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INFORMATION NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS

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1. Opening and registration

The Regional Consultation on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework for Latin America and the Caribbean will be held in Montevideo, Uruguay, from Tuesday, 14 May, to Friday, 17 May 2019.

The meeting will start at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, 14 May and registration will take place at the venue of the meeting at 8:30 a.m. the same day.

2. Venue

The meeting will be held at:

Hotel OWN Montevideo

José Luis Zorrilla de San Martín 177

Punta Carretas, Montevideo, Uruguay

Tel: +59 8 2710 0900

E-mail: reservations@ownmontevideo.com

Web page: <https://www.ownhotels.com/montevideo>

3. Working language

The meeting will be held in English and Spanish with interpretation

4. Documents

In order to minimize the environmental footprint of the meeting and in line with the UN policy towards greener meetings, participants are kindly reminded to bring their own copies of the meeting documents, or to use paperless versions, as there will be no extra copies made available on site during the meeting. Documents are available on the following web page:



<https://www.cbd.int/meetings/POST2020-WS-2019-05>

5. General information on access to Montevideo, Uruguay



Most international visitors will arrive in Montevideo through the Carrasco International Airport. It is located 25 km from the city centre, approximately 30-40 minutes by taxi or remise.

Participants could coordinate the transfer with their hotels or a range of other options at the airport:

Taxi services at Carrasco International Airport are located in the area of the baggage belt and in the Arrivals Hall. Payment can be made in cash or by credit card. The costs are from US \$38 to US \$57

Private car transfers (remises) are large and air-conditioned cars with a chauffeur who speaks English. They should be booked in advance. They also do trips from the airport or from Montevideo to other parts of Uruguay, including Punta del Este.

The minivan shuttle from the airport departs with a total of 5 passengers. It is not necessary to book the transport service in advance; it may be coordinated in the counter located on the ground floor next to the exit door of the airport. Payment can be made in cash or by credit card.

The local buses the cheapest way to get to the city. It is however recommended to use it only if you have little luggage, as buses can get crowded and it is not guaranteed they have storage areas. Getting out of the airport terminal is the bus stop; catch any bus that says 'Montevideo'. The ride will take about one hour depending on the time of day, the number of passengers and traffic. Buses run very frequently, even on weekends.

Public transport used in Montevideo is local buses and taxis. Uber and Easy Taxi services are also available

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6. Visa information



Participants from countries requiring an entry visa for Uruguay and are strongly advised to contact the nearest Uruguayan diplomatic or consular mission **as soon as possible** in order to secure the required entry visa in a timely manner, prior to departure. **Please note that airline companies will not allow boarding in the absence of a valid visa.**

Information on visa procedures is available on the web site of Ministry of the Interior of Uruguay (in Spanish) at: <https://migracion.minterior.gub.uy/index.php/94-tramites/visas/1280-visas>.

The requirements to obtain a visa of Uruguay are the following:

- Filled in and signed visa application form (provided by the Consular office).
- Invitation letter to the event
- Valid Passport (at least for six months after date of departure) in good condition.
- 1 passport size picture.

- Travel reservation.
- Cost: USD 42. -It is charged only if the visa is granted.

The authorization of the visa is granted by the National Direction of Migrations, and usually takes at least 20 working days from the moment of the request. Once the Consulate receives written authorization, it is in a position to issue the visa, stamping it on the passport. Uruguay does not grant a visa upon arrival.

In exceptional cases, if the procedure started at a Consulate of Uruguay, the participant could end it at any another Consulate Office of Uruguay in the world.

In order to assist participants in obtaining an entry without visa permission, for those countries where the Uruguayan Embassy or Consulate is not available (without exception), please send the copy of your passport (with validity at least six months after date of departure) and in good condition, and a personalized invitation letter to the Focal Point of the Ministry of Housing, Land Planning and Environment in Uruguay (MVOTMA) at the following email address: biodiversidad@mvotma.gub.uy no later than 30 April 2019, asking for the possibility of issuance of an entry without visa permission. You should state your country of residence and mention to MVOTMA that there is no Uruguayan Embassy or Consulate in your country. These two documents must be presented when doing the check-in at the airport.

