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1. Opening and Registration

The International training course on risk assessments of living modified organisms will be held in Brasilia, Brazil, from 2 to 6 June 2025. The workshop will start at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, 2 June 2025 and registration will take place at the venue of the workshop beginning at 8:00 a.m.

2. Venue

The venue training course will held at:

Auditorium EMBRAPA - SALA BIOMAS

Empresa Brasileira de Pesquisa Agropecuária - Embrapa

Parque Estação Biológica, PqEB

Av. W3 Norte (final), Edifício Sede

Caixa Postal 40.315

70770-901 - Brasília - DF

Tel: (61) 3448-4433 - Fax: (61) 3347-1041

Website: www.embrapa.br

E-mail: sac@embrapa.br

3. Working language of the training course

The training course will be held in English.

4. Documents



Background documents will be available, in due course, at:

<https://www.cbd.int/meetings/CP-RA-OM-2025-01>.

5. General information on access to Brasilia



Brasilia is serviced by the Brasilia International Airport – President Juscelino Kubitschek International airport (about 12 km from the city centre). Taxis are available at the airport. Please note that in Brasilia, taxi fares can be paid in cash (local currency – Brazilian real), debit or credit cards. The rate for the trip to the city centre is approximately 65 BRL (Approx. US \$11; the taxi will use a meter) and the journey takes approximately 15 minutes. A prepaid executive taxi service is also available with a price set according to the destination region, which can be purchased with a credit card in the arrivals hall or at the exit. The service is identified as "Safer Black". The other option is app cars (i.e., Uber) that have a specific boarding area, identified by a letter and number.

6. Visa information



Participants from countries listed in Annex A require an entry visa for Brazil and 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 visas, 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 Brazilian diplomatic/consular missions abroad can be found at <https://www.gov.br/mre/pt-br/assuntos/portal-consular/reparticoes-consulares-do-brasil> (in Portuguese).

Information on visa requirements and types, and visa application portal can be accessed through the links below:

- Verify if you need a visa: <https://econsular.itamaraty.gov.br/#>
- Information on visa types: <https://www.gov.br/mre/pt-br/assuntos/portal-consular/vistos/informacoes-sobre-vistos-para-estrangeiros-viajarem-ao-brasil#vistovisita>
- Visa application portal: <https://brazil.vfsevisa.com/>

7. Health information

A yellow fever vaccination is recommended for travellers going to the states of Acre, Amapá, Amazonas, Distrito Federal (including the capital city, Brasília), Espírito Santo, Goiás, Maranhão, Mato Grosso, Mato Grosso do Sul,

Minas Gerais, Pará, Paraná, Piauí, Rio de Janeiro (including the city of Rio de Janeiro and all coastal islands), Rio Grande do Sul, Rondônia, Roraima, Santa Catarina, São Paulo (including the city of São Paulo and all coastal islands), Tocantins, and designated areas of Bahia. Vaccination is also recommended for travellers going to Iguazu Falls.

For more information on vaccination requirements for Brazil, please consult a medical professional prior to your travel. It is recommended to please secure international medical, accident and travel insurance for the period of participation.

8. Hotel information

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

A list of hotels near the venue of the workshop is available in **Annex B** below.

9. Payment of the Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA)

The DSA will be disbursed on the first day of the workshop in the form of a prepaid credit card (Swiss Bankers card). Members are kindly requested to bring their passports and boarding passes on the first day of the workshop. These will be copied and returned to participants during the course of the day. 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 may access DSA funds provided in the form of a prepaid credit card. Please note that the funds can take up to 48 hours to be loaded on the cards.

IMPORTANT: If you were provided with a Swiss Bankers card for a previous CBD/UNEP meeting and it is still valid, please submit a copy to the Secretariat and bring it with you to the meeting so that it may be reused. Please make sure you remember the PIN, otherwise contact the bank to request that they reset the PIN.

Swiss Bankers Contacts:

Swiss Bankers Prepaid Services Ltd, Customer Service
(forgotten PIN numbers, card replacements or transaction claims)

Tel: +41-31 710 12 15

Email: info@swissbankers.ch

Opening hours:

Mon-Sun: 8.00-22.00 Swiss time. Closed on Swiss bank holidays.

