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1. Opening and registration

The Regional Consultation on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework for Africa will be held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from Tuesday 2 April to Friday, 5 April 2019.

The consultation will start at 9:00 a.m. on 2 April. Registration will take place at the venue starting at 8:00 a.m. on the same day. Registered participants will receive an official badge for accessing the meeting venue.

2. Venue

The Regional consultation will be held at:

African Union Commission Headquarters

Conference Centre

Roosevelt Street (Old Airport Area)

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

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3. Working language

The Regional consultation will be held in English with French interpretation.

4. Documents



To minimize the environmental footprint of the Regional consultation and in line with the UN policy towards greener meetings, participants are kindly reminded to bring their own copies of the meeting documents or use their electronic versions on their personal mobile devices, as no copies will be made available on site. Documents are available on the Secretariat's web site at: <https://www.cbd.int/meetings/POST2020-WS-2019-03>

5. General information on access to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia



Addis Ababa is serviced by the Addis Ababa Bole International Airport, located in Bole, approximately 8 km outside the Addis Ababa city centre. Taxis are available at the airport and the journey to the city centre takes approximately 15-30 minutes. Taxi fares range from ETB 60-80 to ETB 200-250 (approximately USD \$10) depending on the distance travelled.

6. Visa information



Participants from countries other than Kenya and Djibouti are required to obtain a visa to enter Ethiopia. Participants are strongly advised to secure the required entry visa at the nearest Ethiopian diplomatic mission prior to departure. A list of Ethiopian diplomatic or consular missions abroad can be found on the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' website at <http://www.mfa.gov.et/Home/Missions>. For detailed information on the visa application, kindly go to the website of the relevant consular office in your country.

As on November 2018, nationals and permanent residents of all African Union member states can obtain visas upon arrival. Participants for the Regional Consultation will require a business visa. To facilitate this process, the African Union Commission will issue an invitation letter to the registered participants, which must be printed and presented to Custom Officials upon entry to Ethiopia.

7. Health information

Health recommendation: Yellow fever is a risk in certain parts of Ethiopia. Certificates are required for persons who travel from / through yellow fever areas as designated by the World Health Organization.

There is no malaria risk in Addis Ababa. However, there is a risk of malaria throughout the year in areas below 2000 m in the whole country.

Details on routine vaccines can be found on the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention website at: https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/none/ethiopia?s_cid=ncezid-dgmq-travel-single-001. For more information, please consult a medical professional regarding the vaccination requirements for your travel.

8. Hotel information

A list of recommended hotels in the vicinity of the Consultation venue is provided in **Annex A** below. Participants are requested to make their own hotel reservations and airport transfers as soon as possible. Participants are advised to ask the hotel directly about the shuttle service when making reservations.

Additional information about Addis Ababa can be found on the website of the Ministry of Tourism and Culture: <http://www.moct.gov.et>

9. Payment of the daily subsistence allowance (DSA)

Participants sponsored by the Secretariat will receive their DSA, in the form of a prepaid credit card, on the first day of the meeting. For identification purposes, participants are kindly requested to bring their passports and boarding passes. It is advisable that participants carry some out-of-pocket cash to cover expenses that may occur between their arrival in Addis Ababa and the moment the prepaid credit card containing the DSA is activated. The activation could take a couple of hours upon receipt of the credit card.

10. Official languages in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

The official language in Ethiopia is Amharic; several other languages are also spoken. English is fairly well understood and spoken in hotels and restaurants.

11. Weather and time zone information



In April, temperatures in Addis Ababa usually range between a maximum of +24°C in the daytime and a minimum of +10°C at night. Current weather conditions can be found at: <http://www.worldweather.org/060/c00162.htm>.

The standard time zone in Ethiopia is Eastern African Time which is GMT/UTC + 3 hours.

12. Electricity

The electrical currents used in Ethiopia are 220V, 50Hz and are shown in the illustration below.



13. Currency



The currency in Ethiopia is the Ethiopian Birr (ETB). The current official exchange rate as of 22 February 2019 is USD \$1 = ETB 28.30 and Euro € 1 = ETB 32.10. Rates are subject to change. (Source: <https://www.nbe.gov.et/market/banksexchange.html>).

Money can be exchanged from US Dollar and Euro to ETB at the airport, banks, as well as in hotels where there is a foreign exchange bureau. Most hotels in Addis Ababa will accept payments with Visa, MasterCard and cash in ETB or US dollars.

