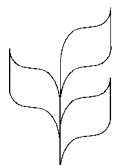




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Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic
4 to 7 June 2001

Information for Participants

The Workshop on Biological Diversity and Tourism will be held from Monday, 4 June to Thursday, 7 June 2001 in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. The venue for the meeting is the Sala Principal de la Escuela Diplomática of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs located at the following address:

Sala Principal de la Escuela Diplomática
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Avenida Independencia No. 752
Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

The meeting will be opened at 10 a.m. on Monday, 4 June 2001. Registration will start on Sunday, 3 June from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the meeting place. Delegates are reminded that, for security reasons, name badges should be worn at all times.

Access to Santo Domingo

Santo Domingo international airport is Las Americas International Airport. It can be accessed from different points. Among them we can mention Miami, San Juan (Puerto Rico), New York, New Jersey, Madrid, Paris, Caracas, Bogotá, La Havana. Taxi fares from the airport to the hotels are approximately US\$ 20 – 30.

Hotel Information

The Government of the Dominican Republic has arranged for blocked bookings of a number of rooms in Hotel Santo Domingo and Hotel Hispaniola, two hotels operated by the same company. A special room rate has been negotiated by the Government of the Dominican Republic. In order to guarantee this special rate, participants should specify while making their reservation that they will be attending the Workshop on Biological Diversity and Tourism.

Reservations should be made at least **one week** prior to the beginning of the meeting.

HOTEL SANTO DOMINGO
HOTEL HISPANIOLA
Avenida Independencia esquina Abraham Lincoln
Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic
TEL.: (809) 221-1511
FAX: (809) 535-8898
e-mail:sales@hotel.stodgo.com.do
Website: <http://www.hotel.stodgo.com.do>
Contact person: Ana Percival and/or Penélope Rivera

Hotel Santo Domingo and Hotel Hispaniola are located one in front of the other, a short walking distance to the place of the meeting. In order to guarantee your reservation **you must include in your application a credit card number.**

However, a list of other hotels in the vicinity of the meeting venue is included (Annex A). Participants who choose to stay in these hotels will have to use taxis. A taxi ride from one of these hotels to the Sala Principal de la Escuela Diplomática is about US\$ 5 - 7. Please note that hotel bookings are the responsibility of participants.

General Information

The Dominican Republic is a tropical country, located in the east part of the island of Santo Domingo. It has about 8 million people. More than 50 per cent of the population lives in urban zone.

In the Dominican Republic the visitor has the opportunity to see its three main mountain ranges, to enjoy its beautiful beaches, to visit its splendid valleys, and to share with wonderful people.

The City of Santo Domingo, capital of the Dominican Republic, exhibits with pride an important colonial heritage.

Santo Domingo is a city of over two million people, which represents about 35% of the total population of the country.

Time Zone

Santo Domingo is GMT – 04:30 hours. However, it must be pointed out that daylight savings time is observed.

Weather

The Dominican Republic is a tropical country. The rainy season occurs from the beginning of May to November. The temperature varies very little from season to season. Lows average a mild 23°C year round while highs are a pleasant 29-32°C.

Electricity

The electrical current in Dominican Republic is 110 volts, 60 hertz.

Telecommunications

Santo Domingo is one of the best-communicated cities in the world. Direct dial, fax, Internet, cell phones, and telex services are available. Telephone credit cards may be used. During the meeting the service of a cyber-café will be offered.

Visas

Nationals of the countries listed in annex B are not required to have a visa to enter in the Dominican Republic; those in annex C require a tourism card, that can be bought at the airport upon arrival; and those not included in the above list have to have a VISA. Dominican visas can be requested in Dominican embassies and consulates all over the world, as shown in annex D.

Official Language

The official language of the Dominican Republic is Spanish. However, English is easily understood in hotels and restaurants. The meeting will be held in English as well as in Spanish with simultaneous translation.

Currency

The official currency of the Dominican Republic is the peso. The exchange rate fluctuates, but currently the exchange rate stands at approximately 17 pesos for one US dollar.

Credit Cards

All major credit cards - namely VISA, Master Card and American Express - are accepted in hotels and restaurants of the city.

ANNEX A

HOTELS IN THE VICINITY OF THE VENUE OF
THE MEETING OF BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY AND TOURISM

HOTEL INFORMATION	RATES
Hotel Santo Domingo Av. Independencia, Esq. Abraham Lincoln TEL.: (809) 221 1511 FAX: (809) 535 4050 e-mail: sales@hotel.stodgo.com.do Contact person: Ana Percival or Penélope Rivera	Corporate Single US \$105 (tax included.) Double US \$58 (tax included.) Includes breakfast
Hotel Hispaniola Av. Independencia, Esq. Abraham Lincoln TEL.: (809) 221 1511 FAX: (809) 535 4050 e-mail: sales@hotel.stodgo.com.do Contact person: Ana Percival or Penélope Rivera	Corporate Single US\$50 + 22% taxes Double US\$30 + 22% taxes Includes breakfast
Hotel Napolitano George Washington, Esq. Cambronal TEL: (809) 687 1131	Corporate Double US \$89 (taxes included) Single US \$89 (taxes included) Includes breakfast
Hotel Jaragua 367 George Washington TEL: (809) 221 0000 FAX: (809) 686 0528	Corporate Double US \$140 (+ 22% taxes) Single US \$140 (+ 22% taxes) Includes breakfast

