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1. Opening of the Conference

The International Conference on GMO Analysis and New Genomic Techniques will be held in Berlin, Germany from Tuesday, 14 March to Thursday, 16 March 2023. The meeting will start at 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 14 March 2023, and registration of CBD participants will take place at the venue at between 12:00 p.m. and 1:30 p.m.

2. Venue

The conference will be held at:

Langenbeck-Virchow-Haus

Luisenstraße 58/59

10117 Berlin (Mitte)

Website: <https://www.langenbeck-virchow-haus.com/en.html>

3. Working language of the Conference

The conference will be held in English.

4. Documents

In order to minimize the environmental footprint of the conference and in line with the UN policy towards greener meetings, participants are kindly reminded to bring their own copies of the documents, or to use paperless versions, as there will be no extra copies made available on site during the conference. Documents are available on the following webpage: <https://www.cbd.int/meetings/CP-DIOM-2023-01>.

5. General information on access to Berlin

Berlin is serviced by the Berlin Brandenburg International Airport (BER), which is located approximately 25 km outside the city centre. Metered taxis are available at arrivals hall A. Cost to the city centre is approximately 40-50 € and travel time about 45 minutes depending on traffic.

Directions to venue from BER airport: from Terminal 1-2, you need about 30 minutes with the Airport Express FEX or the regional train RE7 / RB14 to the main station. From Terminal 5, please take the S9 S-Bahn. From the main station (Europa-Platz exit) continue with bus 147 in the direction of Fischerinsel to the Charité – Campus Mitte stop. Alternatively, take the 245 bus in the direction of Mitte or the 42 bus in the direction of S Ostbahnhof to the Robert-Koch-Platz stop. The buses run every 5-10 minutes. Information on VBB train schedules and fares can be found at: <https://www.vbb.de/en/driving-information/ber-airport/how-to-get-to-ber/>

6. Visa information

Participants from countries listed in Annex A below require a Schengen entry visa for Germany and are strongly advised to contact the nearest German diplomatic or consular mission **as soon as possible** in order to secure the required entry visa 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 German diplomatic/consular missions abroad can be found at <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/aussenpolitik/laenderinformationen>.

Information on visa procedures and the visa application form are available on the website of the German Federal Foreign Office at:

<https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/visa-service>

7. Hotel information

A listing of hotels in the vicinity of the venue are provided in Annex B below which are listed by walking distance to venue. The listing is not exhaustive as there are many options in the area at varying prices.

Tourist and other information on Berlin can be found at the following link: <https://www.visitberlin.de/en>

8. Health information (COVID-19)

Since June 11, 2022, almost all COVID-19 entry restrictions to Germany have been provisionally lifted, entries to Germany will again be permitted for almost all travel purposes (including tourism and visiting trips). For entry into Germany, proof of vaccination, proof of convalescence or proof of testing is no longer required. However, persons residing in the People's Republic of China or that have been in China in the last 10 days have entry requirements for Germany, please use the visa application link above for more details on requirements. Every person entering from a high-risk area/virus variant area must register in advance at www.einreiseanmeldung.de. A quarantine period of 10 days applies to people entering from high-risk (reduction from entry with proof of vaccination or recovery). A quarantine period of 14 days applies to those entering from a virus variant area. All people entering from high-risk/virus variant areas are obliged to be tested for COVID-19 no more than 72 hours before entering Germany. All participants are urged to carry proof of vaccination in case of need.

The obligation to wear masks does not apply indoors in restaurants or hotels. It is no longer compulsory to wear a mask on local public transport in Berlin and on long-distance trains. In medical practices, hospitals and nursing homes, there is still a nationwide obligation to use FFP2 masks.

Participants are encouraged to keep monitoring for updates to the COVID-19 requirements, as travellers from high-risk areas may need to test.

Please refer to the following link for the current COVID-19 information in Berlin: <https://www.berlin.de/corona/lagebericht/>

9. Payment of the Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA)

The DSA will be disbursed to CBD-sponsored participants on the first day of the conference 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 photocopied and returned to participants during registration. 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.

