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## SUBREGIONAL DIALOGUE ON NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY STRATEGIES AND ACTION PLANS FOR THE PACIFIC COUNTRIES

### WORKSHOP ON TARGET 3 OF THE KUNMING-MONTREAL GLOBAL BIODIVERSITY FRAMEWORK FOR COUNTRIES IN THE PACIFIC REGION

UNEP TECHNICAL WORKSHOP ON GEF EAS PROJECT  
FOR THE PACIFIC COUNTRIES  
Nadi, Fiji, 18-26 March 2024

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## 1. Opening and registration

The Subregional Dialogue on National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans for the Pacific Countries, the Workshop on Target 3 of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework for Countries in the Pacific Region, and the UNEP Technical Workshop on GEF EAS project for the Pacific Countries will be held in Nadi, Fiji from Monday, 18 March to Tuesday, 26 March 2024.

The NBSAP Dialogue will start at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, 18 March, and registration will take place at the venue of the meetings at 8:30 a.m. the same day.

## 2. Venue

The NBSAP Dialogue and both workshops will be held at:

### **Novotel Nadi Hotel**

Namaka Hill Votualevu

Nadi, Fiji

Tel: + 679 672 2000

Website: <https://all.accor.com/hotel/6287/index.en.shtml>

## 3. Working language of the workshop

The NBSAP Dialogue and both workshops will be held in English.

## 4. Documents

Participants are kindly reminded to bring their own copies of the documents for the NBSAP Dialogue and both workshops as there will be no extra copies made available on site during the workshops. Documents will be made available on the Secretariat's web site at:

Subregional Dialogue on National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans for the Pacific Countries: <https://www.cbd.int/meetings/NBSAP-OM-2024-03> .

Workshop on Target 3 of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework for Countries in the Pacific Region: <https://www.cbd.int/meetings/PA-WS-2024-01>

## 5. General information on access to Nadi, Fiji



The city of Nadi is serviced by the Nadi International Airport in Nadi, Fiji (about 8 km from Nadi Town). It is located on the West of Viti Levu and the capital Suva is located to the East. Taxis are available at the airport for approximately F\$7 - \$15 (cash is required) for a one-way transfer to Novotel Nadi which is about 3 km from the airport.

## 6. Visa information



Participants from countries listed in the annex below do not require an entry visa for Fiji all others are strongly advised to contact the nearest Fijian diplomatic or consular mission **as soon as possible** in order to secure the required entry visa in a timely manner, prior to departure.

Information on visa application and fees is available on the web site of Fiji Immigration at: <https://immigration.gov.fj/fiji-visas/> and <https://immigration.gov.fj/application-forms-publications-fees/>

Citizens of the following countries are not required to obtain a visa when travelling to Fiji:

Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Belize, Bermuda, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominica, Estonia, Eswatini, Finland, France, The Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guyana, Holy See, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kenya, Kiribati, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lesotho, Luxembourg, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Moldova, Monaco, Nauru, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Serbia, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Tanzania (United Republic of), Thailand, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Türkiye, Tuvalu, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

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

## 7. Health Requirements

A yellow fever vaccination certificate is required from travellers entering Fiji from countries with risk of yellow fever transmission and from travellers having transited more than 12 hours in an airport of a country with risk of yellow fever transmission.

Information on requirements can be found on the web site of the Centre for Disease control at the following link. <http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/none/fiji>

Travellers entering into Fiji are no longer required to provide proof of covid-19 vaccination.

For more information, please consult a medical professional with regard to the vaccination requirements for your travel. Please ensure that you have travel insurance

## 8. Hotel information

SPREP negotiated a special rate with the Novotel Hotel for a single room with breakfast at rate of FJD 280. Participants, who wish to stay in the same Hotel and wish to avail themselves of the special negotiated rate, **should confirm their booking by contacting the person below directly:**

Sala Celua  
Sales and Reservation Coordinator  
Email: [events01@novotelnadi.com.fj](mailto:events01@novotelnadi.com.fj)

A list of nearby hotels can be found in Annex A below, the listed rates are an estimate only and are subject to change.

