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INFORMATION NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS

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1. Opening of the Meeting

The Regional Consultation on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework for the Western European and Others Group and other members of the European Union will be held in Bonn, Germany from 19 to 21 March 2019. Registration will take place at the venue starting at 8:00 a.m. and the meeting will start at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, 19 March 2019. A reception will be hosted by the Government of Germany on the first evening of the Meeting.

2. Venue

The meeting will be held at:

Center of advanced European studies and research (caesar)

Ludwig-Erhard-Allee 2
53175 Bonn, Germany
Tel: +49-228-9656-0

Directions to venue can be found in annex A below on web page:

<https://www.caesar.de/en/contact.html>

The reception held on Tuesday, 19 March, will take place at:

Altes Rathaus (old town hall)

Markt 2
53111 Bonn

The venue is located in Bonn's city centre, within walking distance (600 m) from the central train station.

3. Working language of the Meeting

The meeting will be held in English.

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 training course. Documents are available on the Secretariat's website at:



<https://www.cbd.int/meetings/POST2020-WS-2019-02>

5. General information on access to Bonn

Bonn is serviced by three main airports, directions from each are shown below.

Airports

Cologne/Bonn

This is the closest airport to the meeting venue, located approximately 25 km from Bonn. There are regular bus connections to Bonn from Cologne/Bonn Airport. Additional information about the airport is available at: <http://www.koeln-bonn-airport.de/en.html>.

Dusseldorf

The Dusseldorf Airport is approximately 85 km from Bonn. There are regular train connections to Bonn from Dusseldorf Airport. Additional information about the airport can be found at: http://www.dus.com/dus_en/.

Frankfurt

The Frankfurt Airport is approximately 165 km away from Bonn. There are regular train connections between Frankfurt Airport and Bonn. Additional information about the airport is available at: <https://www.frankfurt-airport.com/en.html>.

Ground Transportation

Participants are requested to make their own arrangements for travel to and from the airport and venue.

Taxi

Taxis are available at the airports, “Bonn Hauptbahnhof/ Hbf” (Bonn central station), and the Bonn-Siegburg station. The fare for a one-way taxi ride to the venue is approximately: 60 € from Cologne-Bonn airport; 40 € from Bonn-Siegburg station; and 20 € from the Bonn central station.

Public transportation

From Cologne/Bonn Airport to Bonn central station (Bonn Hbf): Take the airport express SB60 bus in direction of Bonn Hbf from the airport and exit the bus at Bonn Hbf. The total travel time is approximately 30 minutes. The bus ticket (8,20 €) can be purchased from the bus driver.

From the Bonn-Siegburg train station to “Bonn Hbf” (central station): Transportation between these two train stations is via the #66 tram line in direction of “Ramersdorf/Königswinter/Bad Honnef”. Exit the tram at “Bonn Hbf”. The trip takes 20 minutes and the fare to the station is about 5 €.

6. Visa information



Participants from countries requiring a Schengen entry visa for Germany 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 <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/aussenpolitik/laenderinformationen>.

Information on visa procedures and the visa application form are available on the website of the German Federal Foreign Office at:

<https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/einreiseundaufenthalt/visabestimmungen-node> .

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

7. Hotel information

Participants are kindly requested to make their own hotel reservations as soon as possible. A list of hotels near the workshop venue and near Bonn central station is provided in the Annex B below.

There are a lot of other hotels located in Bonn. Information on hotels in Bonn is available at the following web page of the “Bonn Region – Tourism & Congress” website: <https://www.bonn-region.de/en/>

General information on hotels in the Bonn region and booking is also available at the following website of the hotel reservation service:

<https://www.hrs.de/web3/init.do?activity=initVisit&jsLangChange=true&differentLanguage=true&cid=64-3&clientId=ZW5fX05FWFQ->

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 in Germany

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

10. Weather and time zone information



In March, the average temperatures in Bonn typically range between 11°C in the daytime and between 3°C at night. Please bring appropriate clothing for winter conditions.

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

11. Electricity

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



12. Currency

The currency in Germany is the Euro (€). The current exchange rate as of 11 February 2019 is US \$1 = € 0.88 EUR and €1 = US \$ 1.13 (source: www.xe.com, rates are subject to change).

