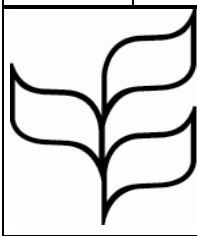





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Makati City, Manila, Philippines, 14 to 18 August 2023

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1. Opening and Registration

The Subregional Dialogue on National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs) followed by a Consultation Meeting on the Development of RBSAP to Support KM GBF Implementation in ASEAN hosted by the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity (ACB) both will be held in Makati City, Manila, Philippines from Monday, 14 August to Friday, 18 August 2023.

The workshop will start at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, 14 August 2023 and registration will take place at the venue of the workshop at 8:00 a.m. the same day.

2. Venue

Dusit Thani Manila Hotel

Ayala Centre, Makati, 1223 Manila, Philippines

Tel: +63 (2) 7238 8888

Website: <https://www.dusit.com/dusitthani-manila/>

The workshop will be held in Makati City, Philippines. Details on the venue will be shared in due course.

3. Working language

The workshop will be held in English.

4. Documents

In order to minimize the environmental footprint of the workshop and in line with the UN policy towards greener meetings, participants are kindly reminded to bring their own copies of the workshop documents, or to use paperless versions, as there will be no extra copies made available on site during the workshop. Documents are available on the following web page:



<https://www.cbd.int/meetings/NBSAP-OM-2023-01>

5. General information on access to Makati City, Philippines



Makati City serviced by the Manila - Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA). Taxi service is available to NAIA and from all points of Metro Manila. Also, jeepney and bus routes are available to the airport and connect to all terminals. Take only official, metered or pre-booked taxis. Taxis charge around PHP 500.00 - PHP 650.00 (US \$9 - US \$12) to Makati City. The trip takes about 24-40 minutes via NAIA expressway depending on traffic.

6. Visa information



Participants from countries listed at the link below do not require an entry visa for the Philippines. Those requiring a visa are strongly advised to contact the nearest Philippine 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 some airline companies will not allow boarding in the absence of a valid visa.

Visa information/forms including list of visa exempt countries: <https://dfa.gov.ph/list-of-countries-for-21-day-visa>

Visa requirements: <https://dfa.gov.ph/guidelines-requirements>

List of Embassies and Consulates abroad: <https://dfa.gov.ph/index.php/2013-03-21-05-48-17>

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

7. Payment of the Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA)

The DSA will be disbursed to sponsored participants on the first day of the workshop in the form of a prepaid credit card. For identification purposes, these participants are kindly requested to bring **their passports and boarding passes**. These will be recorded and returned to participants during the workshop. 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.

8. Health information and COVID-19

Participants are requested to wear face masks for the duration of the workshop.

All travellers to and from the Philippines, regardless of nationality and visa privilege, are required to complete the health declaration form and receive a QR code prior to arrival and departure (within 72 hours): the Philippine One-Stop Electronic Travel Declaration System (eTravel). Travelers must present their eTravel QR code prior to boarding all flights prior to arrival and departure from the Philippines. The website may be accessed through the link below: <https://etravel.gov.ph/>.

9. Hotel information

Participants are kindly reminded that **they must make their own hotel reservations, and that they should do so as soon as possible**. Participants are strongly encouraged to stay at the same hotel where the workshop will be held.

Dusit Thani Manila

Ayala Centre, Makati, 1223 Manila, Philippines

Google Map: <http://bitly.ws/P6k8>

Below please find a list of suggested hotels in the vicinity of the venue – Dusit Thani Manila.

The Peninsula Manila

Corner of Ayala and Makati Avenues, 1226 , Makati, 1226 Manila, Philippines

Tel: +63 2 8887 2888

Website: <https://www.peninsula.com/en/manila/5-star-luxury-hotel-makati>

Holiday Inn & Suites Makati

Glorietta Mall, Palm Drive, Ayala Center, Makati, 1224 Manila, Philippines

Tel: 1800-1110-2295

Website: <https://www.ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/us/en/makati/mnlgs/hoteldetail>

Astoria Greenbelt

914 Arnaiz Avenue (formerly Pasay Road), Makati, 1223 Manila, Philippines

Tel: +63 2 8550 - 1111 | +63 919 911 3946

Website: <https://astoriagreenbelt.com/>

One Pacific Place Serviced Residences - Multiple Use Hotel

161 H.V. dela Costa St. Salcedo Village, Makati, 1220 Manila, Philippines

Tel: +63 2 5304-7777

Website: <https://www.onepacificplaceresidences.com/>

City Garden Hotel Makati

7870 Makati Ave Corner Durban Street, Poblacion, Makati, 1210 Manila, Philippines

Tel: +63-2-8899-1111

Website: <https://www.citygardenhotelmakati.com/>

Herald Suites

2168 Don Chino Roces Avenue, Makati, 1231 Manila, Philippines

Tel: 7759-6270 to 81 | +63917 315 92 47 | +63939 938 37 15

Website: <https://www.heraldsuites.com/>

Jing Jiang Hotel Makati

920-922 Antonio Arnaiz Ave, Makati, Metro Manila

Tel: +63(2) 576 8557

Website: <https://jinjianginnmakati.com/safe-stays.php>

Ramada Encore by Wyndham Makati

9630 Kamagong Street, San Antonio Village, Makati, 1203 Manila, Philippines

Tel: +63-2-88512641

Website: <https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/ramada/makati-philippines/ramada-encore-makati/overview>

10. Official languages

There are two official languages in the Philippines: Filipino and English.

11. Weather and time zone information



In August, average temperatures in Manila usually range between a maximum of +31°C in the daytime and a minimum of +25°C at night. August is a very rainy and humid month in Manila, please bring an umbrella and appropriate light clothing for wet weather. Current weather conditions in the area can be found at <http://worldweather.wmo.int/en/city.html?cityId=92>.

The standard time zone in Manila is Philippine Standard Time (PHST) and is equivalent to GMT/UTC +8 hours.

12. Electricity

The electrical currents in the Philippines are 220 Volts, 60 Hertz as shown in the illustration below.



13. Currency



The currency in the Philippines is the Philippine Peso (PHP or ₱). The current exchange rate as at 26 July 2023 is US \$ 1.00 = ₱ 54.60 and €1 = ₱ 60.54 (source: www.xe.com, rates are subject to change).

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.
