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SOCIO-ECONOMIC CONSIDERATIONS  
(ARTICLE 26 OF THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY)  
Seoul, Republic of Korea, 17-21 February 2014

### Information Note for Participants

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## 1. Opening

The Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group Meeting on Socio-economic Considerations (Article 26 of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety) will be held in Seoul, Republic of Korea from Monday, 17 to Friday, 21 February 2014. The meeting will start at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, 17 February and registration will take place from 9:00 a.m. at the venue.

## 2. Venue

The meeting will be held at:

### **The RAMADA Seoul Dongdaemun**

Ballroom

4275-3 Euljiro 5ga, Joong-gu

Seoul 100-195, Republic of Korea

Tel: +82 (0)2 2276 3500

Fax +82 (0)2 2276 3535

E-mail: [rsvndm@ramadapnp.com](mailto:rsvndm@ramadapnp.com)

Web site: <http://www.ramadadm.com>

(Please refer to the hotel website for more information.)

A map of the area is available in Annex A below.

## 3. Working language of the meeting

The meeting will be conducted in English.

## 4. Documents

Participants are kindly reminded to bring their own copies of the documents for the meeting as there will be no extra copies made available on site during the meeting. Pre-session documents will be available on the Secretariat's web site at:



<http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=BS-AHTEG-SEC-01>

## 5. General information on access to Seoul, Republic of Korea



There are two airports servicing Seoul, the Incheon International Airport (ICN/RKSI) (about 49 kms from city centre) and the Gimpo International Airport (SEL/RKSS) (about 17 kms from city centre).

### **From Incheon:**

Taxis are available for a flat rate depending on vehicle selected (range KRW 55,000-110,000) and buses are available at the arrivals level at the airport (information provided below). The journey to the hotel takes approximately 1 hour and 20 minutes.

### **Public Transportation (Limousine Bus) from Incheon International Airport**

From Incheon International Airport you may take the limousine bus located on the 1st floor of the Passenger Terminal. Take bus No. 6001(12B Gate), schedule is listed below, get off at the

Acacia Hotel, Western Co-Op Residence bus station stop which is located on the same street as the Ramada Hotel (see Annex A map).

### Limousine Bus information

<b>Bus type</b>	Korean Air Limousine Bus 6001
<b>Ticket Booth</b>	Korean Air Limousine Counter on 1F, Passenger Terminal or Bus Stop
<b>Fare (cost)</b>	KRW 14,000 per adult (Cash ONLY) (about US \$13)
<b>Travelling Time</b>	Approximately 80 minutes

#### Bus Stop: Incheon International Airport



### Limousine Schedule

**Incheon Airport ↔ Acacia Hotel** (located on the same street as the Ramada hotel)

Incheon Airport → Acacia Hotel													
05:50	06:20	06:40	07:06	07:30	08:00	08:27	08:55	09:20	09:45	10:09	10:35	11:00	11:22
11:43	12:03	12:22	12:43	13:04	13:23	13:43	14:05	14:23	14:50	15:15	15:38	16:00	16:25
16:47	17:07	17:50	18:07	18:28	18:52	19:20	19:44	20:11	20:35	20:55	21:16	21:35	21:55
22:18	22:40												
Acacia Hotel → Incheon Airport													
04:50	05:10	05:30	05:50	06:10	06:30	06:55	07:20	07:45	08:10	08:35	08:55	09:20	09:45
09:50	10:15	10:40	11:05	11:30	11:55	12:20	12:45	13:10	13:30	13:50	14:10	14:30	14:50
15:10	15:30	15:50	16:10	16:35	17:00	17:25	17:50	17:50	18:15	18:40	19:00	19:20	19:40
20:00	20:20	20:40	21:00										

### From Gimpo:

Taxis are available at the arrivals level at the airport. The journey to the hotel takes approximately 30-45 minutes and costs between KRW12,000-15,000. There are many buses available and prices vary between KRW 1,000 and 5,000. Please contact the information desk at the arrivals hall for assistance.

### 6. Visa information



Participants requiring an entry visa to the Republic of Korea are strongly advised to contact the nearest Korean diplomatic or consular mission **as soon as possible** in order to secure the required entry visa in a timely manner, prior to departure. It should be noted that airline companies will not allow boarding in the absence of a valid visa.

