



CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

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CONSULTATION ON THE CROSS-CUTTING
INITIATIVE ON BIODIVERSITY FOR
FOOD AND NUTRITION
Brasilia, 12-13 March 2005

INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

1. Opening and registration

The Consultation on the Cross-Cutting Initiative on Biodiversity for Food and Nutrition will be held in Brasilia, from Saturday, 12 March, to Sunday, 13 March 2005.

2. Venue

The consultation will be held at:

Ministério do Desenvolvimento Agrário
Esplanada dos Ministérios - Bloco A
Auditório to Térreo e Sub-solo
Brasília, DF, Brazil
CEP: 70170-900

Contacts:

Braulio Dias - Ministry of the Environment – 55 61 4009 9555/ 55 61 4009 9588 (Fax)
e-mail: braulio.dias@mma.gov.br
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e-mail: lidio.coradin@mma.gov.br

3. Working language of the meeting

The meeting will be held in English only.

4. Documents

Participants are kindly reminded to bring their copies of the documents prepared for the meeting, as they will be available in Brasilia only in very limited quantities.

5. Visas

All participants requiring an entry visa to Brazil should apply through their nearest Brazilian consulate. **Annex I** below provides a list of countries whose citizens **require** or **do not require** an entry visa to Brazil. As visa requirements may change at any time, please check specific requirements with your travel agent and/or consult the following web page: <http://www.braziltourism.org/visas.shtml>.

6. Health and vaccination requirements/recommendations

For entry into Brazil, a yellow fever vaccination certificate is required from travellers from the following countries, unless they are in possession of a waiver stating that immunization is contraindicated on medical grounds:

Africa: Angola, Cameroon, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Liberia, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Sudan.
Latin America: Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru.

For participants intending to travel outside of Brasilia, recommendations for the prevention of yellow fever and malaria may be found at the World Health Organization's International Travel and Health web site (<http://www.who.int/ith/countrylist02.html#27>).

7. Services to participants

Coffee breaks will be provided within the consultation venue.

8. Access to Brasilia

Brasilia is serviced by the Juscelino Kubitschek International Airport (15 km from centre). Taxis are available at the airport. Please note that in Brasilia, taxi fares cannot be paid by credit card, only in cash.

Fares are as follows:

Taxis Airport/Center	R\$ 50 (approx. US\$ 18)
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9. Access to the meeting venue

From the Brasilia airport or from the Hotels Sector, the Ministério do Desenvolvimento Agrário, Esplanada dos Ministérios, Bloco A can be easily and rapidly reached by taxi.

10. Hotel accommodation

Attached, as **annex II**, is a list of hotels with indicative room rates. Participants in the meeting are kindly reminded that they are responsible for making their own hotel accommodation arrangements. .

For assistance or any queries about hotel accommodation, participants are requested to contact directly:

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Ministério do Meio Ambiente – SCEN Trecho 2 Setor de Clubes Desportivos Norte –
Ed. Sede do IBAMA, Bloco H – CEP: 70818-900 – Brasília-DF
55 61 4009 9553/ 55 61 4009 9588 (Fax) E-mail: nubia-cristina.silva@mma.gov.br

11. Time zone

Brasilia in March will be 3 hours behind GMT.

12. Weather

Brasilia is 1,158 metres above sea level. The average temperature in March is 21°C, though it can vary from 17°C to 27°C. More information on weather is available at <http://www.inmet.gov.br>.

13. Voltage

220 volts, 60 Hertz. The plugs are a two-pin type.

14. Credit Cards

Major credit cards are accepted in most hotels and restaurants in Brasilia.

15. Currency

The Brazilian currency is the Real (R\$). US\$ 1 = R\$ 2.576 and € 1 = R\$ 3.364. Cash and travellers cheques can be exchanged in banks, travel agencies and most hotels.

16. Local information can be found at the following links:

<http://www.braziltourism.org/>
<http://www.infobrasilia.com.br/>
<http://www.guiabsb.com.br>
<http://www.brasiliaturismo.df.gov.br/guia.asp?id=136>
<http://www.dfonline.com.br/bsb.htm>

17. Disclaimer

The CBD Secretariat shall not be responsible for any medical, accident and travel insurance, for compensation for death or disability, 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 that participants secure, prior to departure, international medical insurance cover for the duration of the Workshop.

Attached: Annexes I: Visa requirements.
 Annex II: List of hotels

Annex I

VISA REQUIREMENTS

Table of countries whose citizens require/do not require visas to enter Brazil

(In accordance with the list available on the Web site of the
Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Brazil)

Country	Entry visa required no/yes
Afghanistan	Yes
Albania	no
Algeria	yes
Andorra	yes
Angola	no
Antigua and Barbuda	yes
Argentina	No
Armenia	no
Austria	No
Australia	yes
Azerbaijan	Yes
Bahamas	Yes
Bahrain	Yes
Bangladesh	Yes
Barbados	no
Belarus	yes
Belgium	No
Belize	yes
Benin	yes
Bermuda	No
Bhutan	yes
Bolivia	No
Bosnia and Herzegovina	yes
Botswana	yes
Brazil	no
Brunei	yes
Bulgaria	No
Burkina Faso	yes
Burundi	yes
Cambodia	yes
Cameroon	yes
Canada	yes
Cape Verde	no
Central African Republic	yes
Chad	yes
Chile	no
China	no
Colombia	no
Comoros	yes
Congo	yes
Costa Rica	No
Côte d'Ivoire	no
Croatia	No
Cuba	yes
Cyprus	no
Czech Republic	no
Democratic Republic of the Congo	yes
Denmark	no
Djibouti	yes
Dominica	yes
Dominican Republic	no
Ecuador	no
Egypt	no
El Salvador	No
Equatorial Guinea	yes
Eritrea	yes
Estonia	yes
Ethiopia	Yes
Fiji	Yes
Finland	No

