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**EXPERT WORKSHOP TO DEVELOP OPTIONS FOR MODIFYING  
THE DESCRIPTION OF AREAS MEETING THE CRITERIA  
FOR ECOLOGICALLY OR BIOLOGICALLY SIGNIFICANT  
MARINE AREAS (EBSAS), FOR DESCRIBING NEW AREAS,  
AND FOR STRENGTHENING THE SCIENTIFIC CREDIBILITY  
AND TRANSPARENCY OF THE EBSA PROCESS**  
Berlin, Germany, 5-8 December 2017

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## 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

The Expert Workshop to Develop Options for Modifying the Description of Areas Meeting the Criteria for Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas (EBSAs), for describing new areas, and for strengthening the scientific credibility and transparency of the EBSA process will be held in Berlin, Germany from 5 to 8 December 2017. The meeting will start at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, 5 December 2017, and registration will take place at the venue.

## 2. VENUE

The meeting will be held at:

Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety  
Government of Germany  
Krausenstr. 17 -18  
10117 Berlin  
Room: R. 2.101a (see item 8 and annex A)

## 3. EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

For **emergency assistance only**, upon arrival or during your stay in Berlin during the workshop, please contact:

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Nicola Breier (+49 151 584 623 28 or [Nicola.Breier@bmub.bund.de](mailto:Nicola.Breier@bmub.bund.de)).

For all other inquiries or assistance, [secretariat@cbd.int](mailto:secretariat@cbd.int) or [Jacqueline.grekin@cbd.int](mailto:Jacqueline.grekin@cbd.int).

## 4. WORKING LANGUAGE OF THE WORKSHOP

The workshop will be held in English.

## 5. DOCUMENTS

Participants are kindly reminded to bring their own copies of the workshop documents as there will be no extra copies made available on site. Documents will be made available on the following web page:



<https://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=EBSAEM-2017-01>

## 6. GENERAL INFORMATION ON ACCESS TO BERLIN

Berlin is serviced by the Berlin - Schönefeld International Airport and Tegel Airport.

Schönefeld Airport is located approximately 16 km outside the city centre. Metered taxis are available at arrivals hall A. Cost to the city centre is approximately 30-35 € and travel time about 25-40 minutes depending on traffic.

From Schönefeld Airport to hotel (see item 8, below, Holiday Inn Express Berlin City Centre, Stresemannstrasse. 49): Airport Express Train travelling towards “Friedrichstrasse”, until station Friedrichstrasse; change to S-Train S1, S25 or S2, travelling towards Wannsee, Teltow Stadt or Blankenfelde until station “Anhalter Bahnhof”, and then walk approximately 300 m to the hotel.

Tegel Airport is located approximately 12 km outside the city centre. Metered taxis are available at arrivals hall A. Cost to the city centre is approximately 20-24 € and travel time is about 20-30 minutes depending on traffic.

From Tegel Airport to hotel (see item 8, below, Holiday Inn Express Berlin City Centre, Stresemannstrasse. 49): Bus TXL travelling towards “Berlin Alexanderplatz” until station “Hauptbahnhof”, change to Bus M41 travelling towards “Sonnenallee” until station “Willy-Brandt-Haus”, and then walk approximately 200 m to the hotel.

## 7. VISA INFORMATION

Participants from countries listed in annex B below require a Schengen entry visa for Germany and are strongly advised to contact the nearest German diplomatic or consular mission **as soon as possible** in order to secure the required entry visa in a timely manner, prior to departure. **It should be noted that airline companies will not allow boarding in the absence of a valid visa.** A list of relevant German diplomatic/consular missions abroad can be found at [http://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/EN/AAmt/Auslandsvertretungen/Uebersicht\\_node.html](http://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/EN/AAmt/Auslandsvertretungen/Uebersicht_node.html).

Information on visa procedures and the visa application form are available on the website of the German Federal Foreign Office at: [http://www.auswaertigesamt.de/EN/EinreiseUndAufenthalt/StaatenlisteVisumpflicht\\_node.html](http://www.auswaertigesamt.de/EN/EinreiseUndAufenthalt/StaatenlisteVisumpflicht_node.html).

## **8. HOTEL INFORMATION**

The **Holiday Inn Express Berlin City Centre** is offering a block of rooms for workshop participants (see annex C). **Please note that each participant is kindly requested to reserve her/his own room from the block booking. Reservations should be made no later than 13 November 2017** in order to benefit from the preferential room rate of 80 Euros for a single room with breakfast. Please note that the cancellation deadline for the individually reserved rooms is 3 December 2017. Rooms may be booked by e-mail (info@berab.hiexpress.com) or by telephone +4930 200 52 0. To benefit from the preferential room rate, kindly mention the following code: “CBD EBSA Workshop”.