Information on visa procedures can be found on the web site of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea at: [http://www.mofa.go.kr/ENG/visa/application/index.jsp?menu=m\\_40\\_10](http://www.mofa.go.kr/ENG/visa/application/index.jsp?menu=m_40_10).

The visa application form can be found at: <http://www.mofat.go.kr/english/visa/images/res/visakorean.pdf>

A list of relevant Korean diplomatic/consular missions abroad, is available on the same web site at: <http://www.mofa.go.kr/ENG/main/index.jsp>.

To facilitate the issuance of visas, the Secretariat will issue visa assistance letters to be attached to the visa applications.

## 7. Hotel information

Participants **are required to make their own hotel reservations and should do so as soon as possible**. Annex B below contains information on the venue and other hotels in the vicinity.

Further information on Seoul can be found in annex C below and at the following link: <http://english.visitkorea.or.kr/enu/index.kto>.



## 8. Payment of the daily subsistence allowance (DSA)

Sponsored participants will receive the DSA on the first day of the meeting.

## 9. Official language in the Republic of Korea

The official language in the Republic of Korea is Korean. English is spoken in some hotels and restaurants.

## 10. Weather and time zone information



In February, temperatures in Seoul range between a maximum of +4°C in the daytime and a minimum of -4°C at night. Please bring warm clothing. Current weather conditions can be found at: <http://www.worldweather.org/095/c00231.htm>.

The standard time zone in the Republic of Korea is GMT / UTC +9 hours.

## 11. Electricity

The electrical currents in the Republic of Korea are 220 volts, 60 Hertz as shown in the illustrations below.



## **12. Currency**



The currency in the Republic of Korea is the South Korean Won (KRW). The current exchange rate as at 27 January 2014 is US \$1 = KRW 1,079.31 and € 1 = KRW 1,475.3 (source: [www.xe.com](http://www.xe.com))

## **13. 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 A

### Map of the Area surrounding the Ramada Hotel



**Annex B – Hotel listing**  
**(Room rates a per person per night)**

**1. The RAMADA Seoul Dongdaemun**

275-3 Euljiro 5ga, Joong-gu,  
Seoul 100-195 Korea  
Tel: +82.2.2276.3500  
Fax: +82.2.2276.3535  
Web site: <http://www.ramadadm.com/english>

**Room rates:**

<b>Superior</b>	KRW 110,000
<b>Deluxe</b>	KRW 130,000
<b>Suite</b>	KRW 180,000
<b>Breakfast for each person</b>	KRW 10,000
<b>The above rate includes 10% service charge &amp; 10% VAT, applicable to both single and double occupancy</b>	

You can find the “Reservation” tab on the homepage of RAMADA Seoul Dongdaemun. You can find specific information about a reservation, reserve a room on that page or you can call directly at +82 2 2276 3500.

**2. Hotel Acacia**

99 Euljiro 5ga, Jung-gu  
Seoul 100-195 Korea  
Tel: +82.2.2277.4917  
Fax: +82.2.2277.4730  
Web site: <http://www.hotelacacia.co.kr/>

<b>Deluxe Double</b>	KRW 120,000
<b>Premium Double / Premium Twin</b>	KRW 130,000
<b>Superior Twin</b>	KRW 160,000
<b>Junior Suite</b>	KRW 200,000
<b>Breakfast for each person</b>	KRW 10,000
<b>The above rate includes 10% service charge &amp; 10% VAT</b>	

**\*Room rates may change according to hotel policy.**

### **3. Best Western Hotel Kokdo**

164 Euljiro, Jung-gu

Seoul 100-849 Korea

Tel: +82.2.6466.1234

Web site: <http://www.hotelkukdo.com/>

#### **Room Rates:**

<b>Double</b>	KRW 140,000
<b>Twin</b>	KRW 150,000
<b>Suite</b>	KRW 300,000
<b>Breakfast for each person</b>	KRW 19,800
<b>The above rate is subject to 10% service charge &amp; 10% VAT</b>	

