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THE NAGOYA-KUALA LUMPUR SUPPLEMENTARY
PROTOCOL ON LIABILITY AND REDRESS AND
THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY
Lilongwe, Malawi 19-23 February 2018

INFORMATION NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS

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1. Opening and registration

The African Regional Workshop on strengthening capacities for the integrated implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, the Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress and the Convention on Biological Diversity will be held in Lilongwe, Malawi from Monday, 19 February to Friday, 23 February 2018.

The meeting will start at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, 19 February and registration will take place at the venue of the meeting at 9:00 a.m. the same day.

2. Venue

The workshop will be held at:

Malawi Sogecoa Golden Peacock Hotel

Plot No 13/97, Area 13

Lilongwe, Malawi

Tel: +265-(0)177-6666 or 6668

Website: <http://www.sogecoagoldenpeacock.com/>

3. Working languages

The workshop will be held in English and French with interpretation.

4. Documents

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



<https://www.cbd.int/meetings/CPMBWS-2018-01>

5. General information on access to Lilongwe



Lilongwe is serviced by Kamuzu or Lilongwe International Airport (LLW/FWKI) (about 20 km from downtown). Taxis are available at the airport at a cost of about US \$15 (MKW 2200) and takes about 20 minutes. Airport shuttles are available from some hotels in the city to and from the airport and cost about US \$ (MKW 1500) and takes about 30 minutes. Kindly request the information when booking your reservation.

6. Visa information



Participants from countries listed in **annex A** below require an entry visa for Malawi and are strongly advised to contact the nearest Malawian diplomatic or consular mission **as soon as possible** in order to secure the required entry visa in a timely manner, prior to departure. A visa on arrival may be available for nationals of some countries, please check the web site. **Please note that some airline companies will not allow boarding in the absence of a valid visa.**

Information on visa procedures is available on the web site of Department of Immigration at: <http://www.immigration.gov.mw/visa.html> A visa upon arrival may be available to participants from certain countries, kindly consult the above web site for details.

The visa application form is available at the following link: <http://www.immigration.gov.mw/Documents/VISA%20FORM.pdf>

A list of relevant Malawian diplomatic/consular missions abroad can be found at the following link: <https://embassy.goabroad.com/embassies-of/malawi> .

7. Health information

Proof of yellow fever vaccination is required only if you are arriving from a country with risk of yellow fever. Ensure that all of your routine vaccinations are up-to-date. Antimalarial medication is recommended unless contraindicated.

For more information, please consult a medical professional with regard to the vaccination requirements for your travel.

8. Hotel information

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

Information on hotels in Lilongwe is available at the following web site:

<http://www.visitmalawi.mw/index.php/en/>



The **Malawi Sogecoa Golden Peacock Hotel (venue for the workshop)** offers a special rate to participants for a deluxe room at MK 77,000 (approx. 105 US\$), inclusive of breakfast and taxes. Participants may contact Faith Kamwela Phiri (faithkamwelaphiri@yahoo.com) or Malumbo Kondowe (kondowemalumbo@yahoo.com) at the hotel for reservations, indicating that they are participating in the “UNEP meeting”.

9. Payment of the Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA)

The DSA will be paid to participants during the workshop.

10. Official language

The official language of Malawi is English and the national language is Chichewa.

11. Weather and time zone information

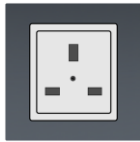


In February average temperatures in Lilongwe usually range between a maximum of +26°C in the daytime and a minimum of +17°C at night. Please bring warm clothing and an umbrella for rainy weather. Current weather conditions in the area can be found at: <http://www.metmalawi.com/> (Central area).

The standard time zone in Malawi is CAT (Central Africa Time) and is equivalent to GMT/UTC +2 hours.

12. Electricity

The electrical currents are 230 Volts, 50 Hertz and the type of plug used is shown below.



13. Currency



The currency in Malawi is the Malawian Kwacha (MWK). The current exchange rate as at 16 January 2018 is US \$1 = 724.02 MWK 724.02 and € 1 = 887.63 MWK (rates are subject to change, source: www.xe.com).

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 – Country Listing

COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES WHOSE CITIZENS REQUIRE VISAS IN ORDER TO ENTER MALAWI AS VISITORS (AS LISTED ON THE WEB SITE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION OF MALAWI)

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

A

Afghanistan
Algeria
Angola

B

Bangladesh
Burkina Faso
Burundi

C

Cameroon
Central African Republic
Chad
China
Colombia
Congo, Democratic
Republic of the
Cuba

D

Djibouti

E

Egypt
Eritrea
Ethiopia

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Ghana

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India
Iran, Islamic Republic of
Iraq

K

Kazakhstan

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Lebanon
Liberia
Libya

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Mali
Mauritania
Morocco

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Nepal
Niger
Nigeria

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Oman

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Pakistan
Palestinian Authority

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Qatar

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Russian Federation
Rwanda

S

Senegal
Serbia
Somalia
South Sudan
Sri Lanka
Sudan

T

Tajikistan
Togo
Tunisia
Turkey
Turkmenistan

U

Ukraine
United Arab Emirates
Uzbekistan

Y

Yemen

