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Gros Islet, Saint Lucia, 9 - 13 March 2020

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1. Opening and registration

The Subregional Exchange for the Caribbean on the Restoration of Forests and Other Ecosystems organized by the CBD Secretariat will be held in Gros Islet, St. Lucia, from 9 to 13 March 2020.

The workshop will start at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, 9 March, and registration will take place at the venue of the meeting from 8:00 a.m. the same day.

2. Venue

The meeting will be held at:

Bay Gardens Beach Resort and Spa

Reduit Beach

Rodney Bay Village Gros-Islet

Saint Lucia, 0978900

Tel: Local: (758) 457-8006/8007 UK: 0800-088-5104 US/CANADA: 1-877-620-3200

Website and map: <https://www.baygardensresorts.com/beach-resort>

E-mail: resbgr@baygardensresorts.com

- *Please note that the above venue is located near the end of Reduit beach, and the Bay Gardens Hotel is located further mainland.*

Lunch will be made available on each day of the workshop, except on Wednesday 11 March during the field trip, when participants can avail themselves of selected restaurants.

The venue will have potable water available. Please bring a **reusable water bottle** with you for your own convenience during the meeting and for the field trip.

The participants will be going, on Wednesday 11 March, on a full-day field excursion to see and discuss ecosystem restoration projects directly with project staff. Please bring comfortable shoes and clothing for walking outside, including a hat and sunscreen as needed, and also a reusable water bottle to refill.

3. Working language

The workshop will be conducted in English, with interpretation to and from French.

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 background documents, or to use paperless versions, as there will be no extra copies made available on site during the workshop. Documents are available by email and on the following web pages:



<http://www.cbd.int/meetings/ECR-OM-2020-01> and at <http://www.feri-biodiversity.org>.

5. General information on access to Saint Lucia



The city of Gros Islet is in the north of the country close to the capital Castries. Saint Lucia is serviced by two airports Hewanorra International Airport at Vieux Fort (in the south about 68 kms from Gros Islet) and by the George F.L. Charles Airport (inter-island) (in the north near Castries, about 10 km from Gros Islet). Transportation by taxi from the airport to the Hotel is approximately US \$20 or approximately \$54 EC. Airport pick up/drop off is not provided.

6. Visa information



Participants from countries listed in annex A below **require an entry visa** for Saint Lucia and are strongly advised to contact the nearest Saint Lucian diplomatic or consular mission **as** soon as possible in order to secure the required entry visa in a timely manner, prior to departure.

A list of relevant Saint Lucian diplomatic/consular missions abroad is available on the web site of the Government of Saint Lucia at: <http://www.govt.lc/overseas-missions>. General information on visas requirements can be found at the following website: <http://www.govt.lc/services/apply-for-saint-lucia-non-immigrant-visa>. The visa application form can be found at:

<http://www.govt.lc/media.govt.lc/www/resources/forms/SaintLuciaVisaApplicationForm.pdf>.

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 reminded that **they must make their own hotel reservations, and that they should do so as soon as possible**. Annex B contains a list of hotels located in the vicinity of the venue. Please note that some hotels offer airport transfers at a cost, check when making your reservations.

Information on hotels and tourism in Saint Lucia can be found at the web site of the Saint Lucia Tourism Board at the following link:

<https://www.stlucia.org/en/>



8. Payment of the Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA)

The DSA will be disbursed to sponsored participants on the first day of the meeting (9 March) in the form of a prepaid credit card (funds will be loaded on 9 or 10 March. The Secretariat will advise when ready and do not use card until advised of funds. For identification purposes, these sponsored participants are kindly requested to **bring their passports, bookmark entry stamp page and boarding passes** on the first day of the meeting. These will be copied and returned to participants. 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 languages

The official language in Saint Lucia is English.

10. Weather and time zone information



In March, temperatures in Saint Lucia usually range between a maximum of +30°C in the daytime and a minimum of +22°C at night. Current weather conditions can be found at: <http://www.worldweather.org/164/c01222.htm>.

The standard time zone in Saint Lucia is Atlantic Standard Time (AST) and is equivalent to GMT/UTC -4 hours.

11. Electricity

The electrical currents in Saint Lucia are 220 Volts, 50 Hertz and the plugs used are shown below.



12. Currency



The currency in Saint Lucia is the East Caribbean dollar (XCD, EC). The current exchange rate on 19 February 2020 is US \$ 1.00 = EC\$2.70 and 1€ = EC\$2.90.