Currency exchange facilities are readily available in banks and hotels.

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 – Directions to venue

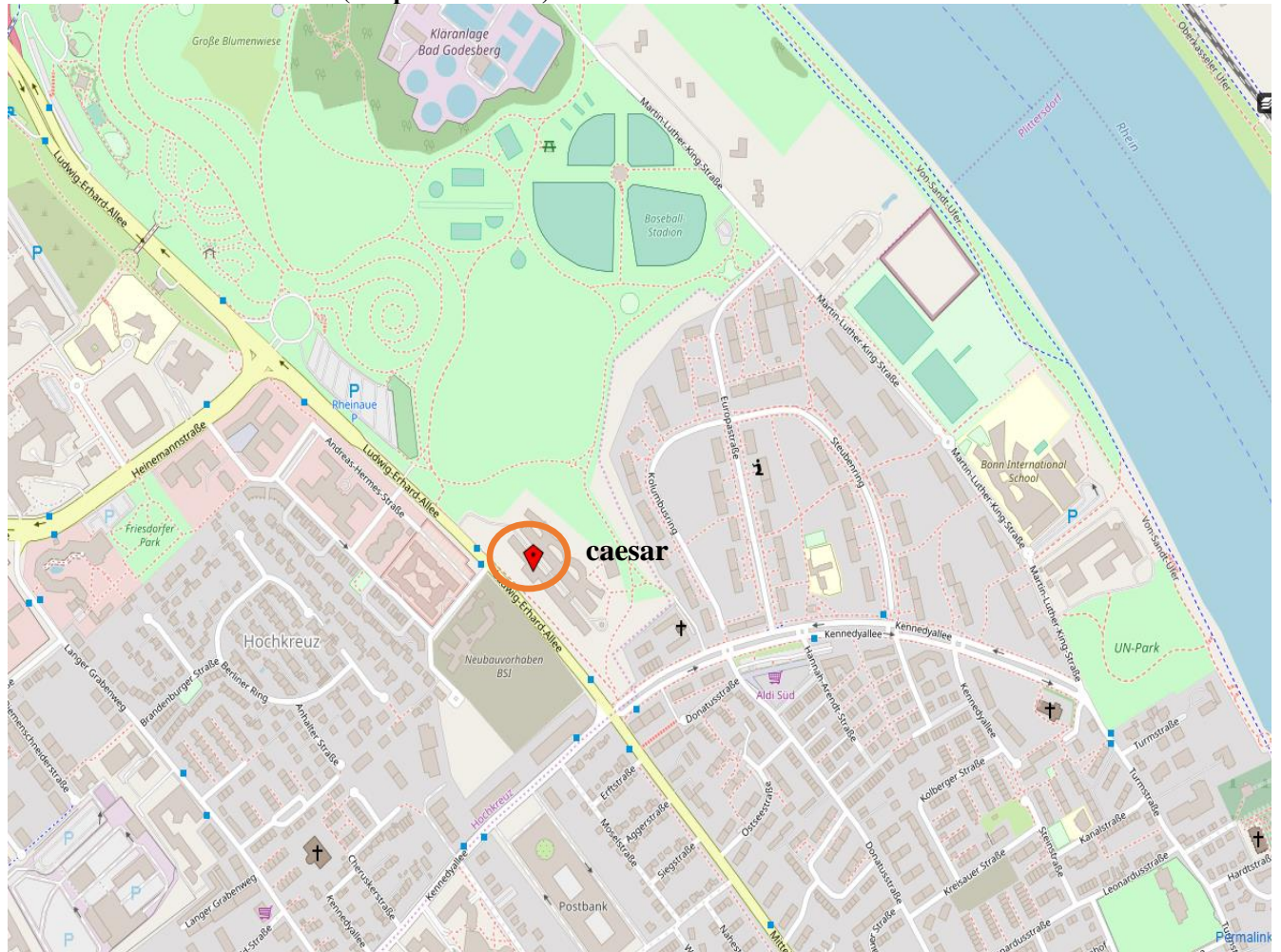
Directions to venue (Research Centre caesar) via public transport from Bonn central station:

- Take bus number 610 or 611 (direction Plittersdorf/Bad Godesberg/Heiderhof) from the bus stop located across the street from Bonn central station (Bonn Hbf).
- Get off at the 10th stop 'Kennedyallee' (located at the intersection of Kennedyallee and Ludwig-Erhard-Allee). It will take approximately 15 minutes.
- From there the conference venue is in walking distance only a few meters away.
- The ticket can be purchased from the bus driver and is about 3 €.

