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THEMATIC WORKSHOP ON ECOSYSTEM  
RESTORATION FOR THE POST-2020  
GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK  
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 6-8 November 2019

And related pre-workshops  
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 4-5 November, 2019

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## 1. Opening and Registration

The workshop and related pre-workshops are being held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

- 4-5 November: The preparatory workshop on ecosystem restoration organized by the Post 2020 Biodiversity Framework-EU support project will be held from 4 to 5 November 2019. Registration will begin at 8.30 am on 4 November at the venue of the meeting, and the workshop will begin at 9 am.
- 5 November: The workshop on guiding restoration planning organized by the International Institute for Sustainability (IIS) will be held on 5 November 2019. Registration will begin at 9 am on 5 November at the venue of the meeting, followed by the workshop.
- 6-8 November: The Thematic Workshop on Ecosystem Restoration for the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework will be held from 6 to 8 November 2019. Registration will begin at 8 am on 6 November at the venue of the meeting. The meeting will begin at 9 am on 6 November.

## 2. Venues

The three workshops each have different venues.

### A. The preparatory workshop on ecosystem restoration organized by the Post 2020 Biodiversity Framework-EU support project (4-5 November) will be held at:

Museu do Meio Ambiente (Museum of the Environment)  
R. Jardim Botânico, 1008 / Botanical Gardens  
Jardim Botânico, Rio de Janeiro/RJ  
CEP: 22460-000  
Website: <http://museudomeioambiente.jbrj.gov.br/>

### B. The workshop on guiding restoration planning organized by the International Institute for Sustainability (IIS) (on 5 November) will be held at:

International Institute for Sustainability (IIS)  
Estrada Dona Castorina, 124  
Horto, Rio de Janeiro/RJ  
CEP: 22460-320  
Phone: + 55-21-3875-6218  
Website: <http://www.iis-rio.org/en/>

### C. The Thematic Workshop on Ecosystem Restoration for the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework (6-8 November) will be held at:

Windsor Marapendi Hotel  
Av. Lúcio Costa, 5400  
Barra da Tijuca, Rio de Janeiro/RJ  
CEP: 22630-012  
Phone: +55-21- 2195-9900  
Web: <https://windsorhoteis.com/hotel/windsor-marapendi/>

### 3. Working language of the workshops

The workshops will be held in English.

### 4. Documents

Background documents will be available, in due course, at <https://www.cbd.int/conferences/post2020/POST2020-WS-2019-11/documents> and at <https://www.4post2020bd.net>.

Participants are requested to bring their own copies of the background documents to the workshops as there will be no extra copies available on site.

Sponsored participants are requested to bring their passport on the first day of the meeting, with the Brazilian entry stamp page bookmarked, and with the air travel boarding passes.

### 5. General information on access to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Rio de Janeiro is serviced by the Rio de Janeiro International Airport – Tom Jobim (about 35 km from the Windsor Marapendi Hotel and surroundings; and about 22 km from the Jardim Botânico neighbourhood). The Secretariat is not providing airport pick-up. Taxis are available at the airport. It is recommended to use taxi companies with fixed fare. The taxi attendance window is located inside the restricted arrival area, before you leave the airport, or the service could be hired in advance by:

- Coopertramo: <https://www.radio-taxi.com.br/?l=en>
- Cootramo: <https://www.cootramo.com.br/?lingua=I>
- Aerocoop: <http://www.aerocoop.com.br/> (*in portuguese*)

This service, if arranged in the attendance window, can be paid by credit card. Please note that in Rio de Janeiro, the yellow taxi fares **can only be paid in cash** (Brazilian Real, local currency), credit cards are not accepted. The rate for the trip from the airport to Barra da Tijuca is approximately 160 BRL (Approx. US \$40) and the journey takes approximately 1 hour depending on traffic. For participants attending the pre-workshop(s) and choosing to stay closer to that venue (area of the Botanic Garden), the rate for the trip to Copacabana, for example, is approximately 130 BRL (Approx. US\$33) and the journey takes approximately 45 minutes depending on traffic. Within the city, the hotels have local transportation companies on hand to recommend. The usage of Uber is also recommended.