**Holiday Inn Express Berlin City Centre**

**Stresemannstrasse 49**

**Berlin 10963**

**Germany**

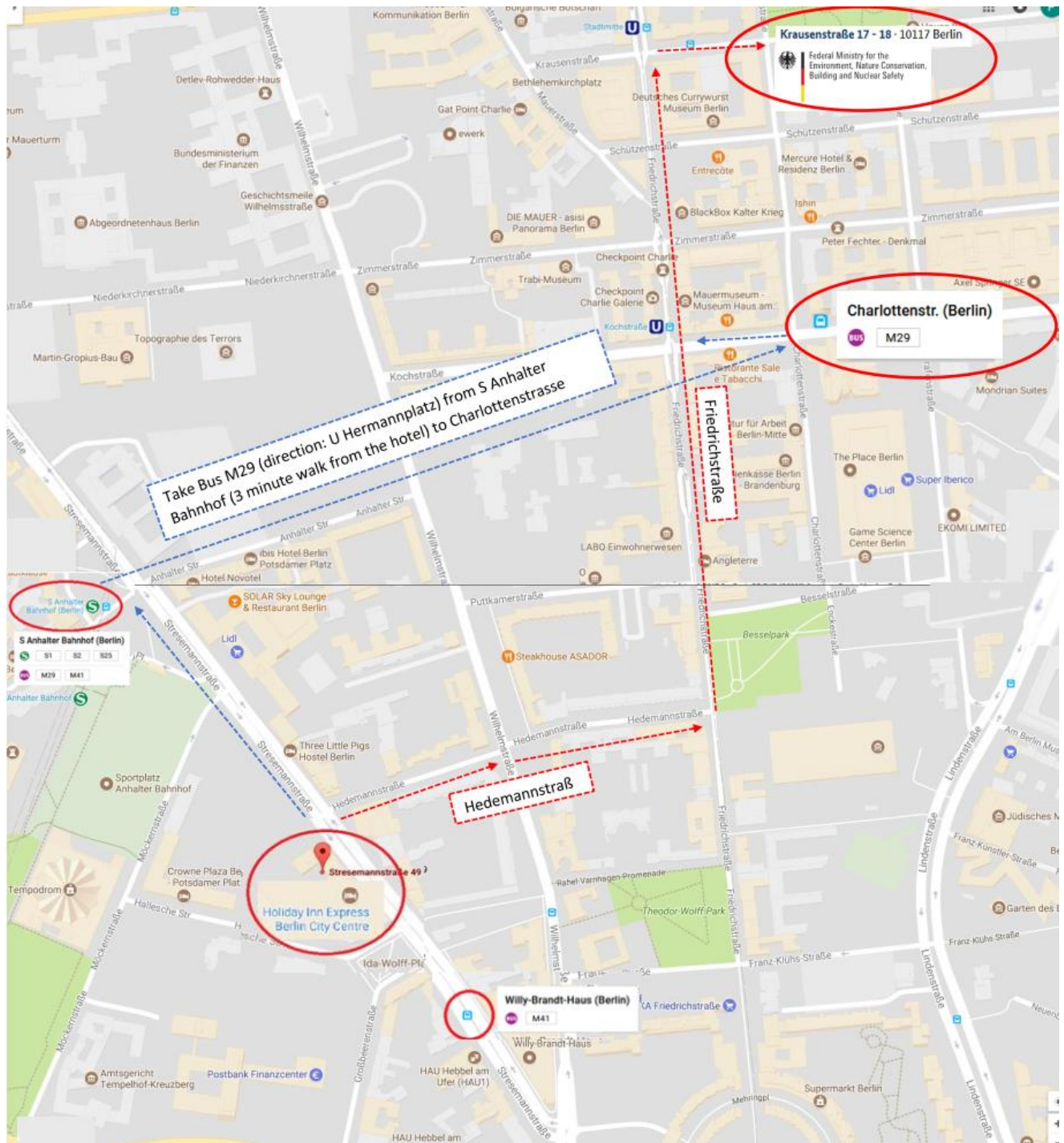
**Tel.: +49 30 200520**

**E-mail: info@berab.hiexpress.com**

**Web site: <https://www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/us/en/berlin/berab/hoteldetail>**

**Deadline for preferential rate of 80 Euros: 13 November 2017**

The distance from the hotel to the meeting venue is 15 minutes by public transport. Take Bus M29 (direction: U Hermannplatz) from S Anhalter Bahnhof (three-minute walk from the hotel) to Charlottenstrasse (departure every five minutes). The walking distance to the venue is 20 minutes.