Timetable information for connections within the Bonn area (including the express bus to Cologne/Bonn airport and the trains to Bonn-Siegburg) can be found at:

<https://en.swb-busundbahn.de/tickets-and-tariffs/tariff-advisory.html>

1 Location of the venue caesar (red point in circle)



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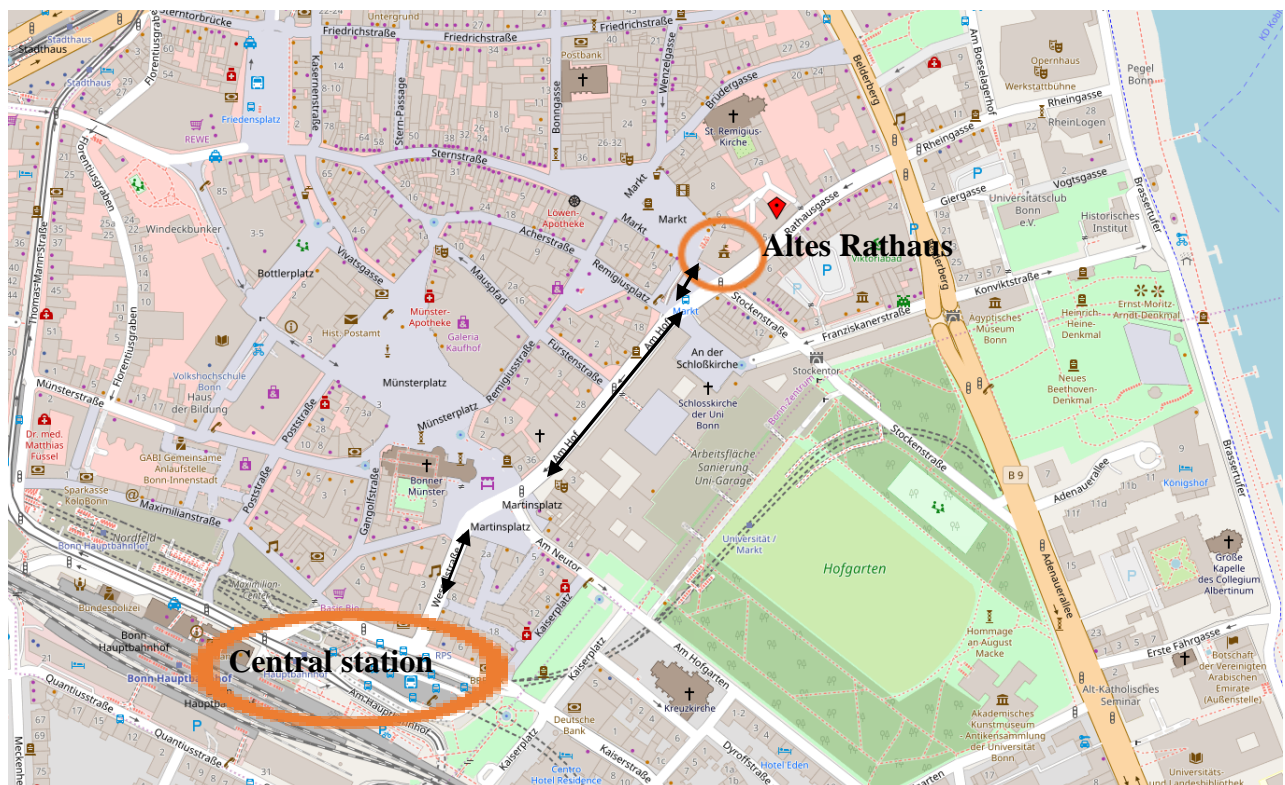
Directions to reception from venue (Research Centre caesar):

BMU will organize a shuttle service for all workshop participants from caesar to the old town hall (“Altes Rathaus”) on Tuesday evening.

