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SUB-REGIONAL CAPACITY-BUILDING WORKSHOP ON  
THE NAGOYA PROTOCOL ON ACCESS AND BENEFIT-  
SHARING FOR THE CARIBBEAN  
Georgetown, Guyana, 19-22 May 2014

### INFORMATION NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS

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## 1. Opening and registration

The Sub-Regional Capacity-building Workshop on the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing for the Caribbean will be held at the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Secretariat in Georgetown, Guyana from Monday, 19 May to Thursday, 22 May 2014.

The workshop will start at 9:00 a.m. on 19 May 2014. Registration will take place at the venue of the workshop from 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. the same day.

## 2. Venue

The workshop will be held at:

### **Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Secretariat Annex**

Turkeyen, P.O. Box 10827

Greater Georgetown

GUYANA

Tel: + 592-222-0001 / 75

Fax: +592-222-0095

Web site: <http://www.caricom.org/>

## 3. Working language of the workshop

The workshop will be held in English.

## 4. Documents



Documents for the workshop are available on the Secretariat's web site at:

<http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=ABSWS-2014-04>

Participants are kindly reminded to bring their own copies of the workshop documents as there will be no extra copies made available on site during the workshop.

## 5. General information on access to Georgetown, Guyana



The city of Georgetown is serviced by the Cheddi Jagan International Airport (41 km from downtown) and the Ogle International Airport. More information about the airports can be found at: <http://www.cjairport-gy.com/> and <http://www.ogleairportguyana.com/>

Transportation from the Airport to the Hotel will be provided for participants by the CARICOM Secretariat. Taxis for travel around Georgetown can be arranged through the Hotel, at rates dependant on the distance travelled and the number of stops.

## 6. Visa information



Participants requiring an entry visa for Guyana are strongly advised to contact the nearest Guyanese diplomatic or consular mission **as soon as possible** in order to secure the required entry visa in a timely manner, prior to departure. A list of Guyanese diplomatic/consular

missions abroad is available on the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Guyana web site at: [http://www.minfor.gov.gy/tsite/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=50&Itemid=75](http://www.minfor.gov.gy/tsite/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=50&Itemid=75).

Information on visa procedures is available at the following web site: [http://www.guyana.org/govt/visa\\_requirements.html](http://www.guyana.org/govt/visa_requirements.html).

The following CARICOM Member States do not need a visa: Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Jamaica, Montserrat, Saint Lucia, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, and Trinidad and Tobago.

All participants must travel with a passport valid for at least 6 months from the date of entry into the country.

To facilitate the issuance of visas, the Secretariat will issue upon request invitation letters to be attached to the visa applications. Participants, who need further information and assistance regarding the visa process, can contact Dr. Thérèse N. Yarde at: [tyarde@caricom.org](mailto:tyarde@caricom.org) or Ms. Shunae Samuels at: [ssamuels@caricom.org](mailto:ssamuels@caricom.org) or by phone: +592 222 0001, Ext 2719/2722.

## 7. Hotel information

Participants are kindly reminded that they have to **MAKE THEIR OWN HOTEL RESERVATIONS as soon as possible**. A listing of hotels in the vicinity of the workshop venue can be found below in Annex I below.

Further information on hotels and tourism in Georgetown can be found at the following link: <http://www.guyana-tourism.com/>

## 8. Transportation

Transportation to and from the workshop venue will be provided by the workshop organisers, the CARICOM Secretariat, for participants staying at any of the hotels identified in Annex I.

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

Sponsored participants will receive their DSA on the first day of the workshop.

## 10. Official language in Guyana

The official language in Guyana is English, but most residents speak variations of a local Creole.

## 11. Weather and time zone information



In May, temperatures in Georgetown usually range between a maximum of +29.6°C in the daytime and a minimum of +24.2°C at night. Current weather conditions in the area can be found at: <http://www.worldweather.org/065/c00289.htm>.

The standard time zone will be GMT/UTC -4 hours.

## 12. Electricity

The electrical currents in Guyana are 110 and 240 Volts, 60 Hertz a (two-pin flat and vertical with a ground connection).



## 13. Currency



The currency in Guyana is the Guyanese Dollar (GYD) and (G). The current exchange rate as of 25 March 2014 is US \$ 1.00 = G\$203.28 (Guyanese Dollars) and 1€ = G\$279.83. Most local businesses only accept GYD.

## 14. Disclaimer

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

## ANNEX I – HOTEL LISTING (GEORGETOWN)

### LIST OF HOTELS CLOSE TO VENUE

Prices are approximate and subject to change

Hotels	Website	Approximate cost	Contact Person
Brandsville Apartments 89-90 Pike St., Section 'M' Campbellville, Georgetown Tel: + 592-227-0989 Fax: +592-231-7001	<a href="http://www.brandsville.net/">http://www.brandsville.net/</a>	Standard room: US\$87 Executive room: US\$98.6	Jeannine
Grand Coastal Hotel Lot 1 & 2 Area M Plantation, Le Ressouvenir East Coast Demerara Tel: +592 220-1091 Fax: +592 220-1498	<a href="http://www.grandcoastal.com/">http://www.grandcoastal.com/</a>	Single room: US\$91.64 Deluxe Single: US\$110.2 Deluxe Double: US\$121.8 Luxury Room: US\$145 Mini Suite: US\$161.24 Presidential Suite: US\$226.2	
Cara Suites 176 Middle Street, Georgetown. Tel: +592 226 1612 Email: <a href="mailto:carasuites@carahotels.com">carasuites@carahotels.com</a>	<a href="http://www.carahotels.com">www.carahotels.com</a>	Studio room: US\$110.2 Standard room: US\$116 Family Suite: US\$150.8 Executive Room: US\$174 Presidential Suite: US\$ 197.2	Bianca

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