--- Walking directions

--- Public transport

**Access to meeting venue from Holiday Inn Express Berlin City Centre.**

## 9. PAYMENT OF THE DAILY SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE (DSA)

Funded participants will receive the relevant portion of their DSA during the meeting. These participants are asked to present their passports, which will be photocopied and returned to them.

## 10. OFFICIAL LANGUAGE IN GERMANY

The official language in Germany is German. English is spoken in hotels and restaurants.

## 11. WEATHER AND TIME ZONE INFORMATION



In December, the average temperatures in Berlin typically range between 4°C in the daytime and between -1°C at night. Please bring appropriate clothing for winter conditions.

The standard time zone for Germany is GMT/UTC +1 hour.

## 12. ELECTRICITY

The electrical currents in Germany are 230 Volts, 50 Hertz and plugs are as shown below.



## 13. CURRENCY

The currency in Germany is the Euro (€). The current exchange rate as of 31 October 2017 is US \$1 = €0.86 and €1 = US \$1.16 (source: [www.xe.com](http://www.xe.com), rates are subject to change).

Currency exchange facilities are readily available in banks and hotels.

## 14. DISCLAIMER

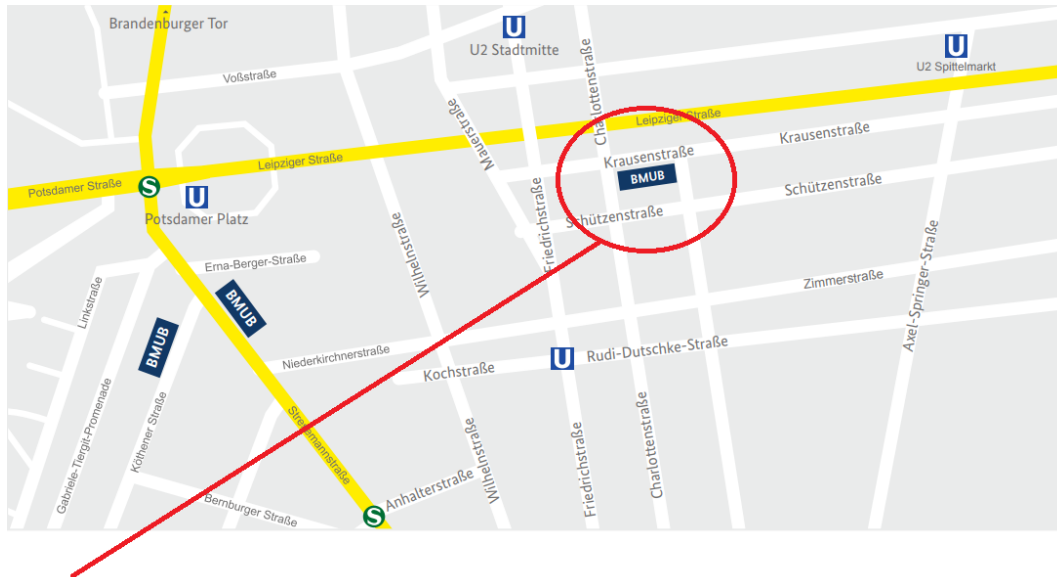
The CBD Secretariat disclaims all responsibility for medical, accident and travel insurance, for compensation for death or disability compensation, for loss of or damage to personal property and for any other loss that may be incurred during travel time or the period of participation. In this context, it is strongly recommended to secure international medical, accident and travel insurance for the period of participation prior to departure.

## Annex A – Venue Map



Federal Ministry for the  
Environment, Nature Conservation,  
Building and Nuclear Safety

**Krausenstraße 17 - 18 · 10117 Berlin**  
**Tel.: 030 / 18 305-0 | [www.bmub.bund.de](http://www.bmub.bund.de)**



### **Access directly to venue by train:**

**From Berlin Hauptbahnhof:** S-Bahn S3, S5, S7 (via Alexanderplatz) to station: S Friedrichstraße. Change to underground U6 (direction: Alt-Mariendorf) to station: U Stadtmitte

**From Ostbahnhof:** S-Bahn S3, S5, S7 (via Alexanderplatz) to station: S Friedrichstraße. Change to underground U6 (direction: Alt-Mariendorf) to station: U Stadtmitte

### **Access directly to venue from airport:**

**From Schönefeld airport:** Airport Express Train travelling towards “Friedrichstrasse”, until station Friedrichstrasse, change to S-Train S1, S25 or S2. Travelling towards Wannsee, Teltow Stadt or Blankenfelde until station “Anhalter Bahnhof”. Take Bus M29 (direction: U Hermannplatz) from S Anhalter Bahnhof to Charlottenstrasse (departures every five minutes).