13. Emergency contacts

Police	911
Ambulance	911
Fire Department	911
Police Headquarters	Bridge Street, Castries, Tel: +1 758-452-2854
Police Rapid Response Unit	+1 758-452-2854 ext. 167.
Saint Lucia Tourism Authority	+1 758-452-5968/453-0053/452-4094
Medical Facilities	Victoria Hospital: +1 758-452-2421/7059 St. Jude's Hospital Vieux Fort: +1 758-454-6041 Soufriere +1 758-459-7258/5001 Dennery +1 758-453-3310 Tapion Hospital +1 758-459-2000
List of Consular Representatives	http://www.govt.lc/consular-representatives

14. Disclaimer

The CBD Secretariat disclaims all responsibilities for medical, accident and travel insurances, for compensation for death or disability compensation, for loss of or damage to personal property and for any other losses that may be incurred during travel time or the period of participation. In this context, it is strongly recommended that participants will secure international medical, accident and travel insurances for the period of participation prior to departure.

Annex A

COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES WHOSE CITIZENS REQUIRE VISAS IN ORDER TO ENTER SAINT LUCIA AS VISITORS (AS LISTED ON THE WEB SITE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF SAINT LUCIA)

Citizens of the following countries and territories require a visa to visit or transit Saint Lucia:

Information is available at the following link of the Government of Saint Lucia:

<http://www.govt.lc/services/apply-for-saint-lucia-non-immigrant-visa>

A Afghanistan Albania Algeria Angola Armenia Azerbaijan	G Gabon Gambia Ghana Guatemala Guinea Guinea-Bissau	M (cont'd) Mongolia Morocco Mozambique Myanmar	T Tajikistan Thailand Timor-Leste Togo Tunisia Turkmenistan
B Bahrain Bangladesh Belarus Benin Bhutan Bolivia Burkina Faso Burundi	H Haiti Honduras	N Nepal Nicaragua Niger Nigeria	U Uganda Ukraine Uzbekistan
C Cabo Verde Cambodia Cameroon Central African Republic Chad Colombia Comoros Congo, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Republic of the Cook Islands Cote d'Ivoire	I India Indonesia Iran, Islamic Republic of Iraq	O Oman	V Venezuela Viet Nam
D Djibouti Dominican Republic	J Jordan	P Pakistan Palau Palestinian Authority Paraguay Peru Philippines	Y Yemen
E Ecuador Egypt El Salvador Equatorial Guinea Eritrea Ethiopia	K Kazakhstan Kenya Korea, Democratic People's Republic of Kyrgyzstan	Q Qatar	Z Zimbabwe
	L Lao, People's Democratic Republic of Lebanon Liberia Libya	R Rwanda	
	M Macao Macedonia, Republic of Madagascar Malaysia Mali Mauritania Moldova	S Sao Tomé e Príncipe Saudi Arabia Senegal Serbia Sierra Leone Singapore Somalia Sri Lanka Sudan Syrian Arab Republic	

Current rate of exchange:
 US \$ 1.00 = EC\$2.70 and € = EC\$2.90

Annex B – Hotel Listing

LIST OF HOTELS WITH INDICATIVE ROOM RATES IN US DOLLARS SERVICE CHARGES NOT INCLUDED

RATES ARE INDICATIVE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE

HOTELS	ROOM RATES (Rates may vary)	WALKING DISTANCE TO VENUE	REMARKS
1. Bay Gardens Beach Resort and Spa Rodney Bay Village Gros-Islet Saint Lucia, 0978900 Tel: Local: +1 (758) 457-8006/8007 UK: 0800-088-5104 US/Canada: 1-877-620-3200 Website and map: https://www.baygardensresorts.com/beach-resort E-mail: resbgbr@baygardensresorts.com	US \$285.00 (Deluxe Garden/Pool View) US \$325.00 (1 Bedroom Pool View Suite) Reservation code: UNDP20	Meeting venue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inclusive of taxes & breakfast based on 1 person in the room Must provide code at time of booking. Each reservation must be guaranteed with a credit card to reserve. Free WIFI
2. Bay Gardens Hotel Rodney Bay Village Gros-Islet Saint Lucia, 0978900 Tel: Local: +1 (758) 457-8006/8007 UK: 0800-088-5104 US/Canada: 1-877-620-3200 Website: https://www.baygardensresorts.com/hotel	Approximate rates: Single room: US \$145 A variety of room sizes available online	3 mins by car	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> inclusive of taxes & breakfast based on 1 person in the room Free WIFI
3. Harbour Club Rodney Bay, St Lucia Tel: +1-758-7312900 E-mail: https://www.theharborclub.com/contact/ Website: https://www.theharborclub.com/	Approximate rates: Single room: US \$211 A variety of room sizes available online	5 mins by car	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Free WIFI
4. Coco Palm Reduit Beach Ave Rodney Bay, St. Lucia Tel: +1 758-456-2800 E-mail: reservations@coco-resorts.com Website: http://www.coco-resorts.com/index.php?gclid=EAIaIQobChMIpJnM55zy5wIVBaSzCh2U5ghyEAAYASAAEgIVLfd_BwE	Approximate rates: Single room: US \$173 A variety of room sizes available online	5 mins by car	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Free WIFI
