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AND OTHER PROVISIONS OF THE CONVENTION RELATED TO
INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES
Manaus, Brazil, 11-13 July 2023

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1. Opening and Registration

The Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on the New Programme of Work and Institutional Arrangements on Article 8(j) and Other Provisions of the Convention related to Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities will be held at the Blue Tree Premium Manaus Hotel in Manaus, Brazil from 11 July to 13 July 2023.

Participant registration is open at 8:15 a.m. and the meeting will start at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, 11 July 2023.

2. Venue

The meeting will be held at:

Blue Tree Premium Manaus Hotel

Meeting Room AÇAÍ 2

Umberto Calderaro Avenue, 817. Adrianópolis

Manaus – Amazonas, Brazil

Website: <https://www.bluetree.com.br/hotel/blue-tree-premium-manaus/>

The meeting room and conference facilities are provided by the Government of Brazil.

3. Working language

The meeting will be held in English.

4. Meeting Documents

Documents are available at: <https://www.cbd.int/meetings/A8J-AHTEG-2023-01>

In order to minimize the environmental footprint of the meeting and in line with the UN policy towards greener meetings, participants are kindly reminded to bring their own copies of the meeting documents, or to use paperless versions, as there will be no hard copies of meeting documents made available on site during the meeting. WIFI access will also be provided.

5. Extended Field Trip

As has already been communicated to participants, the AHTEG meeting will be preceded by an extended field trip to the Rio Negro Basin in the Amazon region. The extended field trip, which is organized by the Government of Brazil, will take place from 7-9 July with a return to Manaus scheduled for the morning of 10 July at around 6:00 am.

6. General information on access to Manaus



Manaus is serviced by the Manaus Eduardo Gomes International Airport which is about 15 km from the Blue Tree Premium Manaus Hotel. Upon their arrival at the airport in Manaus, participants will be welcomed by the organizing team at Manaus International Airport. Transfer

for participants from the airport to the Blue Tree Hotel will be provided. Transportation arrangements, such as vans, taxis, or minibuses, will be available depending on the number of participants arriving at the same time. Kindly send the Secretariat a number where you can be reached in case of delay (a WhatsApp number is preferable.)

7. Visa information



Participants from countries listed in **annex A** below are visa exempt (do not require a visa). Participants who do require a visa for entry into Brazil and are strongly advised to contact the nearest Brazilian diplomatic or consular mission **as soon as possible** to gain access to their online application form and to schedule an appointment in order to secure the required entry visa in a timely manner, prior to departure. **Please note that airline companies will not allow boarding in the absence of a valid visa.**

Visa information can be found on the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Brazil at: <https://www.gov.br/mre/pt-br/assuntos/portal-consular/vistos/informacoes-sobre-vistos-para-estrangeiros-viajarem-ao-brasil>

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8. Health information

Vaccination against yellow fever is HIGHLY recommended for all international travellers visiting Brazil.

Vaccinations recommended for Amazon destinations: Hepatitis A, typhoid, Dengue, Chikungunya, Zika and malaria prevention. For more information, consult your physician or local travel clinic.

You may visit the following website for more information: World Health Organization website: <https://www.who.int/countries/bra/>, or the Brazilian Ministry of Health (Ministério da Saúde) website: <https://www.gov.br/saude/pt-br>.

9. Hotel information

A special rate has been negotiated for the AHTEG participants at the **Blue Tree Premium Manaus Hotel**. The accommodation includes a single room with breakfast at US \$62 per person. Participants are kindly reminded that they must make their own hotel reservations. We encourage all participants to take advantage of this special rate by booking directly at the hotel where the meeting will take place. It is advisable to reserve rooms as soon as possible by emailing: reservas.manaus@bluetree.com.br. Please indicate the name of the meeting in the subject line.

While we recommend that participants reserve their hotel room from 6 to 14 July 2023, participants who wish to book the hotel for only the evening of the 6 July, then from 10-13 July may do so. A storage for luggage will be available at the hotel / from the morning of 7 July until 10 July at 6:00am. Participants who opt for this option will have to check-in again in the morning

of 10 July, 6:00am upon return from the Extended field trip and will incur, a half day rate charge of US \$30. Participants are responsible for making these arrangements directly with the hotel.

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E-mail : reservas.manaus@bluetree.com.br

Website: <https://www.bluetree.com.br/hotel/blue-tree-premium-manaus/>

10. Payment of the Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA)

The DSA will be disbursed to funded participants on the first day of the meeting in the form of a prepaid credit card. **Funded participants are kindly requested to bring their passports and boarding passes on the first day of the meeting.** These will be photocopied 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.

11. Official languages

The official language in Brazil is Portuguese, however, many people understand Spanish. English is spoken in some hotels and restaurants

12. Weather and time zone information



In July, daily high temperatures in Manaus range between 22°C in the evenings and 32°C during the day. Please bring an umbrella as rain is frequent at this time of the year. Current weather conditions can be found at: [World Weather Information Service \(wmo.int\)](http://www.wmo.int)

The standard time zone in Manaus is Amazon Time (AMT) is equivalent to GMT/UTC -4 hours.

13. Electricity

The electrical currents are 110 volts, 60 Hertz and the standard plugs used are shown below.



14. Currency



The currency in Brazil is the Brazilian Real (BRL \$). The current exchange rate as at 8 June 2023 is US \$1 = BRL \$4.92 and € 1 = BRL \$5.31 (rates are subject to change, source: www.xe.com). Currency exchanges are available at airport and in hotels.

15. 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 the meeting 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

Countries and territories whose citizens are not required to have a visa in order to enter Brazil as visitors (dates of stay vary)

Information is available at the following link of the Ministry of External Relations:

<https://www.gov.br/mre/pt-br/consulado-atlanta/english/visas/visa-requirements-by-country>

A

Albania
Andorra
Antigua and Barbuda
Argentina
Armenia
Australia
Austria

B

Bahamas
Barbados
Belarus
Belgium
Belize
Bolivia
Bosnia & Herzegovina
Bulgaria

C

Canada
Chile
Colombia
Costa Rica
Croatia
Cyprus
Czech Republic

D

Denmark
Dominica

E

Ecuador
El Salvador
Estonia

F

Finland
France

G

Georgia
Germany
Greece
Grenada
Guatemala
Guyana

H

Holy See
Honduras
Hungary

I

Iceland
Ireland
Israel
Italy

J

Jamaica
Japan

K

Korea, Republic of

L

Latvia
Liechtenstein
Lithuania
Luxembourg

M

Malaysia
Macedonia
Malta
Mexico
Monaco
Mongolia
Morocco

N

Namibia
Netherlands
New Zealand
Norway

P

Panama
Paraguay
Peru
Philippines
Poland
Portugal

Q

Qatar

R

Romania
Russian Federation

S

Saint Kitts and Nevis
Saint Vincent and the
Grenadines
San Marino
Serbia
Slovakia
Slovenia
South Africa
Spain
Suriname
Sweden
Switzerland

T

Thailand
Trinidad and Tobago
Tunisia
Turkey

U

Ukraine
United Kingdom
United States of America
Uruguay

More detailed information can be found on the Brazilian visa chart of the Ministry of External Relations at:
<https://www.gov.br/mre/pt-br/assuntos/portal-consular/arquivos/arquivos-qgrv/qgrv-simples-port-30set22-1.pdf/view>