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COUNTRIES ON THE CLEARING-HOUSE MECHANISM
Cairo, Egypt,

INFORMATION NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS

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1. Opening and registration

The Regional Workshop for Arabic-speaking Countries on the Clearing-House Mechanism will be held in Cairo, Egypt from Monday, 5 March to Friday, 9 March 2018.

The workshop will start at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, 5 March and registration will take place at the venue of the workshop at 8:30 a.m. the same day. Participants are reminded to bring their passports and boarding cards with them to registration.

2. Venue

The workshop will be held at:

Intercontinental Cairo Semiramis

Corniche El Nil

P.O. Box 60

Cairo, 11511

Egypt

Tel: +202-02-2798-8000

Website: <https://www.intercontinental.com/hotels/us/en/cairo/croha>

3. Working language of the workshop

The workshop will be held in English.

4. Documents

Participants are kindly reminded to bring their own copies of the documents for the workshop as there will be no extra copies made available on site in order to minimize the negative environmental impact. Documents are available on the following web page:



<https://www.cbd.int/meetings/CHMWS-2018-02>

5. General information on access to Cairo



Cairo is serviced by the Cairo International Airport (CAI/HECA) (about 20 km from the city centre). Taxis are available at the airport at a cost of about US \$15 (265-275 EGP) and it takes about 60-75 minutes depending on traffic. There is an airport shuttle bus available at the arrivals halls, please pay (by destination) at the shuttle bus desk in the arrivals hall and follow instructions on busses.

6. Visa information



Participants from countries listed below require an entry visa for Egypt and are strongly advised to contact the nearest Egyptian 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.**

Some countries may be eligible for the online e-visa application (electronic visa), please visit the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Egypt for a list of countries eligible for

e-visa including the application form at:

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

A list of relevant Egyptian diplomatic/consular missions abroad can be found at the following link:

<https://www.embassypages.com/egypt>.

A visa is required for citizens of the following countries for entry into Egypt

Afghanistan	Iraq*	Nigeria
Algeria	Israel	Pakistan
Bangladesh	Kazakhstan*	Palestinian Authority
Burundi	Lebanon*	Philippines
Chad	Liberia	Rwanda
Comoros	Mali	Sierra Leone
Eritrea	Mauritania*	Somalia*
Ethiopia	Morocco	Sri Lanka*
Ghana	Moldova	Syria*
Indonesia	Myanmar	Tunisia
Iran, Islamic Republic of*	Niger	Yemen*

* Additional approval from the State Security Authorities is required for entry into Egypt.

7. Heath information

Proof of yellow fever vaccination is required only if you are arriving from a country with risk of yellow fever. Please ensure that all of your routine vaccinations are up-to-date.

For more information, please consult a medical professional with regard to the vaccination requirements for your travel.

8. 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 may wish to avail themselves of a special negotiated rate for the workshop of US \$100 for a single room at the Intercontinental Cairo Semiramis - [Regional Workshop on the Clearing House](#).

Further information on hotels in Cairo is available at the following web site:

https://Hotels-g294201-Cairo_Cairo_Governorate-Hotels.html



9. Payment of the Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA)

The DSA will be paid to participants upon registration for the workshop. Participants should take note that DSA is paid via pre-paid credit card.

10. Official language

The official language of Egypt is Arabic.

11. Weather and time zone information



In March average temperatures in Cairo usually range between a maximum of +24°C in the daytime and a minimum of +11°C at night. Please bring a jacket or sweater for cool evenings. Current weather conditions in the area can be found at: <http://worldweather.wmo.int/en/city.html?cityId=248>.

The standard time zone in Egypt is EET (Eastern European Time) and is equivalent to GMT/UTC +2 hours.

12. Electricity

The electrical currents in Egypt are 220 Volts, 50 Hertz, and the plugs are as shown in the illustration below.



13. Currency



The currency in Egypt is the Egyptian Pound (EGP). The current exchange rate as at 7 February 2018 is US \$1 = 17.67 EGP and € 1 = 21.67 EGP (rates are subject to change, source: www.xe.com).

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.