**From Tegel airport:** Bus TXL travelling towards “Berlin Alexanderplatz” until station “Hauptbahnhof”. S-Bahn S3, S5, S7 (via Alexanderplatz) to station: S Friedrichstraße. Change to underground U6 (direction: Alt-Mariendorf) to station: U Stadtmitte

## Annex B – Country list for visas


### COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES WHOSE CITIZENS REQUIRE VISAS IN ORDER TO ENTER GERMANY AS VISITORS (AS LISTED ON THE WEBSITE OF THE GERMAN FEDERAL FOREIGN OFFICE)

Citizens of the following countries and territories require a visa to **visit** or **transit** Germany:

<b>A</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>U</b>
Afghanistan	Gabon	Namibia	Uganda
Algeria	Gambia	Nauru	Uzbekistan
Angola	Ghana	Nepal	
Armenia	Guinea	Niger	<b>V</b>
Azerbaijan	Guinea-Bissau	Nigeria	Viet Nam
	Guyana		
<b>B</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>Y</b>
Bahrain	Haiti	Oman	Yemen
Bangladesh			
Belarus	<b>I</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Z</b>
Belize	India	Pakistan	Zambia
Benin	Indonesia	Papua New Guinea	Zimbabwe
Bhutan	Iran, Islamic Republic of	Philippines	
Bolivia	Iraq	<b>Q</b>	
Botswana	<b>J</b>	Qatar	
Burkina Faso	Jamaica	<b>R</b>	
Burundi	Jordan	Russian Federation	
<b>C</b>	<b>K</b>	Rwanda	
Cambodia	Kazakhstan		
Cameroon	Kenya	<b>S</b>	
Cape Verde	Korea, Democratic	Sao Tomé e Príncipe	
Central African Republic	People's Republic of	Saudi Arabia	
Chad	Kuwait	Senegal	
China	Kyrgyzstan	Sierra Leone	
Comoros		Somalia	
Congo, Democratic	<b>L</b>	South Africa	
Republic of the	Lebanon	South Sudan	
Congo, Republic of the	Lesotho	Sri Lanka	
Côte d'Ivoire	Liberia	Sudan	
Cuba	Libya	Suriname	
<b>D</b>	<b>M</b>	Swaziland	
Djibouti	Madagascar	Syrian Arab Republic	
Dominican Republic	Malawi	<b>T</b>	
<b>E</b>	Maldives	Tajikistan	
Ecuador	Mali	Tanzania, United	
Egypt	Mauritania	Republic of	
Equatorial Guinea	Mongolia	Thailand	
Eritrea	Morocco	Togo	
Ethiopia	Mozambique	Tunisia	
<b>F</b>	Myanmar	Turkey	
Fiji		Turkmenistan	



## Annex C – Hotel information

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<b>Hotel Name</b>	<b>Holiday Inn Express Berlin City Centre***</b> Stresemannstrasse 49, 10963 Berlin  <b>Rating: 7,5 very good !</b> 82% of all HRS guest do recommend this hotel
<b>Additional information</b>	<a href="https://web3.hrs.de/web3/hotelData.do?client=de&amp;activity=photo&amp;hotelnumber=172018">https://web3.hrs.de/web3/hotelData.do?client=de&amp;activity=photo&amp;hotelnumber=172018</a> 
<b><u>Dates of travel</u></b>	<b>04.12. – 08.12.2017 (call in allotment)</b> 50 single rooms
<b><u>Price per room and night</u></b>	<b>€ 80,00</b> incl. breakfast buffet
<b><u>Pick up deadline:</u></b>	13.11.2017
<b><u>Cancellation deadline</u></b>	03.12.2017
<b><u>Code for pick up :</u></b>	<b>CBD EBSA workshop</b> Bookable via email: <a href="mailto:info@berab.hiexpress.com">info@berab.hiexpress.com</a> or telephone: +49 30 200 52 0

### Contact:

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