14. Disclaimer

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

Annex A

LIST OF HOTELS IN ADDIS ABABA				
No.	Hotel	Type of Rooms	Rate per night	Distance from venue
1.	Blue Nest Hotel Roosevelt Street Wereda 10 Addis Ababa 43179, Ethiopia Tel. +251 115 57-08-88/90 E-mail: reservation@bluenesthotel.com Website: http://www.bluenesthotel.com	Standard single Club Room Deluxe King bed	US\$55 US\$65 US\$85	0.1 km
2.	Kings Hotel Roosevelt St, Lideta Addis Ababa, Ethiopia Tel : +251 11-371-1300 Fax: +251 11-371-0744 E-mail: kingshotel@ethionet.et Website: http://kingshotel.com-addisababa.com/	Standard room	US\$ 55	0.1 km
3.	Union Hotel Apartments Fitawrari Damtew St., Kera, Opposite the Africa Union Complex, Nifas Silk-Lafto, 1570 Addis Ababa, Ethiopia Tel: +251 11 470 3636/7 Fax: +251 11 470 3635 E-mail: reservations@unionhotelet.com http://www.unionhotelet.com	Deluxe apartment Queen bed	USD 60 Included in apartment price: 15% VAT, Breakfast	0.2 km
4.	Yebo Hotel & Spa Roosevelt Avenue next to African Union, near Kaizen Institute, Lideta, 25111 Addis Ababa, Ethiopia Tel. +251 96 914 1296 Website: https://yebo-amp-spa-et.book.direct/en-us	Standard single room	US\$ 80 Included: 15% VAT, US\$ 1.00 City tax per person per stay, Breakfast	0.3 km
5.	Tirar International Hotel Chad Street, Geja Sefer, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia Tel: +251 115 577150/47 E-mail: reservation@tirarhotel.com Website: http://www.tirarhotel.com	Single room Deluxe double	\$47 \$55	1.5 km
6.	Dreamliner Hotel Gabon Street, Meskel Flower area Addis Ababa, 31349, Ethiopia Tel: +(251-11) 4-67 40 00 Fax: +(251-11) 4-67 40 02 Mobile: +0911 24 07 51 E-mail: reservation@dreamlinerhotel.com Web site: www.dreamlinerhotel.com	Standard room	US\$ 83	2.8 km
7.	Marriott Executive Apartments African Avenue, Kebele 19, Woereda 01, Kirkos Addis Ababa, Ethiopia Tel. +251 11 518 4600 Website: https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/adder-marriott-executive-apartments-addis-ababa/	One-bedroom Apartment	US\$ 239	2.8 km

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8.	Sheraton Addis Taitu Street, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia Tel: +(251-11) 5-17 17 17 Fax: +(251-11) 5-17 27 27 Email: reservationsaddisethiopia@luxurycollection.com Website: www.sheratonaddis.com	Standard room	US\$ 225	3.1 km
9.	Intercontinental hotel Guinea Conakry Street, Kazanchis Addis Ababa, Ethiopia Tel: +(251-11) 5-50 50 66 / +(251-11) 459 494 Fax: +(251-11) 5-54 00 90/96 E-mail: reservation@intercontinentaladdis.com.et Web site: www.intercontinentaladdis.com.et	Standard room	US\$ 110	3.5 km
10.	Jupiter International Hotel - Bole African Avenue, Bole Addis Ababa, Ethiopia Tel: +(251-11) 6 61 69/70 Fax: +(251-11) 6 61 69 99 E-mail: bolereservations@jupiterinternationalhotel.com Web site: www.jupiterinternationalhotel.com	Standard single Double occupancy Super Deluxe Free WIFI	US\$90.00 US\$110.00 US\$130.00	4.4 km
11.	Empire Addis International Hotel Bole Road, Bole Addis Ababa, Ethiopia Tel: +251 (0)11 661 4524/5/6 Fax: +251 (0)11 661 4523 Email: info@empireaddis.com Website: www.empireaddis.com	Single room: Deluxe Suite:	US \$135 US \$189	4.8 km
12.	Reliance Apartment Hotel Bole Sub City Wereda 03 Addis Ababa, Ethiopia Tel: + 251.11 667 2024/011 667 2002/ 011 667 2069 Fax: 251.11 667 2032 Web site: http://www.reliancehotelapartment.com/	King room Twin room Corner Suite Presidential suite	US \$100 US \$135 US \$130 US \$250	5.1 km
13.	Lobelia Hotel Bole Sub-City, Kebele 03/05 Addis Ababa, Ethiopia Tel: +251 91 169 2054 Web site: http://www.hotellobeliaaddis.com/	Standard /Classic Deluxe twin and suites available Free WIFI	US\$ 80 and up	5.6 km