## 9. Payment of the Daily Subsistence Allowances (DSA)

The DSA will be disbursed to funded participants on the first day of the meeting in the form of a prepaid credit card (Swiss Bankers card). **These funded participants are kindly requested to bring their passports and boarding passes on the first day of the meeting.** These will be copied and returned to participants during the meeting. 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. Please note that the funds can take up to 24 hours to be loaded on the cards.

#### 10. Official languages in Fiji

The official language in Fiji is English, however, Bau Fijian, and Hindustani are also spoken.

#### 11. Weather and time zone information



In March, temperatures in Nadi usually range between a maximum of 31°C and a minimum of 23°C. Please bring an umbrella for rainy weather. Current weather conditions can be found at: <https://www.tourismfiji.com/fiji-weather.html>

The standard time zone is FJT (Fiji Time) which is GMT/UTC + 12 hours.

#### 12. Electricity

The electrical currents are 240 volts, 50 Hertz and the plug type and is shown below.



#### 13. Currency

The currency in Fiji is the Fijian Dollar (FJD \$) (F\$). The current exchange rate as 12 February 2024 is approximately USD 1.00 = FJD 2.24 and €1 = FJD 2.42 (source: [www.xe.com](http://www.xe.com); rates 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 insurance for the period of participation prior to departure.

**Annex A - List of Hotels**

<b>HOTELS</b>	<b>ROOM RATES (APPROXIMATE)</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
<b>1. Tanoa International Hotel</b> Votualevu Road, Namaka Nadi Phone: +679 6720277 Email: <a href="mailto:international@tanoahotels.com">international@tanoahotels.com</a> Website: <a href="https://www.tanoahotels.com/tanoa-international-hotel/">https://www.tanoahotels.com/tanoa-international-hotel/</a>	<b>Superior King Room with breakfast</b> <b>Rate: FJD 483</b>	<b>Wifi included</b> <b>1 king bed</b>
<b>2. Fiji Gateway Hotel</b> Across the road from Nadi International Airport Phone: +679 6734755 Email: <a href="mailto:reserve@fijigateway.com">reserve@fijigateway.com</a> Website: <a href="https://www.fijigateway.com/">https://www.fijigateway.com/</a>	<b>Deluxe room</b> <b>Rate: FJD 326.80</b>	
<b>3. Tokatoka Resort</b> Queen's Road Phone: +679 6720222 Email: <a href="mailto:res.tokatoka@warwickhotels.com">res.tokatoka@warwickhotels.com</a> Website: <a href="https://www.warwickhotels.com/tokatoka-resort">https://www.warwickhotels.com/tokatoka-resort</a>	<b>Standard Room</b> <b>Rate: FJD 190</b>  <b>Standard Room with breakfast included</b> <b>Rate: FJD 228</b>	<b>Wifi included</b> <b>1 queen bed</b>
<b>4. Mercure Hotel</b> Queen's Road Phone: +679 6722255 Email: <a href="mailto:reservations@mercurenadi.com.fj">reservations@mercurenadi.com.fj</a> Website: <a href="https://all.accor.com/hotel/5930/index.en.shtml">https://all.accor.com/hotel/5930/index.en.shtml</a>	<b>Standard Room with breakfast included</b> <b>Rate: FJD 239</b>	<b>1 queen bed</b>
<b>5. Capricorn International Hotel</b> Queen's Road Martintar Phone: +679 6720088 Email: <a href="mailto:capricorn@connect.com.fj">capricorn@connect.com.fj</a>	<b>Superior Room with breakfast included</b> <b>Rate: FJD 160</b>	<b>1 single bed</b>
<b>6. Tanoa Skylodge</b> Queen's highway, Namaka Phone: +679 6722200 Email: <a href="mailto:skylodge@tanoahotels.com">skylodge@tanoahotels.com</a> Website: <a href="https://www.tanoahotels.com/tanoa-skylodge-hotel/">https://www.tanoahotels.com/tanoa-skylodge-hotel/</a>	<b>Standard Room with breakfast included</b> <b>Rate: FJD 263</b>	<b>Wifi included</b> <b>1 double bed</b>

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