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INFORMATION NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS

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1. Opening

The Regional Bio-Bridge Initiative Round Table for Africa will be held in Entebbe, Uganda from Tuesday, 7 December to Thursday, 9 November 2017. The round table will start at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, 7 November 2017 at Laico Lake Victoria Hotel.

2. Venue

The round table will be held at:

Laico Lake Victoria Hotel

Plot 23-31, Circular Road

Entebbe, Uganda

Tel: +256 312 310100

Website: <http://www.laicohotels.com/laico-lake-victoria>

3. Working language of the round table

The round table will be held in English with interpretation into French.

4. Documents



Participants are kindly reminded to bring their own copies of the pre-session documents for the round table as there will be no extra copies made available on site during the round table. Pre-session documents will be available on the Secretariat's web site at: <https://www.cbd.int/meetings/TSCWS-2017-02>

5. General information on access to Entebbe, Uganda



The city of Entebbe is serviced by the Entebbe International Airport which is approximately 6 km from the city centre and venue. Upon arrival at the airport, participants will be picked up by the Lake Victoria Hotel van/shuttle. Participants should look for a CBD placard displayed at the exist gate. Taxis are available at approximately US \$10-20 for participants who may wish to use them.

6. Visa information



Participants from certain countries require a visa for Uganda and are strongly advised to contact the nearest Ugandan 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 airlines may not allow boarding without a valid visa. Below is a listing of countries that do not require a visa to visit Uganda.

List of visa exempt countries that are not required to pay for visa to enter Uganda

Angola	Gambia	Seychelles
Antigua and Barbuda	Ghana	Sierra Leone
Bahamas	Grenada	Singapore
Barbados	Jamaica	Solomon Islands
Belize	Kenya	St-Vincent and the Grenadines
Burundi	Lesotho	Swaziland
Comoros	Malawi	Tonga
Cyprus	Malta	United Republic of Tanzania
Eritrea	Mauritius	Vanuatu
Fiji	Madagascar	Zambia
	Rwanda	Zimbabwe

A list of relevant Ugandan diplomatic/consular missions abroad is available on the same web site of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Uganda by choosing the “Missions Abroad” tab at the top of the page and selecting your region. <http://www.mofa.go.ug/>

The visa application form and further details on the process can be found on the web site of the Uganda Ministry of Tourism, Wildlife and Antiquities web site at.

Visa information general requirements are listed below:

<http://www.visituganda.com/explore/category/visa-and-entry-requirements>

1. A passport valid for at least six months from the date of entry into Uganda.
2. One completed Uganda visa application form.
3. One colour passport-size photo taken within the past six months.
4. Letter of invitation (from applicant's company if travelling for business - on company letterhead and signed by someone other than the applicant).

If you do not have a Ugandan Embassy/ High Commission in your country, you will be able to obtain a visa upon arrival at Entebbe International Airport.

For any additional information please contact the following people:

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To facilitate the issuance of visas, the Secretariat has issued visa assistance letters to be attached to the visa applications for all participants. This visa assistance letter was sent with the participants' funding letter.

7. **Hotel information**

A block booking has been made on behalf of all funded participants according to their flight itineraries. Any extra personal expenses incurred, such as room upgrades, laundry, phone calls, room service, mini-bar, etc., are the sole responsibility of the participant.

Self-funded participants who wish to stay at the same hotel can send a reservation request by e-mail directly to the hotel at reservations.laicolakevictoria@laicohotels.com or by phone +256 312 310100. Please mention the name of the round table in your request in order to benefit from the negotiated rate.

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

Funded participants will receive their relevant DSA during the round table.

9. **Official languages in Belarus**

The official languages in Uganda are English and Swahili.

10. **Weather and time zone information**

In November, temperatures in Entebbe, Uganda range between a maximum of 26.5°C in the daytime and a minimum of 17.8°C at night. There is also rain at this time of the year, so please bring appropriate clothing. Current weather conditions can be found at: <http://worldweather.wmo.int/en/city.html?cityId=1329>.

The standard time zone in Uganda is GMT/ UTC +3 hours.

11. **Electricity**

The electrical currents in Uganda are 240 Volts, 50 Hertz, the plugs are as shown in the illustration below.



12. **Currency**

The currency in Uganda is the Ugandan Shilling (UGX). The current exchange rate as at 10 October 2017 is 1 US\$ = 3,635.43 UGX and 1 € = 4305.54 UGX (rates are subject to change, source: www.xe.com).

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.
