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Montreal, Canada, 9 December 2017

WORKSHOP ON SPATIAL TOOLS FOR THE
PREPARATION OF THE SIXTH NATIONAL REPORT
Montreal, Canada, 10 December 2017

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1. Opening and registration

The Workshop on the Preparation of the Sixth National Report and the Workshop on Spatial Tools for the Preparation of the Sixth National Report will be held in Montreal, Canada on 9 and 10 December 2017 (Saturday and Sunday) respectively, prior to the twenty-first meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice.

Registration for the Saturday, 9 December workshop will start from 9:30 a.m. Registration for SBSTTA-21 and WG8J-10 will start from 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, 10 December. Security will be in place as of Sunday morning and workshop participants must therefore obtain the official meeting badge at the registration desk, even if they participated in the workshop the previous day.

The workshop on **9 December will take place in Room 523** of the venue below, and the Workshop on **10 December will take place in Room 518A** of the venue below. Both workshops will start at 10:00 a.m.

2. Venue

The workshops will be held at:

Palais des Congrès de Montréal
Fifth Floor, Rooms 523 and 518A
Convention and Exhibition Center
1001 Place Jean Paul Riopelle (main entrance)
Montréal (Québec)
Canada H2Z 2B3

Metro station Place-d'Armes, line no. 2 (Orange), exit directly into venue.

There are several other entrances to the building: metro station (Place D'Armes), St-Antoine West, Viger West, Jeanne-Mance, and St-Urbain streets.

3. Working language

The workshops will be held in English. Attempts will be made to facilitate contributions made in other languages.

4. Documents

Participants are kindly reminded to bring their own copies of the documents for the workshops as there will be no extra copies made available on site. Documents will be available on the web pages listed below.



Workshop on the Preparation of the Sixth National Report:

<https://www.cbd.int/meetings/NRWS-2017-01>

Workshop on Spatial Tools for the Preparation of the Sixth National Report:

<https://www.cbd.int/meetings/NRWS-2017-02>

5. General information on access to Montreal



Montreal is serviced by Montreal-Trudeau International Airport (20 km from downtown). Taxis and a bus (No. 747) are available at the airport. The information on rates is as follows.

Bus:	One way trip
Montreal-Trudeau Airport/Downtown (several locations) STM Express bus No. 747 (runs 24 hrs a day)	CAD \$10 (Fares can be purchased from the automated dispensers at the international arrivals level. The \$10 fare can also be paid in cash with exact change in coins only on board the bus. More information: http://www.stm.info/en/info/networks/bus/shuttle/more-about-747-aeroport-p-e-trudeau-centre-ville-shuttle)
Taxis: Montreal-Trudeau /Downtown	CAD \$40 Fixed rate

6. Visa information



Participants from countries listed in **annex A** require an entry visa for Canada and are strongly advised to contact the nearest Canadian 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 airline companies will not allow boarding in the absence of a valid visa.**

Information on visa procedures, including a list of relevant Canadian diplomatic/consular missions abroad, is available on the web site of Immigration and Citizenship Canada at: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/information/offices/apply-where.asp>.

A number of countries also require Biometrics (fingerprints and photos) in order to enter Canada on a visa; they are listed in annex A with an asterisk. Information can be found at the following link: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/biometrics.asp>.

On-line visa application:

Anyone can apply online for a visa to enter Canada. However individuals who are required to provide biometrics still need to present themselves at a Visa Application Centre (VAC); <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/information/offices/vac.asp> to provide this information. An application will not go forward without the biometric information. The CIC will send you a biometric instruction letter by email through your MyCIC account when they receive your application. Read and print this letter and bring it, along with your passport or other travel documents, to a VAC to give your biometrics. Find your closest VAC at <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/biometrics.asp?expand=map#map>.

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

Important: Please continuously check your MyCIC visa application account for any incoming e-mails, queries, requests for more information, and responses from the visa office.

Visa-exempt foreign nationals must obtain an Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA) to fly to or transit through Canada. Travelers are required to have an eTA before they can board a flight to Canada. Exceptions include U.S. citizens and travellers with a valid Canadian visa. Canadian citizens, including dual citizens, and Canadian permanent residents cannot apply for an eTA.

Applying for the eTA is an online process which takes only a few minutes to complete. The eTA will be valid for 5 years or upon expiry of your passport. There is a fee of CAN \$7.00 for the eTA.

The eTA link is as follows: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/visas.asp>

7. Hotel information

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

Below is an indicative list of hotels (**Annex B**) located in the vicinity of the CBD Secretariat or close to a Metro (subway) station. Note that hotels are offering special room rates. Please see the information provided in the annex.

Further information on hotels in Montreal is available at the following web site:

<http://www.tourisme-montreal.org/Accommodations>



8. Payment of the Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA)

The DSA will be paid to eligible participants to whom the Secretariat has issued funding letters.