10. Official language in Germany

The official language in Germany is German. English is spoken in hotels and restaurants.

11. Weather and time zone information



In March, the average temperatures in Berlin typically range between +8°C in the daytime and between +1°C at night. Please bring appropriate clothing for winter conditions. The current weather conditions may be found at <http://worldweather.wmo.int/en/city.html?cityId=59>.

The standard time zone for Germany is CET (Central European Time) which is GMT/UTC +1 hour.

12. Electricity

The electrical currents in Germany are 230 Volts, 50 Hertz and plugs are as shown below.



13. CURRENCY

The currency in Germany is the Euro (€). The current exchange rate as of 6 February 2023 is US \$1 = €0.94 and €1 = US \$1.06 (source: www.xe.com, rates are subject to change).

Currency exchange facilities are readily available in banks and hotels.

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– Country list for visas

COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES WHOSE CITIZENS REQUIRE VISAS IN ORDER TO ENTER GERMANY AS VISITORS (AS LISTED ON THE WEBSITE OF THE GERMAN FEDERAL FOREIGN OFFICE)

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

A		Myanmar	
Afghanistan	G		U
Algeria	Gabon	N	Uganda
Angola	Gambia	Namibia	Uzbekistan
Armenia	Ghana	Nauru	
Azerbaijan	Guinea	Nepal	V
	Guinea-Bissau	Niger	Vanuatu
B	Guyana	Nigeria	Viet Nam
Bahrain			
Bangladesh	H	O	Y
Belarus	Haiti	Oman	Yemen
Belize			
Benin	I	P	Z
Bhutan	India	Pakistan	Zambia
Bolivia	Indonesia	Papua New Guinea	Zimbabwe
Botswana	Iran, Islamic Republic of	Philippines	
Burkina Faso	Iraq		
Burundi		Q	
C	J	Qatar	
Cambodia	Jamaica		
Cameroon	Jordan	R	
Cabo Verde		Russian Federation	
Central African Republic	K	Rwanda	
Chad	Kazakhstan		
China	Kenya	S	
Comoros	Korea, Democratic	Sao Tomé e Príncipe	
Congo, Democratic	People's Republic of	Saudi Arabia	
Republic of the	Kuwait	Senegal	
Congo, Republic of the	Kyrgyzstan	Sierra Leone	
Côte d'Ivoire		Somalia	
Cuba	L	South Africa	
	Lao, People's Democratic	South Sudan	
	Republic of	Sri Lanka	
D	Lebanon	State of Palestine	
Djibouti	Lesotho	Sudan	
Dominican Republic	Liberia	Suriname	
	Libya	Syrian Arab Republic	
E			
Ecuador	M	T	
Egypt	Madagascar	Tajikistan	
Equatorial Guinea	Malawi	Tanzania, United	
Eritrea	Maldives	Republic of	
Eswatini	Mali	Thailand	
Ethiopia	Mauritania	Togo	
	Mongolia	Tunisia	
F	Morocco	Türkiye	
Fiji	Mozambique	Turkmenistan	

Annex B – Hotel Listing near venue

**LIST OF HOTELS WITH INDICATIVE ROOM RATES IN EUROS AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE
PRICES DO NOT INCLUDE APPLICABLE TAXES: VAT OF 7% AND CITY TAX OF 5%**