### 6. Visa information

Participants from countries listed in annex A **do not** require an entry visa for Brazil. Participants from all other countries are strongly advised to contact the nearest Brazilian diplomatic or consular mission **as soon as possible** in order to secure the required entry visa, including transit ones, in a timely manner, prior to departure. The visa application process can be lengthy, so please allow sufficient time to obtain your visa. **It should be noted that airline companies will not allow boarding in the absence of a valid visa.**

A list of relevant Brazilian diplomatic/consular missions abroad can be found at <http://www.itamaraty.gov.br/en/foreign-missions-in-brazil> (*partially in English, mostly Portuguese*)

Information on visa requirements and procedures are available at: <http://www.portalconsular.itamaraty.gov.br/vistos-para-viajar-ao-brasil>.

The Government of Brazil is facilitating “courtesy Visas” which would still require travel to an Embassy to obtain the visa (i.e. this is not a visa-on-arrival). Should you require this service, please send your full name as on passport, the full details of your passport (number, validity dates, issue place) and the city and country of the Brazilian embassy at which you will request the visa, to [lisa.janishevski@cbd.int](mailto:lisa.janishevski@cbd.int).

## **7. Health information**

In accordance to the World Health Organization procedures, Brazil is listed as a country with risk of yellow fever transmission, therefore, it is recommended the vaccination. The vaccination, valid for ten years, must have taken place at least 10 (ten) days prior to arrival in Brazil. However, Brazil do not require Certificate of Vaccination or Revaccination against Yellow Fever upon arrival.

For more information or your vaccination requirements for Brazil, please consult a medical professional prior to your travel.

## **8. Hotel information**

Please note that each participant must make her/his own accommodation arrangements. Participants are strongly encouraged to stay at the hotels indicated below due to their proximity to the venues. For those participating in pre-workshop(s) (4-5 November) and the CBD workshop (6-8 November) it is recommended to reserve 2 different hotels to accommodate the different venue locations, and to reduce being stuck in traffic.

The organizers have negotiated special rates on preliminary room allocations with some of the hotels as indicated below.

### **A. Hotels close to the Windsor Marapendi Hotel (for the CBD workshop on 6-8 November)**

#### **1. Windsor Marapendi Hotel (the workshop venue)**

Address: Av. Lúcio Costa, 5400

Barra da Tijuca, Rio de Janeiro/RJ

CEP: 22630-012

Phone: +55-21- 2195-9900

Web: <https://windsorhoteis.com/hotel/windsor-marapendi/> (in Portuguese)

Please indicate the participation at “the UN event from 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> November” at the time of your reservation to benefit from the special rate, as follows:

- Standard SGL/DBL - R\$337,00 + 10% + 5% per night
- Superior SGL/DBL - R\$395,00 + 10% + 5% per night
- Superior Executivo SGL/DBL - R\$462,00 + 10% + 5% per night