ANNEX B

COUNTRIES WHOSE NATIONALS DO NOT REQUIRE A VISA

1. Argentina
2. Chile
3. Republic of Korea
4. Ecuador
5. Iceland
6. Israel
7. Japan
8. Peru
9. Liechtenstein
10. Uruguay

ANNEX C

COUNTRIES WHOSE NATIONALS MAY ENTER WITH A TOURISM CARD (For tourist trips of no more than 90 days)

Albania	Luxembourg
Andorra	Mexico
Antigua & Barbuda	Monaco
Aruba	The Netherlands
Australia	Paraguay
Austria	Poland
Bahamas	Portugal
Barbados	Romania
Belgium	Russian Federation
Brazil	Saint Kitts and Nevis
Bulgaria	Saint Lucia
Canada	San Marino
Croatia	San Martin
Czech Republic	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Curacao	Slovenia
Denmark	Spain
Dominica	Sweden
Finland	Switzerland
France (including Guadeloupe, French Guyana, Martinique, Reunion, St. Kirts)	Suriname
Germany	Trinidad and Tobago
Greece	Turkish Islands & Caicos
Hungary	United Kingdom
Ireland	United States of America (including Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, St. Thomas, St. Croix, St. John and Hawaii)
Italy	Venezuela
Jamaica	Yugoslavia

Note:

All of the legal residents in the United States of America, Holland, Italy, Canada, Venezuela, Germany, Portugal, Spain, France, Greece, United Kingdom, Ireland, and Denmark are allowed to enter in the Dominican Republic, independently of their nationality, but having up to date passports or travel documents that substitute the passports.

ANNEX D

DOMINICAN CONSULATES CAN BE FOUND IN THE FOLLOWING COUNTRIES

Africa

- Nairobi, Kenya

Argentina

- Buenos Aires
- Cordoba
- Rosario and Neuquen

Australia

- Adelaide
- Sydney

Austria

- Vienna

Bahamas

- Nassau

Barbados

- Bridgestown

Belgium

- Amberes

Belize

Beirut

- Tripoli

Bolivia

- La Paz

Brazil

- Fortaleza
- Recife
- Rio de Janeiro
- Sao Paulo

Canada

- Edmonton, Alberta
- Montreal
- Toronto

Colombia

- Bogota
- Barranquilla
- Cali
- Cartagena

Chile

- Santiago de Chile
- Valaparaíso

Costa Rica

- San José

Chipre

- Nicosia

Cuba

- Havana

Ecuador

- Quito

Finland

- Helsinki

France

- Burdeos
- Lyon
- Marseilles
- Niza
- Paris
- Toulouse

French Territories

- Martinique
- Guadeloupe
- French Guyana

Germany

- Frankfurt
- Hamburg
- Munich
- Stuttgart

Greece

- Athenes

Haiti

- Puerto Príncipe
- Cabo Haitiano
- Juana Méndez

Honduras

- San Pedro Sula

Israel

- Belen
- Jerusalem
- Tel Aviv

Italy

- Florence
- Genova
- Milan
- Messina, Sicilia
- Napoles
- Roma
- Turin
- Venice

Jamaica

- Kingston

Japan

- Tokio

Jordan

- Amman

Lebanon

- Beirut
- Baabda
- Tripolo
- Zahle, Beca

Liberia

- Monrovia

Lithuania

- Vilnius

Mexico

- Guadalajara, Jalisco
- Guanajuato
- Mexico D.F.
- Monterrey
- Saltillo

Monaco

- Montecarlo

Norway

- Oslo

Netherlands (The)

- Amsterdam

Dutch Territories

- Aruba
- Curacao
- Saint Maarten, A.H.

Pakistan

- Karachi
- Lahore

Panama

- City of Panama

Paraguay

- Asunción

Peru

- Lima

Philippines

- Manila

Portugal

- Lisboa
- Funchai (Isla Madeira)
- Ponta Delgada (Azores)

Republic of Korea

- Seoul

Republic of China

- Hong Kong (Commercial Office)

Saint Lucia

- Cassries

Sri-Lanka

- Colombo

Spain

- Alicante
- Barcelona
- Bilbao
- Cadiz
- Gijon
- Las Palmas de Gran Canaria
- Lleida
- Madrid
- Murcia
- Palma de Mallorca
- Sevilla
- Valencia
- Zaragoza

Switzerland

- Bern
- Geneva
- Lugano

Thailand

- Bangkok

Trinidad & Tobago

- Puerto España

Turkey

- Istanbul

United Kingdom

- Birmingham
- Cardiff
- Liverpool
- Nottingham

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United States of America

- Alabama: Mobile
- California: San Francisco
- Portland: Oregon
- Florida: Jacksonville y Miami
- Hawaii: Honolulu
- Illinois: Chicago
- Louisiana: New Orleans
- Maryland: New Orleans
- Massachusetts: Boston
- Michigan: Detroit
- New York: New York
- Pennsylvania: Filadelfia
- Puerto Rico: Mayagüez, Ponce, San Juan
- Texas: San Antonio

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Uruguay

- Montevideo

Venezuela

- Caracas

Note to Participants

Interested in further information about visa are invited to contact: Mr. Manuel J. Flores at the following address: m_flores 1 1 @ hotmail.com . However, participants may send a copy of their e-mail to felix.fernandez@codetel.net.do, who will make sure that messages are answered promptly.