HOTELS	ROOM RATES IN EUROS (internet rates)	WALKING DISTANCE TO VENUE	REMARKS
1. Adina Apartment Hotel Berlin Mitte Platz vor dem Neuen Tor 6, 10115, Berlin, Germany Tel: 49-30-2000320 Website: https://www.adinahotels.com/en/apartments/berlin-mitte/	- Studio with King or 2 singles: €130.90 - Studio Premier with King or Queen with balcony: €147.90 - 1 bedroom apartment: €156.40 (see website for all available options)	5 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free WIFI • Kitchen included • Coffee/tea included • Safe
2. Arte Luise Arthotel/Kunsthôtel 10117 BERLIN, GERMANY Phone.: +49 30 28448-0 Fax: +49 30 28448-448 E-mail: info@luise-berlin.com Website: https://www.luise-berlin.com/en	- Double room with shower: €129.60 - Double room courtyard with shower: €147.60 (Each room is uniquely designed by an artist)	6 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free WIFI • VAT Tax included in room price • Daily breakfast options for €5 or €16
3. Best Western Hotel Berlin-Mitte Albrechtstrasse 25/Ecke Reinhardtstrasse Berlin 10117, Germany America toll free: 1(800) 780-7234 Direct tel: +49 30-526-8000 Website: https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US.html	Business room 2 single beds: €110.25 Double: €129.25	7 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free WIFI • Coffee/tea included • Daily Breakfast buffet for €16
4. Hotel Amelie Berlin Reinhardtstr. 21 Berlin, 10117, Germany Tel: +49 30 27907300 Website: https://www.guestreservations.com/hotel-amelie-berlin/booking?gclid=EAIaIQobChMI2t3mgMWB_QIVQ_HjBx2sVAgBEAAAYAAEgJNO_D_BwE	- Single room: €78 - Double room: €104 (see website for all available options)	8 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free WIFI • Breakfast included
5. Mercure Hotel Berlin City Invalidenstraße 38 10115 Berlin Tel: +49 30 30826-0 Email: h5341@accor.com Website: https://all.accor.com/hotel/5341/index.en.shtml	- Standard room: €89 - Superior room: €99 - Privilege Room: €134	8 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free WIFI • Safe in room • Breakfast for €37
6. Hotel Albrechtshof Albrechtstraße 8 10117 Berlin Tel: +49 30 30886-0 Email: albrechtshof@albrechtshof-hotels.de Website: https://www.hotel-albrechtshof.de/en/	- Single room: €78.50 - Double room: €86	9 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free WIFI • Breakfast included
7. Leonardo Hotel Berlin Mitte Bertolt-Brecht-Platz 4, 10117, Berlin, Germany Website: https://www.leonardo-hotels.com/berlin/leonardo-hotel-berlin	- Double room: €103.50 - Double room with breakfast: €116.50 (see website for all available options)	11 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free WIFI
8. Hotel AMO by AMANO Friedrichstrasse 113 10117 Berlin, Germany Tel +49 30 31 49 500 Website: https://www.amanogroup.de/en/	- Double or twin room: €107.25 - King or Queen room: €117.25 - Superior King: €127.25 (see website for all available options)	11 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free WIFI • Safe • Daily Breakfast buffet for €15

HOTELS	ROOM RATES IN EUROS (internet rates)	WALKING DISTANCE TO VENUE	REMARKS
9. Hotel AMANO Grand Central Heidestraße 62 Berlin, BE, Germany Tel: +49304003000 Website: https://search.amanogroup.de/	- Standard room : €109.25 - Comfort room: €119.25 - Superior room: €139.25 - Suite: €149.25 - Business suite: €169.25 (see website for all available options)	13 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free WIFI • Daily Breakfast buffet for €15
10. Hotel ROMY by AMANO Invalidenstraße 53 A Berlin, 10557, Germany Tel » + 49 30 31491870 Website: https://search.amanogroup.de/	- Standard King: €110.75 - Comfort room King: €120.75 - Corner room King: €130.75 - Studio King; €140.75 (see website for all available options and early bird specials)	13 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free WIFI • Safe • Daily Breakfast buffet for €15
11. Hotel Motel One Berlin-Hauptbahnhof Invalidenstraße 54 10557 Berlin Tel: +49 30 36410050 Email: berlin-hauptbahnhof@motel-one.com Website: https://www.motel-one.com/de/hotels/berlin/hotel-berlin-hauptbahnhof/	- Standard One €89 - Standard Special One €109	17 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free WIFI • Daily breakfast for €16