2. **Hotel Stilo Barra Rio**  
Address: R. Marcelo Roberto, 65  
Barra da Tijuca, Rio de Janeiro/RJ  
CEP: 22630-012  
Phone: +55-21- 3509-9000  
Web: <https://www.laghettohoteis.com.br/hoteis/rio-de-janeiro/stilo-barra-rio>
  - Standard – **approx.** R\$270,00 per nightPlease indicate the reservation code “CBD2019” at the time of your reservation to benefit from this (approximate) special rate of 15% discount (actual price may vary). The regular room rate is approx. R\$320,00.
3. **Brisa Barra Hotel**  
Address: Av. Lúcio Costa, 5700  
Barra da Tijuca, Rio de Janeiro/RJ  
CEP: 22620-172  
Phone: +55-21-3433-6600  
E-mail: reservas.bb@rialehoteis.com.br
  - Standard – approx. R\$ 250,00 per night
4. **Hotel Praia Linda**  
Address: Avenida do Pepê, 1430  
Barra da Tijuca – Rio de Janeiro, RJ  
Phone: +55-21-2494-2186 or 2494-2197 or 2494-4008  
E-mail: [reservas@hotelpraialinda.com.br](mailto:reservas@hotelpraialinda.com.br)
  - Standard – approx. R\$230,00 per night
5. **IBIS Rio de Janeiro Barra da Tijuca**  
Address: Avenida Gilberto Amado, 41  
Barra Da Tijuca – Rio de Janeiro/RJ  
Phone: +55-21-3721-7560  
E-mail: h8182-re@accor.com.br
  - Standard – approx. R\$150,00 per night
6. **Promenade Link Stay**  
Address: Avenida Ayrton Senna, 2.600  
Barra da Tijuca – Rio de Janeiro/RJ  
Phone: +55-21-2106-2323  
E-mail: reservas@promenade.com.br
  - Double – approx. R\$260,00 per night
7. **Tropical Barra Hotel**  
Address: Avenida do Pepe, 500  
Barra da Tijuca, Rio de Janeiro/RJ  
Phone: +55-21-2158-9292  
Web: <http://www.tropicalbarrahotel.com.br/default.asp>
  - Standard – approx. R\$200,00 per night

**B. Hotels close to the pre-workshops** (4-5 November) venues (i.e. close to the Botanic Garden) are available below:

1. Hotel Atlântico Rio  
R. Xavier da Silveira, 112 - Copacabana, Rio de Janeiro - RJ, 22061-010  
Web: <https://www.atlanticorio.com.br/>  
Rate: approx. R\$ 170,00
2. Hotel Savoy Othon  
Av. Nossa Sra. de Copacabana, 995 - Copacabana, Rio de Janeiro - RJ, 22060-001  
Web: <https://www.othon.com.br/hotel-copacabana/savoy-othon/>  
Rate: approx. R\$ 200,00
3. Gávea BNB  
R. dos Oitis, 39 - Gávea, Rio de Janeiro - RJ, 22451-050  
Web: <https://www.gaveabnb.com/en-us>  
Rate: approx. R\$ 270,00

Participants will be requested to provide a credit card upon check-in at the hotel. Sponsored participants are encouraged to secure their hotel booking with a credit card, or by withdrawing cash (in Brazilian Real) at the airport or at the hotel at the time of the check-in.

#### **9. Payment of the daily subsistence allowance (DSA)**

The DSA will be paid to the sponsored participants on the first day of the workshop(s). Sponsored participants are requested to bring their passport on the first day of the meeting, with the Brazilian entry stamp page bookmarked, and with the air travel boarding passes.

#### **10. Official language in Brazil**

The official language in Brazil is Portuguese, however, many people understand Spanish. English is spoken in some hotels and restaurants.

#### **11. Weather and time zone information**

In November, the average temperatures in Rio de Janeiro range between a maximum of 28°C and a minimum of 22°C. The rainy season is during the months of November through March. Please bring appropriate attire. Current weather conditions can be found at: <http://worldweather.wmo.int/en/city.html?cityId=1080>.

The standard time zone at the time of the meeting will be GMT/UTC - 3 hours. There is no daylight-saving time at the moment. Time zone abbreviation: BRT – Brasília time.

#### **12. Electricity**

In Rio de Janeiro, the voltage is 110 volts, 60 Hertz. Participants using their own electrical appliances are advised to check the voltage before use.

The type N socket and plug are the official standard in Brazil. Type C plugs are also official, but not type C sockets. This does not pose a problem, however, since type C plugs are

100% compatible with type N sockets as shown in the figure below. However, it is highly recommended that participants bring their own adapters, because different types of electrical sockets are used in Brazil.