Country	Entry visa required no/yes
France	No
Gabon	no
Gambia	yes
Georgia	yes
Ghana	yes
Greece	No
Grenada	yes
Guatemala	No
Guinea	yes
Guinea-Bissau	no
Guyana	no
Haiti	yes
Honduras	No
Hungary	no
Iceland	no
India	no
Indonesia	yes
Iran	yes
Iraq	yes
Ireland*	No
Israel	No
Italy	No
Jamaica	yes
Japan	yes
Jordan	Yes
Kazakhstan	Yes
Kenya	Yes
Kiribati	Yes
Korea (Republic of)	No
Korea (Democratic People's Republic of)	Yes
Kuwait	Yes
Kyrgyzstan	Yes
Laos	Yes
Latvia	yes
Lebanon	Yes
Lesotho	yes
Liberia	yes
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	yes
Liechtenstein	yes
Lithuania	yes
Luxembourg	no
Madagascar	yes
Malawi	yes
Malaysia	no
Maldives	yes
Mali	yes
Malta	yes
Marshall Islands	Yes
Mauritania	Yes
Mauritius	Yes
Mexico	No
Micronesia	yes
Moldova	yes
Monaco	yes
Mongolia	Yes
Morocco	no
Mozambique	no
Myanmar	yes
Namibia	no
Nauru	yes
Nepal	yes
Netherlands	No
New Zealand	no
Nicaragua	yes
Niger	yes
Nigeria	yes

Country	Entry visa required no/yes
North Korea	yes
Norway	no
Oman	yes
Pakistan	yes
Panama	no
Papua New Guinea	yes
Paraguay	no
Peru	no
Philippines	no
Poland	No
Portugal	No
Qatar	yes
Romania	No
Russia Federation	no
Rwanda	yes
Saint Christopher and Nevis	yes
Saint Lucia	yes
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	yes
Samoa	yes
San Marino	No
São Tomé and Principe	no
Saudi Arabia	yes
Senegal	yes
Serbia and Montenegro	yes
Seychelles	yes
Sierra Leone	yes
Singapore	yes
Slovakia	No
Slovenia	No
Solomon Islands	yes
Somalia	yes
South Africa	no
Spain	No
Sri Lanka	yes
Sudan	yes
Suriname	no
Swaziland	yes
Sweden	No
Switzerland	No
Syria	yes
Tajikistan	yes
Thailand	no
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	yes
Togo	yes
Tonga	yes
Trinidad and Tobago	no
Tunisia	no
Turkey	no
Turkmenistan	yes
Tuvalu	yes
Uganda	yes
Ukraine	no
United Arab Emirates	yes
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	No
United Republic of Tanzania	yes
United States of America	yes
Uruguay	no
Uzbekistan	yes
Vanuatu	yes
Venezuela	no
Viet Nam	yes
Yemen	yes
Zambia	yes
Zimbabwe	yes

Annex II

LIST OF HOTELS WITH INDICATIVE PRICES

Participants in the Consultation must make their own reservations

To benefit from the UN rates, please indicate when making your reservation that that you are attending a UN meeting. The breakfast is included in the daily rate.

FIVE-STAR HOTELS

HOTEL MELIÁ BRASILIA

SHS Qd. 06 – Lote 1 – Bloco D

Brasilia – DF

Tel.: 55 *61 319 3060

Fax: 55 *61 319 3060

e-mail: reservas.brasilia@meliahotels.com.br

Daily Rate (single): R\$ 210,00 + 5% (services) + R\$ 1,50 (tourism tax - optional)

CARLTON HOTEL

SHS Qd. 0% – Bloco G

70 322-913 – Brasilia – DF

Tel.: 55 *61 224 8819

Fax: 55 *61 226 8109

e-mail: carlton@carltonhotel.com.br

Daily Rate (single): R\$ 150,00 + 10% (services) (**UN rate: R\$ 130,00 + 10%**)

FOUR-STAR HOTELS

MELIA CONFORT PARK

SHS Qd. 06 – Lote 1 – Bloco F

Brasilia – DF

Tel.: 55 *61 319 3060

Fax: 55 *61 319 3060

e-mail: reservas.park@meliaconfort.com.br

Daily Rate (single): R\$ 189,00 + 5% (services) + R\$1,50 (tourism tax - optional)

PARTHENON HOTEL

SHN Qd. 05 – Bloco I

Brasilia – DF

Tel.: 55 *61 426 400

Fax: 55 *61 425 2401

e-mail: parthenon.reservasdf@accorhotels.com.br

Daily rate (single): R\$ 160,00 + 5% (services) + R\$ 1,50 + R\$ 12,00 (breakfast)

(UN rate: R\$99,00 + taxes)

THREE-STAR HOTELS

HOTEL DAS AMÉRICAS

SHS Qd. 04 – Bloco D

Brasilia – DF

Tel.: 55 *61 3034 3355

Fax: 55 *61 321 3355

e-mail: americas@uol.com.br

Daily Rate (single): R\$ 125,00 + 10% (services) (UN **rate:100,00 + 10%**)

PHENÍCIA BITTAR HOTEL

SHS Qd. 05 – Bloco J

Brasilia – DF

Tel.: 55 *61 321 4342

Fax: 55 *61 225 1406

e-mail: phenicia@hoteisbittar.com.br

Daily Rate (single): R\$ 110,00 + 10% (services)