10. Official language

The official language in Brazil is Portuguese. English is spoken in some hotels and restaurants.

11. Weather and time zone information

In June the average temperatures in Brasilia range between 25°C in the daytime and 13°C at night. The current weather conditions may be found at: <https://worldweather.wmo.int/en/city.html?cityId=290>.

The standard time zone at the time of the workshop will be GMT/UTC - 3 hours. The time zone abbreviation is BST (Brasilia Time).

12. Electricity

The electrical currents are 127 / 220 Volts, 60 Hertz and plugs are as shown below.

**13. Currency**

The Brazilian currency is the Real (BRL). The current exchange rate as at 5 March 2025 is USD \$1.00 USD = 5.74 BRL and €1= 6.22 BRL (source: www.xe.com, rates are subject to change). Currency exchange facilities are available in banks, hotels and the airport (www.europacambio.com.br).

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 – List of countries requiring a Visa

COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES WHOSE CITIZENS REQUIRE A VISA IN ORDER TO ENTER BRAZIL AS VISITORS (as listed on the website of the Ministry of External Relations of Brazil)

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

A	E	L	R
Afghanistan	East Timor	Lao, People's Democratic Republic of	Rwanda
Algeria	Egypt	Lebanon	S
Angola	Equatorial Guinea	Lesotho	Sao Tomé e Príncipe
Australia*	Eritrea	Liberia	Saudi Arabia
Azerbaijan	Eswatini	Libya	Senegal
	Ethiopia		Sierra Leone
B	F	M	Somalia
Bahrain	Fiji	Madagascar	South Sudan
Bangladesh		Malawi	Sri Lanka
Benin	G	Maldives	Sudan
Bhutan	Gabon	Mali	Syrian Arab Republic
Burkina Faso	Gambia, the	Marshall Islands	
Burundi	Ghana	Mauritania	T
	Guinea	Mauritius	Tajikistan
C	Guinea-Bissau	Micronesia, Fed. States of	Togo
Cabo Verde		Mozambique	Tonga
Cambodia	H	Myanmar	Turkmenistan
Cameroon	Haiti		Tuvalu
Canada*		N	U
Central African Republic	I	Nauru	Uganda
Chad	India	Niger	United States of America*
Comoros	Iran, Islamic Republic of	Nigeria	Uzbekistan
Congo, Democratic Republic of the	Iraq		
Congo, Republic of the	J	O	V
Cook Islands	Jordan	Oman	Vanuatu
Côte d'Ivoire		P	Viet Nam
Cuba	K	Pakistan	
	Kenya	Palau	Y
D	Kiribati	Palestinian Authority	Yemen
Djibouti	Korea, Democratic People's Republic of	Papua New guinea	
	Kuwait		Z
	Kyrgyzstan		Zambia
			Zimbabwe

* Require a Visa (eVisa) to enter Brazil commencing on 10 April 2025.

More detailed information can be found on the Brazilian visa chart of the Ministry of External Relations at: <https://www.gov.br/mre/pt-br/assuntos/portal-consular/vistos/QGRVsimplesing04JUN241.pdf>. (Please note changes for Australia, Canada and United States of America enter into force on 10 April 2025 and are not shown on the above pdf list. Please consult your local Brazilian Embassy/Consulate for more details.

Annex B – Hotel list

List of hotels near the venue of the training course:

Hotel Name:	Website:	Distance from venue:	Rate for single room:
Lets Idea Brasilia Hotel	https://letshotels.com.br/	9 km from venue Approx. 13 min. by taxi	Approx. \$85 USD per night
HPlus Hotels (<i>Cullinan, Athos Bulcão, Vision Executive, SaintMoritz, Fusion Express</i>)	https://www.hplus.com.br/hoteis-em-brasilia	Each hotel is approx. 9 km from venue Approx. 10-15 min. by taxi	Approx. \$85-120 USD per night
Accor (<i>Mercure, Grand Mercure</i>)	https://all.accor.com/ssr/app/mercure/hotels/brasil-brasilia-federal-district-brazil	9-10 km from venue Approx. 15 min. by taxi	Approx. \$90 USD per night
Windsor Brasilia Hotel	https://windsorhoteis.com/hotel/windsor-brasilia/	9 km from venue Approx. 12 min. by taxi	Approx. \$85 USD per night