A list of Uruguayan diplomatic/consular missions abroad is available on the website of the Ministry of External Relations (in Spanish) at:
<https://mapaconsular.mrree.gub.uy/>

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

7. **Hotel information**

Participants are kindly reminded that **they must make their own hotel reservations, and that they should do so as soon as possible.**

Below is an indicative list of hotels (**Annex A**) located in the vicinity of the venue.

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

<https://turismo.gub.uy/>



8. **Payment of the Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA)**

The DSA will be disbursed to sponsored participants on the first day of the workshop in the form of a prepaid credit card. For identification purposes, these participants are kindly requested to bring their passports and boarding passes. These will be photocopied and returned to participants during the workshop. It is advisable that participants have some cash at hand to cover expenses that may occur between their arrival and the moment at which they are provided with the prepaid credit card from which they will access their DSA.

9. Official language

The official language in Uruguay is Spanish; however English is spoken in some hotels and restaurants.

10. Weather and time zone information

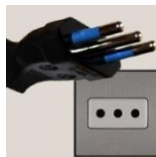


In May average temperatures in Montevideo usually range between a maximum of 19°C in the daytime and a minimum of 10°C at night. Please bring jacket for cold weather. Current weather conditions in the area can be found at: <http://worldweather.wmo.int/en/city.html?cityId=293>.

The standard time zone in Montevideo is Uruguay time (UYT) and is equivalent to GMT/UTC -3 hours.

11. Electricity

There are several types of plugs in use in Uruguay, the electrical currents are 230 Volts, 50 Hertz and the plugs used are shown below.



12. Currency



The currency in Uruguay is the Uruguyan Peso (UYU\$). The current exchange rate as at 12 April 2019 is US \$1 = UYU\$34.15 and € 1 = UYU \$38.55 (rates are subject to change, source: www.brou.com.uy).

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, accident and travel insurance for the period of participation prior to departure.

Annex A – Hotel Listing

<p>Current rate of exchange: US \$1 = UYU\$34.15 and € 1 = UYU \$38.55</p>
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LIST OF HOTELS WITH INDICATIVE ROOM RATES FOR 2019 IN URUGUAYAN PESOS
RATES ARE INDICATIVE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE

HOTELS	ROOM RATES IN AMERICAN DOLLARS (Rates on certain holidays / special events may not be available)	WALKING DISTANCE TO VENUE
1. Own Montevideo Website: https://www.ownhotels.com/en/montevideo/	US \$70 (special rate)	--
2. Esplendor by Wyndham Montevideo Punta Carretas Website: https://www.esplendormontevideo.com/en/	US \$83	200 m
3. Bit Design Hotel Punta Carretas Website: https://bitdesignhotel.com/	US \$162	300 m
4. Cala Di Volpe Boutique Hotel Website: https://www.hotelcaladivolpe.com.uy/	US \$79	350 m
5. Hotel Sheraton Montevideo Website: https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/mvdsi-sheraton-montevideo-hotel/	US \$145	400 m
6. Regency Golf Hotel Urbano Website: https://www.regencygolf.com.uy/?partner=3252&utm_source=GoogleSearch&utm_campaign=UY_GOLFsearchinstitucional&utm_medium=UY_GOLFsearchinstitucional&gclid=EAIAIQobChMIvO P_JXV4QIVS1uGCh0-IAILEAAYAIAAEgL3D_D_BwE	US \$65	450 m
7. Vivaldi Hotel Montevideo Website: https://www.vivaldihotel.uy/	US \$72	800 m
8. Intercity Premium – Hotel Intercity Montevideo Website: https://www.intercityhoteis.com.br/en/hotel-montevideo/hotel-intercity-montevideo/26/#hotel	US \$70	1000 m
9. Dazzler by Wyndham Montevideo Website: https://www.guestreservations.com/dazzler-montevideo/booking?gclid=EAIAIQobChMI8cWMy5fV4QIVjFuGCh3Q5wlaEAAYAIAAEgJTCfD_BwE	US \$80	1300 m

