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THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON  
BIOSAFETY  
First meeting  
Vienna, Austria, 14-16 May 2012

## Information Note for Participants

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## 1. Opening and registration

The Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on the Second Assessment and Review of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, will be held in Vienna, Austria, from Monday 14 to Wednesday 16 May 2012.

The meeting will start at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, 14 May 2012, and registration will take place at the venue of the workshop at 8:00 a.m. the same day.

## 2. Venue

The workshop will be held at:  
Federal Ministry for Agriculture, Forestry,  
Environment and Water Management  
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## 3. Working language

The workshop will be held in English.

## 4. Documents

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



<http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=BSAR-01>

## 5. General information on access to Vienna

⇒ **From/to Vienna International Airport (VIE)**

**City Airport Train – CAT**

The CAT (City Airport Train) is a direct connection between Vienna Airport and the city centre with city check-in facilities. You can check in and obtain your boarding card at Wien-Mitte train station up to 24 hours prior to your departure (service not available for all carriers, you will find the complete list at [www.cityairporttrain.com](http://www.cityairporttrain.com)).

City Air Terminal: Corner of Invalidenstrasse/Marxer Brücke

Travelling time: 16 minutes non-stop

Departures: every half hour

Price: 11 € single, 17 € return

Tickets can be booked and printed out directly on the CAT homepage [www.cityairporttrain.com](http://www.cityairporttrain.com), or purchased from ticket vending machines or the conductors on the train.

### **S7 railway line**

The S7 railway line takes 22 minutes, and runs at 20-minute intervals, between Wien Mitte and the airport (with regular stops on the way). The S7 railway also stops at the “Praterstern” station.

Tickets: 1 centre zone (2 €) + 1 outer zone (2 €) = 4 € for a single ride.

If you already have a ticket for the central zone (city area), you only have to buy a ticket for 1 outer zone (2 €).

### **Vienna Airportlines bus service**

From Westbahnhof, Südbahnhof, Center (Morzinplatz/Schwedenplatz) to Vienna Airport

Service daily from 5.00 am – 0:20 am, approx. every 30 minutes, duration of trip approx. 20 minutes

One-way ticket: 7 €

Return ticket: 12 €

(all tickets include 3 pieces of luggage)

The bus stop at Vienna International Airport is located directly in front of the arrivals and departure hall.

### **Taxi service:**

Approximate price: 40 €

Approximate duration: 30–45 minutes

Radio taxis are entitled to ask for an additional return fee of 10 € for trips to the airport.

### **⇒ City Public Transport**

Online information on public transportation is available at <http://www.vor.at> (“Fahrplanauskunft”), or <http://www.wienerlinien.at>

### **Connections to important train stations**

To/from train station **Westbahnhof**

Stops on the U3 and U6 subways, or the 5, 6, 9, 18, 52 and 58 streetcars.

To/from train station **Südbahnhof**

Stops on the D, O and 18 streetcars or 13A and 69A bus lines.

To/from train station **Franz-Josefs-Bahnhof**

Stops on the D, 5 and 33 streetcars

## 6. **Visa information**



Here you find the relevant information regarding visa issues:

<http://www.bmeia.gv.at/aussenministerium/buergerservice/pass-und-visum/visainformation-englisch.html>

## 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 meeting venue can be found below in Annex A.

The rates quoted are special rates Ministry rates, Please request the “**Federal Ministry for Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management**” rates at the time of booking.

More information on hotels in Vienna can be found on the Official Tourism Web Site of the Government of Austria at the following link: <http://www.wien.info>

## 8. **Travel and Payment of the Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA)**

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

## 9. **Official language in Austria**

The official language in Austria is German. English is spoken in hotels and restaurants.

## 10. **Weather and time zone information**



In May temperatures in Vienna range between 20-25 °C.

The standard time zone is CEST.

## 11. Electricity

The electrical currents in Austria are 230 Volts, 50 Hertz and plugs are as shown below.



## 12. Currency



The currency in Austria is the Euro (€). The current exchange rate as at 23 April is US \$1 = €0.7613 and € 1 = US \$1.3192. Currency exchange facilities are readily available in banks, hotels and within the meeting venue.

## 13. 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 insurance for the period of participation prior to departure.

