made on behalf of sponsored participants at the Hotel Grand Coastal Inn. 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 Mr. Djessy Monnier at [djessy.monnier@cbd.int](mailto:djessy.monnier@cbd.int) and Ms. Kim Williams at [kc8williams@yahoo.com](mailto:kc8williams@yahoo.com). The hotel information is listed below:

Hotel Grand Coastal Inn  
Plantation Le Ressouvenir  
ECD, Guyana  
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Fax: +592-220-1498  
Web site: <http://www.grandcoastal.com/inn.html>

Information on hotels and tourism in Georgetown can be found at the following link: <http://www.guyana-tourism.com/>

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

Sponsored participants will receive a portion of their DSA to cover incidentals including dinner. Please note that breakfast is included with the accommodation and lunch is supplied at the workshop.

## 9. Official language in Guyana

The official language in Guyana is English, but most residents speak variations of a local Creole.

## 10. Weather and time zone information



In March, temperatures in Georgetown usually range between a maximum of +29.6°C in the daytime and a minimum of +24.2°C at night. Current weather conditions in the area can be found at: <http://www.worldweather.org/065/c00289.htm>.

The standard time zone will be GMT/UTC -4 hours.

## 11. Electricity

The electrical currents in Guyana are 240 Volts, 60 Hertz a (two-pin flat and vertical with a ground connection).



## 12. Currency



The currency in Guyana is the Guyanese Dollar (GYD). The current exchange rate on 24 February 2011 is US \$ 1.00 = 203.7 Guyanese Dollar. Most local businesses only accept GYD.

## 13. 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.

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