**\*Room rates may change according to hotel policy.**

### **4. The Shilla Seoul**

202 Jangchung-dong 2-ga, Jung-gu

Seoul 100-856 Korea

Tel: +82.2.2233.3131

Fax: +82.2.2230.3769

Web site: <http://www.shilla.net/seoul/index.do>

#### **Room rates:**

<b>Deluxe</b>	KRW 280,000
<b>Business Deluxe</b>	KRW 330,000
<b>Grand Deluxe</b>	KRW 385,000
<b>Breakfast for each person</b>	KRW 36,300
<b>The above rate is subject to 10% service charge &amp; 10% VAT, Price based on double occupancy.</b>	

**\*Room rates may change according to hotel policy.**

### **5. Grand Ambassador Seoul**

287 DongHoRo Jung-Gu Seoul Korea

Tel: +82.2.2275.1101

Web site: <http://grand.ambatelen.com/seoul/main.amb>

#### **Room rates:**

<b>Double</b>	KRW 219,000
<b>Twin</b>	KRW 219,000
<b>Suite</b>	KRW 385,000
<b>Breakfast for each person</b>	KRW 27,500
<b>The above rate is subject to 10% service charge &amp; 10% VAT, Price based on double occupancy.</b>	

**\*Room rates could be changed according to hotel policy.**



## Annex C – Information on Korea

### Attractions

#### **N Seoul Tower**



N Seoul Tower, a landmark of the metropolitan city of Seoul is to be introduced with its new name and look to provide more fun and excitement.

From the highest point, Seoul Tower has been embracing the city for the last 25 years giving memories and stories to people. In 2005, Seoul Tower was reopened as N Seoul Tower. Many citizens and foreign tourists have visited the Tower and were taken by the scenic view of the city while also enjoying the nature of Namsan mountain. Seoul Tower is located on the peak of Namsan in Seoul, a city of 10 million people.

#### **Cheonggyecheon**



Once a stream that served as the domestic wastewater of Seoul, it has been transformed into one of the most beautiful leisure place in Seoul. The history of Cheonggyecheon begins even before the Joseon dynasty designated Seoul as its capital. Seoul is surrounded by mountains in nature and the stream developed naturally by its natural geographical reasons. Often the stream caused floods, therefore, it needed extensive construction work countless times.

#### **Jongmyo**



Throughout much of traditional Asian culture, including China and Korea, rite has been highly important, and in modern society preserving rite carries with it the meaning of maintaining basic social order. There are a number of rituals which are considered important forms of rite, and the most significant of these in Korea are the Jongmyo and the Sajik rituals. Jongmyo is the term used for a place where memorial services are performed for deceased kings, and Sajik is the term for a place where services for the Gods of Earth and Crops are performed. These rituals are symbols for nations themselves in that they guarantee order and successful ruling of the nation..

#### **Insa-dong**



Insa-dong, located in the middle of the city, is an important place where old but precious and traditional goods are on display. There is one main road in Insa-dong with alleys on each side. Within these alleys are galleries, traditional restaurants, traditional teahouses, and cafes. The shops in Insa-dong are very popular among all age groups, because each one is unique. The galleries are the heartbeat of Insa-dong. There are about 100 galleries in the area and you can see every example of traditional Korean fine art from paintings to sculptures.

## Shopping

### **Myeong-dong**



Myeong-dong is a massive shopping district. Myeong-dong Street is around 1km long and extends from Myeong-dong Subway Station (Seoul Subway Line No. 4) to Lotte Department Store at Euljiro. All kinds of brand name shops and department stores are clustered along the streets and alleyways. You can purchase various products such as clothes, shoes, and accessories. Compared to Namdaemun or Dongdaemun, many good-quality brands are sold in Myeong-dong.

### **Gwangjang Market**



It is first permanent market in Korea.

More than 5,000 stores are open to sell numerous foods, clothes and living goods. It has become a new modern market recently through an environment improvement project.

### **Dongdaemun (Dongdaemun Market)**



Ever since its opening in 1905, Dongdaemun Market has been one of the major markets in Korea. Specializing in wholesale clothing, the market has grown large, having more than 20 shopping malls. A full range of fashion items that cover head to toe, are found in Dongdaemun Market at inexpensive prices. Just name it and you shall find it! No wonder the market is always crowded with retailers, foreigners, customers and tourists.