### **13. Currency and rate of exchange**

The Brazilian currency is the Real (BRL). The current exchange rate as at 4 October 2019 is 1.00 USD = 4.06 BRL and 1 EUR = 4.46 BRL (rates are subject to change, source: [www.xe.com](http://www.xe.com)).

The Real is the only legal currency in Brazil and all payments for goods or services must be made in Real or by credit card. Visa and MasterCard are widely accepted by establishments in Brazil. Other international cards, such as Diners Card and American Express, are also accepted, although the number of establishments may be fewer. Cash and traveller checks can be exchanged in banks, travel agencies and some hotels.

### **14. Disclaimer**

The Brazilian Government and the CBD Secretariat disclaim 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. Along these lines, it is strongly recommended that participants make the proper arrangements for international medical/travel insurance with coverage for the entire period of their stay in Brazil prior to departure.

## 15. Emergency Contacts

<b>Police</b>	<b>190</b>
<b>Ambulance</b>	<b>192</b>
<b>Fire Department</b>	<b>193</b>
<b>Civil Defense</b>	<b>199</b>
<b>Integrated Tourist Assistance Center</b>	<b>+5521 2541-7522</b>
<b>Special Office of Tourism Support</b> <b>Address: Av. Afrânio de Melo Franco, 159 - Leblon, Rio de Janeiro - RJ, 22430-190</b>	<b>+5521 2332-2924</b>
<b>List of Consular Contacts</b> <i>(in Portuguese)</i>	<b><a href="http://www.riodejaneirohotel.com.br/taober-admin/fotos/2016,06,10-9ad59.pdf">http://www.riodejaneirohotel.com.br/taober-admin/fotos/2016,06,10-9ad59.pdf</a></b>



## Annex A

### Countries and territories whose citizens are not required to have a visa in order to enter Brazil as visitors (dates of stay vary)

Information is available at the following link of the Ministry of External Relations:

<http://www.portalconsular.itamaraty.gov.br/images/qgrv/QGRV-simples-ing-190608.pdf>

#### **A**

Albania  
Andorra  
Antigua and Barbuda  
Argentina  
Armenia  
Australia  
Austria

#### **B**

Bahamas  
Barbados  
Belarus  
Belgium  
Belize  
Bolivia  
Bosnia & Herzegovina  
Bulgaria

#### **C**

Canada  
Chile  
Colombia  
Costa Rica  
Croatia  
Cyprus  
Czech Republic

#### **D**

Denmark  
Dominica

#### **E**

Ecuador  
El Salvador  
Estonia

#### **F**

Fiji  
Finland  
France

#### **G**

Georgia  
Germany  
Greece  
Grenada  
Guatemala  
Guyana

#### **H**

Holy See  
Honduras  
Hungary

#### **I**

Iceland  
Indonesia  
Ireland  
Israel  
Italy

#### **J**

Jamaica  
Japan

#### **K**

Kazakhstan  
Korea, Republic of

#### **L**

Latvia  
Liechtenstein  
Lithuania  
Luxembourg

#### **M**

Malaysia  
Malta  
Mexico  
Monaco  
Mongolia  
Montenegro  
Morocco

#### **N**

Namibia  
Netherlands  
New Zealand  
Nicaragua  
North Macedonia  
Norway

#### **P**

Panama  
Paraguay  
Peru  
Philippines  
Poland  
Portugal

#### **R**

Romania  
Russian Federation

#### **S**

Saint Kitts and Nevis  
Saint Vincent and the  
Grenadines  
San Marino  
Serbia  
Seychelles  
Singapore  
Slovakia  
Slovenia  
South Africa  
Spain  
Suriname  
Sweden  
Switzerland

#### **T**

Thailand  
Trinidad and Tobago  
Tunisia  
Turkey

#### **U**

Ukraine  
United Arab Emirates  
United Kingdom  
United States of America  
Uruguay

#### **V**

Venezuela