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**International Expert Workshop on Mainstreaming Biodiversity in the Sectors of Energy
and Mining, Infrastructure, and Manufacturing and Processing**
20-22 June 2018 – Cairo, Egypt

LOGISTICAL INFORMATION NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS

1. **Venue**

The meeting will be held at:

Dusit Thani Lakeview Cairo

The LakeView, El-Tesseen Street, City Centre, Fifth Settlement,
New Cairo, Egypt

Website : <https://www.dusit.com/dusitthani/lakeviewcairo/>

Tel.: + 20 2 2614 0000

2. **Opening and registration**

International Expert Workshop on Mainstreaming Biodiversity in the Sectors of Energy and Mining, Infrastructure, and Manufacturing and Processing will be held from Wednesday 20 June to Friday 22 May 2018.

Registration to the workshop will start on Wednesday 20 June at 8:00am. The workshop will begin at 9:00am.

3. **Working language of the workshop**

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 workshops, participants are kindly reminded to bring their own copies of

the pre-session documents as there will be no extra copies made available on site during the meeting. The draft agenda and background documents are forthcoming.

5. **Accommodation**

Due to heavy traffic and security reasons, we strongly recommend for the participants to stay in the venue of the workshop:

Dusit Thani Lakeview Cairo

The LakeView, El-Tesseen Street, City Centre, Fifth Settlement,
New Cairo, Egypt

Website : <https://www.dusit.com/dusitthani/lakeviewcairo/>

Rate for Accommodation: **USD \$120.00** per night (includes taxes, service charges and breakfast)

For reservations please contact:

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Reservation code: CBD

Please note that space for accommodation is limited and we would therefore appreciate receiving reservations as soon as possible.

6. **General information on access to Venue**

The hotel is located approximately 21kms from the Cairo International Airport and can be accessed easily by the hotel shuttle or taxi.

Transportation by taxi:

Please note that transportation by taxi is possible, a one-way fare should cost between 250-300 EGP (\$14-\$17 USD) and takes about 30minutes.

Shuttle bus from the hotel:

Please enquire directly with the hotel if airport shuttle is available.

7. **Visa information**

Participants requiring a visa for Egypt are strongly advised to contact the nearest Egyptian diplomatic representation **as soon as possible** in order to secure the required entry visa in a timely manner, prior to departure.

Participants holders of ordinary passports from the following countries can obtain the entry visa upon arrival at airport: Member States of the European Union / United States of America / Australia / Canada / Switzerland / Vatican / Former Republic of Macedonia / Serbia / Monte Negro / Moldova / Iceland / Norway / Monaco / New Zealand / Federation of Russia / Ukraine / Georgia / Japan / Republic of Korea / Malaysia / Kazakhstan.

Participants are required to obtain a visa prior to arrival to the Arab Republic of Egypt, from the nearest Egyptian diplomatic/consular representations (List is available on the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Arab Republic of Egypt: <http://www.mfa.gov.eg>) unless they come from one of the visa exempt countries or countries that are eligible for visa upon arrival.

Participants holders of ordinary passports from the following countries are exempted from entry visa: Saudi Arabia / United Arab Emirates / Jordan / Bahrein/Oman / Kuwait / Guinea.

Requirements for an entry visa for holders of ordinary passports:

- duly completed visa application form;
- passport with validity of at least 6 months from the date of arrival to Egypt and blank page;
- 2 recent color passport photos, with formal view and all white background (photo must be taken within the last three months); copy of round trip ticket.

VISA APPLICATION:

<https://www.mfa.gov.eg/English/ConsularServices/Pages/VisaApplication.aspx>

6. Countries allowed for electronic visa:

<https://www.mfa.gov.eg/English/ConsularServices/Pages/VisaApplication.aspx>

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

8. **Payment of the daily subsistence allowances (DSA) for funded delegates**

For those who are receiving financial support, the Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA) (100%) will be paid on the first day of the workshop. Sponsored participants are asked to submit their boarding pass and present their passports which will be photocopied and returned to them.

9. Official languages

The official language in Egypt is Arabic. English and/or French is spoken in hotels and restaurants.

10. Weather and time zone information

June, along with July and August, marks the hottest time of the year in Cairo. The city experiences a desert climate which is often humid due to its location in the Nile Delta river valley.

The average temperature in June reaches a high of 34°C (that's about 93°F) during the day and never dips any lower than 20°C (about 68°F) at night. For more information on the weather please visit: <http://worldweather.wmo.int/en/city.html?cityId=248>

The standard time in Cairo is GMT/UTC + 02:00 hour.

11. Electricity

The electrical currents are 220 Volts, 50 Hertz. In Egypt the power sockets are of type C and F. The type of sockets used is illustrated below:



12. Currency

The currency in Egypt is the Egyptian Pound (EGP). The current exchange rate as of 29 May 2018 is 1 USD = 17.9165 EGP and 1 EUR = 20.6508 (source: www.xe.com, rates are subject to change)

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 insurances for the period of participation prior to departure.