9. Official languages

There are two official languages in Canada: English and French. French is the official language of Quebec, however English is widely spoken in Montreal.

10. Weather and time zone information



In December average temperatures in Montreal usually range between a maximum of -4°C in the daytime and a minimum of -14°C at night. Please bring warm clothing for winter conditions. Current weather conditions in the area can be found at: <http://worldweather.wmo.int/en/city.html?cityId=634>.

The standard time zone in Montreal is Eastern Standard Time and is equivalent to GMT/UTC -5 hours.

11. Electricity

The electrical currents are 120 volts, 60 Hertz and the plugs used are shown below.



12. Currency



The currency in Canada is the Canadian Dollar (CAD \$). The current exchange rate as at 21 November 2017 is US \$1 = CAD \$1.25 and € 1 = CAD \$1.47 (rates are subject to change, source: <http://www.xe.com>).

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 – Country Listing

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

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

A	E (cont'd)	M	S (Cont'd)
Afghanistan*	Eritrea*	Madagascar	Saudi Arabia*
Albania*	Ethiopia	Malawi	Senegal
Algeria*	F	Malaysia	Serbia
Angola	Fiji	Maldives	Seychelles
Argentina	G	Mali	Sierra Leone
Armenia	Gabon	Marshall Islands	Somalia*
Azerbaijan	Gambia, The	Mauritania	South Africa
B	Georgia	Mauritius	South Sudan*
Bahrain	Ghana	Micronesia, Fed. States of	Sri Lanka*
Bangladesh*	Grenada	Moldova	Sudan*
Belarus	Guatemala	Mongolia	Suriname
Belize	Guinea	Montenegro	Swaziland
Benin	Guinea-Bissau	Morocco	Syrian Arab Republic*
Bhutan	Guyana	Mozambique	
Bolivia	H	Myanmar*	T
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Haiti*	N	Tajikistan
Botswana	Honduras	Namibia	Tanzania, United Republic of
Brazil	I	Nauru	Thailand
Bulgaria	India	Nepal	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Burkina Faso	Indonesia	Nicaragua	Togo
Burundi	Iran, Islamic Republic of *	Niger	Tonga
C	Iraq*	Nigeria*	Trinidad and Tobago
Cabo Verde	Israel	O	Tunisia*
Cambodia*	J	Oman	Turkey
Cameroon	Jamaica*	P	Turkmenistan
Central African Republic	Jordan*	Pakistan*	Tuvalu
Chad	K	Palau	U
China	Kazakhstan	Palestinian Authority*	Uganda
Colombia*	Kenya	Panama	Ukraine
Comoros	Kiribati	Paraguay	United Arab Emirates
Congo, Democratic Republic of the*	Korea, Democratic People's Republic of	Peru	Uruguay
Congo, Republic of the	Kuwait	Philippines	Uzbekistan
Costa Rica	Kyrgyzstan	Q	V
Cote d'Ivoire	L	Qatar	Vanuatu
Cuba	Lao, People's Democratic Republic of*	R	Venezuela
D	Lebanon*	Romania	Viet Nam*
Djibouti	Lesotho	Russian Federation	Y
Dominica	Liberia	Rwanda	Yemen*
Dominican Republic	Libya*	S	Z
E	Lithuania	Saint Kitts and Nevis	Zambia
East Timor		Saint Lucia	Zimbabwe
Ecuador		Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	
Egypt*		Sao Tomé e Príncipe	
El Salvador			
Equatorial Guinea			

***: Countries requiring biometrics (fingerprints and photos).**

Current rate of exchange:
US \$1 = CDN \$1.25 and €1 = CDN \$1.47

Annex B – Hotel Listing

LIST OF HOTELS WITH INDICATIVE ROOM RATES FOR 2017 IN CANADIAN DOLLARS
PRICES DO NOT INCLUDE THE APPLICABLE TAXES: GST 5% + PST 9.975% and accommodation tax 3.5%
RATES ARE INDICATIVE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE

HOTELS	ROOM RATES IN CANADIAN DOLLARS (Rates on certain holidays / special events may not be available)	DISTANCE TO THE MEETING VENUE (Walking)	REMARKS		
1. Hotel Inter-Continental Montreal 360 St. Antoine Street West, Montreal, Quebec Tel.: +1-514-847-8525 America toll free: 1-800-361-3600 Fax: +1-514-847-8730 E-mail: yulhb-reservations@ihg.com Reservation link: Hotel Intercontinental Montreal - ICAO / UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS Web site: http://www.ihg.com/intercontinental/en/gb/reservations/dates-preferences/montreal	Please request the <u>ICAO</u> Rates at the time of booking. <u>Standard Room</u> Jan 1 - Apr 10: \$169.00 Apr 11- Oct 27: \$205.00 Oct 28 - Dec 31: \$169.00 <u>Club Room</u> Jan 1 - Apr 10 : \$209.00 Apr 11- Oct 27 : \$245.00 Oct 28 - Dec 31 : \$209.00	5 minutes	Rates include: High speed internet		
2. Hyatt Regency Montreal 1255 Jeanne-Mance Montreal, Quebec, H5B 1E5 Tel: +1-514- 982-1234 Fax: +1-514-841-2069 Web site: www.montreal.hyatt.com Reservation link: http://montreal.hyatt.com/en/hotel/home.html?corp_id=78642	Please request the <u>ICAO</u> rates at the time of booking or group code #78642 for online bookings. Jan – May \$159.00 June – Oct \$199.00 Nov – Dec \$159.00 Note: Rates are for standard single room only; other upgraded rooms types and suites are available for additional charges.	10 minutes	Rates include: High speed internet		
3. Square Phillips (Hotel & Suites) 1193 Place Phillips Montreal, Quebec, H3B 3C9 Tel. +1-514-393-1193 Fax: +1-514-393-1192 E-mail: info@squarephillips.com Web site: www.squarephillips.com	Please request <u>SCBD</u> rates at the time of booking. Daily (D) and weekly (W) rates available (For single or double occupancy) <table><tr><td><u>Studio:</u> Jan–Apr (D \$134.00-W \$125.00) May-Oct (D \$157.00-W \$141.00) Nov-Dec (D \$134.00-W \$125.00)</td><td><u>Junior Suite (Queen):</u> Jan–Apr (D \$145.00-W \$132.00) May-Oct (D \$169.00-W \$152.00) Nov-Dec (D \$145.00-W \$132.00)</td></tr></table> Note: Rates for Loft Suite (King), One bedroom and Two bedroom suites are also available. Monthly rates available for all room types. Please contact hotel directly for details.	<u>Studio:</u> Jan–Apr (D \$134.00-W \$125.00) May-Oct (D \$157.00-W \$141.00) Nov-Dec (D \$134.00-W \$125.00)	<u>Junior Suite (Queen):</u> Jan–Apr (D \$145.00-W \$132.00) May-Oct (D \$169.00-W \$152.00) Nov-Dec (D \$145.00-W \$132.00)	10 Minutes	Rates include: - Buffet Breakfast - Free High Speed internet - Daily newspaper - Local calls
<u>Studio:</u> Jan–Apr (D \$134.00-W \$125.00) May-Oct (D \$157.00-W \$141.00) Nov-Dec (D \$134.00-W \$125.00)	<u>Junior Suite (Queen):</u> Jan–Apr (D \$145.00-W \$132.00) May-Oct (D \$169.00-W \$152.00) Nov-Dec (D \$145.00-W \$132.00)				
4. Le Westin Montréal 270 St-Antoine West Montreal, Quebec Tel: +1-514-380-3333 Fax: +1-514-380-3332 E-mail: reservations@westinmontreal.com Web site: http://www.westinmontreal.com/	Please request <u>ICAO</u> rates at the time of booking. Jan – Apr: \$165.00 May – July: \$205.00 Aug – Oct: \$205.00 Nov – Dec: \$165.00 Note: Rates for standard room, other room types are available for additional charges.	5 Minutes	Rates include: High speed internet		
5. Hotel Le Dauphin 1025, De Bleury Montreal, Quebec Tel: +1-514-788-3888 Fax: + 1-514-788-3889 E-mail: mtl_centre@hoteldauphin.ca Web site: www.hoteldauphin.ca	Please request <u>CBD</u> or <u>ICAO</u> rates at the time of booking. Single: \$140.00 Double: \$150.00 Triple: \$160.00 Quadruple: \$170.00 Note: Rates for standard room.	5 minutes	Rates include: - Breakfast - WIFI access		