Directions from Reception to Bonn central station:

- Exit the old town hall and turn left until you reach the street “Am Hof”.
- Walk along this street until you see the big church (Bonner Münster) to your right.
- Continue along “Wesselstraße” street until you reach Bonn central station.
- The total walking distance is about 600 meters.

2 Location of Bonn central station (Hauptbahnhof) and old town hall (Altes Rathaus) for the evening reception



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Annex B – Country list for Visa

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)

<https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/de/einreise-aufenthalt-deutschland/visabestimmungen-node/staatenlistevisumpflicht-node>

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

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

Annex C – Hotel Listing

LIST OF HOTELS NEAR THE MEETING VENUE OR BONN CENTRAL STATION Rates are indicative and subject to change

Hotels near the venue
<p>1. Gustav-Stresemann-Institut Langer Grabenweg 68 53175 Bonn, Germany Tel: +49 228 / 8107 - 222 Fax: +49 228 / 8107 - 198 Website: https://www.gsi-bonn.de/ Facilities Included: Wifi (free), Internet(free), Restaurant Single room: about US \$ 97,- / € 85,- 13 minutes walking distance along Heinemannstraße and Ludwig-Erhard-Allee</p>
<p>2. Maritim Hotel Bonn Godesberger Allee (Kurt-Georg-Kiesinger Allee 1) 53175 Bonn, Germany Tel: +49 228 / 8108-777 Fax: +49 228 / 8108-811 Website: https://www.maritim.de/de/hotels/deutschland/hotel-bonn/unser-hotel Facilities Included: Wifi(free), Internet(free), Restaurant Single room: about US \$ 142,- / € 125,- 17 minutes walking distance along Heinemannstraße and Ludwig-Erhard-Allee</p>
Hotels near Bonn central station
<p>3. Hotel Eden am Hofgarten Am Hofgarten 6 53113 Bonn, Germany Tel.: +49 228 / 289710 Website: http://eden-am-hofgarten.allbonnhotels.com/de/ Facilities Included: Wifi (free), Internet(free), Restaurant Single room: about US \$ 86,- / € 75,- 3 minutes walking distance along “Am Hofgarten” and “Kaiserplatz” to central station, then 25 minutes distance by bus no. 610/611 – 12 Stops</p>
<p>4. Sternhotel Bonn Markt 8 53111 Bonn, Germany Tel.: +49 0 228 72 67 0 Fax: +49 0 228 72 67 125 Website: https://www.sternhotel-bonn.de/de/ Facilities Included: Wifi (free), Internet(free) Single room: about US \$ 113,- / € 99,- Located directly near old town hall (evening reception venue), 600 meters walking distance to central station, from there 25 minutes distance by bus no. 610/611 – 12 Stops</p>

Hotels near Bonn central station
<p>5. Centro Hotel Residence Kaiserplatz 11 53113 Bonn, Germany Tel: +49 228 / 26970 Website: https://www.centro-hotels.de/ Facilities Included: Wifi (free), Internet(free), Restaurant Single room: about US \$ 170,- / € 150,- (Booking Code: Bund2019) Located opposite of central station, from there 25 minutes distance by bus no. 610/611 – 12 Stops</p>
<p>6. InterCity Hotel Bonn Quantiusstraße 22 53115 Bonn, Germany Tel: +49 228 / 926 181 513 reservations.bonn@intercityhotel.com Website: https://www.intercityhotel.com/hotels/alle-hotels/deutschland/bonn/intercityhotel-bonn?utm_source=bing&utm_medium=bing_ads&utm_content=ich&utm_campaign=bonn&msclkid=c7d8f1528a7f1af475dcad302b4c13be Facilities Included: Wifi (free), Internet(free), Restaurant Standard Singleroom US \$ 100,- / € 88,- Business Singleroom US \$ 113,- / € 98,- (Booking Code: CINOQZ) Located next to central station, from there 25 minutes distance by bus no. 610/611 – 12 Stops</p>

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