## Annex A: LIST OF HOTELS WITH INDICATIVE ROOM

### RATES IN EUROS

	Address				Price Single Room	Homepage
<b>First Class hotels:</b>						
The Imperial Riding School Vienna	Ungargasse 60	1030	Wien	01/71175 0	99 -125	<a href="http://www.imperialrenaissance.at">www.imperialrenaissance.at</a>
Hilton Vienna Danube Vienna	Handelskai 269 Am Stadtpark 1	1200 1030	Wien	01/727 77 01/71700	125 150	<a href="http://www.hilton.de/wiendanube">www.hilton.de/wiendanube</a> <a href="http://www.hilton.de/wien">www.hilton.de/wien</a>
Hilton Vienna Plaza	Schottenring 11	1010	Wien	0131390-0	150	<a href="http://www.hilton.de/wienplaza">www.hilton.de/wienplaza</a>
<b>Central classical hotels:</b>						
Austria Trend Hotel Rathauspark	Rathausstraße 17	1010	Wien	01/40412763	107	<a href="http://www.austria-trend.at/de/?id=RHW">www.austria-trend.at/de/?id=RHW</a>
Austria Trend Hotel Europa	Kärntnerstraße 18	1015	Wien	01/51594-0	115	<a href="http://www.austria-trend.at/de/?id=EUW">www.austria-trend.at/de/?id=EUW</a>
Hotel Bellevue	Althanstraße 5	1090	Wien	01/313 48 - 0	86	<a href="http://www.hotelbellevue.at">www.hotelbellevue.at</a>
Renaissance Wien Hotel	Linke Wienzeile/Ullmannstrasse 71	1150	Wien	01/ 891020	95	<a href="http://www.renaissancewien.at">www.renaissancewien.at</a>
Hotel Papageno	Wiedner Hauptstraße 23- 25	1040	Wien	01/5046744	87	<a href="http://www.hotelpapageno.at">www.hotelpapageno.at</a>
Hotel Capri	Praterstraße 44	1020	Wien	01/2148404	72 - 88	<a href="http://www.hotelcapri.at">www.hotelcapri.at</a>
Intercity Hotel Wien	Mariahilfer Straße 122	1070	Wien	01/52585	89	<a href="http://www.wien.intercityhotel.at">www.wien.intercityhotel.at</a>
<b>Classical larger hotels:</b>						
Austria Trend Appartementhotel Vienna	Hintschiggasse 1	1100	Wien	01/614 97-0	96	<a href="http://www.austria-trend.at/de/?id=AVI">http://www.austria-trend.at/de/?id=AVI</a>
Hotel Bosei	Gutheil-Schoder-Gasse 9	1100	Wien	01/66 106-0	98	<a href="http://www.austria-trend.at/de/?id=BOS">www.austria-trend.at/de/?id=BOS</a>
Hotel Park Inn Vienna	Wagramer Straße 16-18	1220	Wien	01/26040	124	<a href="http://www.parkinnvienna.at">www.parkinnvienna.at</a>
<b>Small and cosy hotels:</b>						
Boutiquehotel Stadthalle	Hackengasse 20	1150	Wien	01/9824272	65	<a href="http://www.hotelstadthalle.at">www.hotelstadthalle.at</a>
Hotel Pension Altstadt Vienna	Kirchengasse 41	1070	Wien	01/5263399	125	<a href="http://www.altstadt.at">www.altstadt.at</a>
Westbahn Hotel Wien Bibersteiner KG	Pelzgasse 1	1150	Wien	01/9821480	89	<a href="http://www.westbahn.hotels.or.at">www.westbahn.hotels.or.at</a>
Hotel Altwienerhof	Herklotzgasse 6	1150	Wien	01/8926000	57	<a href="http://www.altwienerhof.at">www.altwienerhof.at</a>
Hotel Klimt	Felbigergasse 58	1140	Wien	01/9145565	50	<a href="http://www.klimt-hotel.at">www.klimt-hotel.at</a>
Hotel Kavalier	Linzer Straße 165	1140	Wien	01/910 02 - 0	71	<a href="http://www.hotelkavalier.at">www.hotelkavalier.at</a>
<b>Cheap, small hotels and hostels</b>						
Schweizer Pension Solderer	Heinrichsgasse 2	1010	Wien	01/5338156	48	<a href="http://www.schweizerpension.com">www.schweizerpension.com</a>
Hotel Praterstern	Mayergasse 6	1020	Wien	01/214 01 23	47	<a href="http://www.hotelpraterstern.at">www.hotelpraterstern.at</a>
Hotel Franzenshof	Große Stadtgutgasse 19	1020	Wien	01/216 62 82	55	<a href="http://www.hotelfranzenshof.at">www.hotelfranzenshof.at</a>
Hostel Hütteldorf	Schlossberggasse 8	1130	Wien	01/877 1501	28-50	<a href="http://www.hostel.at/de/?id=jgh">www.hostel.at/de/?id=jgh</a>
Hostel Schlossherberge	Savoyenstr. 2	1160	Wien	01/ 481 0300	42-53	<a href="http://www.hostel.at/de/?id=shb">www.hostel.at/de/?id=shb</a>
wombat´s City Hostel	Grangasse 6	1150	Wien	01/ 8972336	40	<a href="http://www.wombats-hostels.com/de/wien/the-base/">www.wombats-hostels.com/de/wien/the-base/</a>
Jugendgästehaus Brigittenau & Brigittenau Youth Palace	Adalbert Stifter Strasse 73	1200	Wien	01/332 82 94-0	50	<a href="http://www.1200vienna.at">www.1200vienna.at</a>

Please request the “**Federal Ministry for Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management-rates**”.