HOTELS	ROOM RATES IN CANADIAN DOLLARS (Rates on certain holidays / special events are not available)	DISTANCE TO THE MEETING VENUE (Walking)	REMARKS		
6. L’Appartement Hotel 455 Sherbrooke Street West Montreal, Quebec Tel.: +1-514-284-3634 Fax: +1-514-287-1431 E-mail: info@appartementhotel.com Web site: www.appartementhotel.com	Please request <u>SCBD</u> or <u>ICAO</u> rates at the time of booking. Daily (D) and weekly (W) rates available. For single or double occupancy <table><tr><td><u>Studio (Queen):</u> Jan – Apr (D\$114.00-W\$103.00) May –Oct (D\$129.00-W\$110.00) Nov – Dec (D\$114.00-W\$103.00)</td><td><u>1 bedroom suite:</u> Jan – Apr (D\$134.00-W\$124.00) May –Oct (D\$141.00-W\$127.00) Nov – Dec (D\$134.00-W\$124.00)</td></tr></table> Note: Rates for two bedroom suites, studio with double beds are also available. Monthly rates available for all room types. Please contact hotel directly for details.	<u>Studio (Queen):</u> Jan – Apr (D\$114.00-W\$103.00) May –Oct (D\$129.00-W\$110.00) Nov – Dec (D\$114.00-W\$103.00)	<u>1 bedroom suite:</u> Jan – Apr (D\$134.00-W\$124.00) May –Oct (D\$141.00-W\$127.00) Nov – Dec (D\$134.00-W\$124.00)	15 minutes	Rates include: • Buffet Breakfast • High speed internet • Daily newspaper • Local calls
<u>Studio (Queen):</u> Jan – Apr (D\$114.00-W\$103.00) May –Oct (D\$129.00-W\$110.00) Nov – Dec (D\$114.00-W\$103.00)	<u>1 bedroom suite:</u> Jan – Apr (D\$134.00-W\$124.00) May –Oct (D\$141.00-W\$127.00) Nov – Dec (D\$134.00-W\$124.00)				
7. Travelodge Montreal Centre 50, René-Lévesque Blvd. West Montreal, Quebec Tel.: +1-514-874-9090 Fax: +1-514-874-0907 E-mail: Mr. Vincent Bailly vbailly@travelodgemontreal.ca CDB meeting link: http://www.travelodge.com/hotels/quebec/montreal/hotel-travelodge-montreal-centre/hotel-overview?propId=TL09782&rate_code=LKCB Web site: http://www.travelodgemontrealcentre.com/	Please request <u>CBD</u> or <u>ICAO</u> rates at the time of booking. Jan – Apr: Standard single or double occupancy: \$79.00 May – Oct: Standard single or double occupancy \$99.00 Nov – Dec: Standard single or double occupancy \$79.00 Bachelor studio with Queen bed and kitchenette: \$70.00 Rates for corner rooms, triple and quadruple occupancy also available. Please contact hotel directly for details.	15 minutes	Rates include: • Internet /WIFI • Continental buffet breakfast		
8. L’HOTEL 262 St Jacques West Montreal, Quebec, H2Y 1N1 Tel.: +1-514-985-0019 Fax.: +1-514-985-0059 Web site: http://www.lhotelmontreal.com/	Please request <u>CBD</u> or <u>ICAO</u> rate at the time of booking. Single or double occupancy Jan – Apr: Superior:\$149.00; Premium \$159.00; Executive: \$199 May-Oct : Superior:\$182.00; Premium \$192.00; Executive: \$229 Nov – Dec: Superior:\$159.00; Premium \$169.00; Executive: \$209 (Superior: 300 sq.ft. - Queen bed, Premier: 440 sq.ft - King bed, Executive: 480 sq.ft - King bed). Note: Some blackout dates apply, kindly check with hotel.	5 minutes	Rates include: • Breakfast • High speed internet		
9. Le Nouvel Hotel 1740 Rene-Levesque West Montreal, Quebec, H3H 1R3 Tel: +1-514-931-8841 x 2600 US/Can toll free: 1-800-363-6063 Fax: +1-514-931-5581 Web site: http://www.lenouvelhotel.com/	Please request <u>ICAO</u> rate at the time of booking Jan – Apr: 1 – 6 nights - Executive room or Condo*: \$118 And 7 - 29 nights - Executive room or Condo*: \$114 16 Oct.-Dec: 30 + nights - Executive room or Condo*: \$100 May-Aug : 1 – 6 nights - Executive room or Condo*: \$126 7 - 29 nights - Executive room or Condo*: \$122 30 + nights - Executive room or Condo*: \$109 Sep – 15 Oct: 1 – 30+ nights - Executive room or Condo*: \$164 (* Condo: Large room with Kitchenette) Note: For single occupancy and \$20 per extra person. Some rates are not available during blackout dates.	15 minutes	Rates include: • American Breakfast • WIFI		
10. Holiday Inn Montréal Centre Ville 999 rue St-Urbain Montréal, Quebec H2Z 1K4 Tel: +514-878-4027 Fax: +514-878-6341 Reservations: +514-878-9888 US/Can toll free: 1-888-878-9888 E-mail: reservations@hcvmtl.com Web site: www.holidayinn downtownmontreal.com	Please request <u>UNITED NATIONS</u> rate at the time of booking Jan – Apr: Single:\$136.00; Double: \$146 May-Oct : Single:\$160.00; Double: \$170 Nov – Dec: Single:\$139.00; Double: \$149	7 minutes	Rates include: • American Buffet Breakfast • High speed internet/WIFI		

Other hotels available at the following link from ICAO: <http://www.icao.int/Meetings/Pages/List-Of-Hotels.aspx>