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### COORDINATION MEETING FOR GOVERNMENTS AND ORGANIZATIONS IMPLEMENTING AND/OR FUNDING BIOSAFETY CAPACITY-BUILDING ACTIVITIES

Seventh meeting

Chisinau, Republic of Moldova, 4-6 April 2011






### LIAISON GROUP ON CAPACITY-BUILDING FOR BIOSAFETY

Eighth meeting

Chisinau, Republic of Moldova, 7-8 April 2011

### Information Note for Participants

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## **1. Opening and Registration**

The Seventh Coordination Meeting for Governments and Organizations Implementing and/or Funding Biosafety Capacity-building Activities will be held in Chisinau, Republic of Moldova from Monday, 4 to Wednesday, 6 April 2011.

The meeting will start at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, 4 April and registration will take place from 8:30 a.m. at the same venue.

The Eighth meeting of the Liaison Group on Capacity-building for Biosafety will be held in Chisinau, Republic of Moldova from Thursday, 7 to Friday, 8 April 2011.

The meeting will start at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, 7 April and registration for new participants will take place from 8:30 a.m. at the same venue.

## **2. Venue**

The meetings will be held at:

### **Academy of Sciences of Moldova Conference Hall**

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MD-2001 Chisinau, Republic of Moldova

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## **3. Working language of the meetings**

The meetings will be held in English.

## **4. Documents**

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



Seventh Coordination Meeting for Governments and Organizations Implementing and/or Funding Biosafety Capacity-building Activities:

<http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=BSCMCB-07>

Eighth meeting of the Liaison Group on Capacity-building for Biosafety:  
<http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=BSLGCB-08>

## 5. General information on access to Chisinau, Moldova



The capital of Moldova, Chisinau is serviced by the [Chisinau International Airport](http://airport.md/acces-aeroport-en/) which is approximately 13 km to the city centre and the journey takes approximately 15-20 minutes. <http://airport.md/acces-aeroport-en/> .

### Taxi

Taxis may be obtained at the arrivals hall at the exit of the airport. Rates from the airport to Chisinau districts range from about US \$4.65 to US \$7.00. A company available at the airport is: Taxi Service No. "1470", Tel.: (+373 22) 1470

### Bus

The "A" Express Bus Service is available from the airport to the city centre, the cost is approximately US \$20.00 and the journey takes about 15 minutes and operates as follows:

Working hours: 06.35 -18.55, Departures every: 30 minutes

### Shuttle bus No. 165

This shuttle bus services a specific route: from Ismail St. – Airport and return. The cost is approximately US \$1.00 and the journey takes about 30 minutes. The hours of operation and information is as follows:

Working hours: 06.00-21.30, Departures every: 15 minutes

## 6. Visa information



Participants from certain countries require a visa for the Republic of Moldova and are strongly advised to contact the nearest Moldovan diplomatic or consular mission **as soon as possible** in order to secure the required entry visa in a timely manner, prior to departure. Please note that airlines will not allow boarding without a valid visa.

Information on visa procedures for entry into the Republic of Moldova can be found at the following link: <http://www.mfa.gov.md/entry-visas-moldova/>. A list of relevant Moldovan diplomatic/consular missions abroad, is available on the web site of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of the Republic of Moldova at: <http://www.onu.mfa.md/embassies-en/>.

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

For Nationalities requiring a visa, the application form is standard across for all Moldovan Embassies and Consulates. Please visit: <http://www.mfa.gov.md/misiunile-diplomatice-oficiile-consulare-en/>, <http://www.mfa.gov.md/entry-visas-moldova/>. The application form can be downloaded from the following link: <http://www.mfa.gov.md/entry-visas-moldova/visa-application-form/>.

**Foreign citizens who do not need a visa for entry on the territory of the Republic of Moldova:**

The citizens of the following states, the holders of all the types of passports, do not need visas for the entry on the territory of the Republic of Moldova for a period of stay up to 90 days, during six months from the moment of the first entry:

The following member states of the European Union: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Hungary, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden;

The following countries or territories: Canada, Georgia, Holy See, Iceland, Japan, Principality of Andorra, Principality of Monaco, Principality of Liechtenstein, Norway, San Marino, State of Israel, Swiss Confederation, United States of America;

CIS member states: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan.

**The holders of the diplomatic and service passports, who are citizens of the following states do not need visas for entry on the territory of the Republic of Moldova for the period up to 90 days during 6 months:**

Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Montenegro, Serbia, Turkey and Viet Nam.

**The holders of the diplomatic and service passports, who are citizens of the following states do not need visas for the entry on the territory of the Republic of Moldova for the period up to 30 days:** China, Islamic Republic of Iran and Turkmenistan.

**The foreign citizens who do not need invitation to obtain a visa for the Republic of Moldova:**

The citizens of the following states do not need invitation to obtain the visa for the maximum period of 90 days: Republic of Croatia, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkish Republic

For participants who encounter difficulties and need assistance to speed up the visa process, please contact Ms. Angela Lozan [angelalozan@yahoo.com](mailto:angelalozan@yahoo.com), tel: (+373 22) 22 68 74, and Ms. Cristina Martiniuc, [cristina.martiniuc@mfa.ch](mailto:cristina.martiniuc@mfa.ch) (Geneva), tel: +4122 733-91-03. You may be recommended to send your application documents via express mail, prepaid tour-retour, along with a blank envelope with the return address enclosed, to the following address:

**Permanent Mission of the Republic of Moldova to the United Nations Office at Geneva**  
**28, Chemin du Petit-Saconnex**  
**1209 Geneva, Switzerland**  
**Phone +4122 733-91-03**  
**Fax +4122 733-91-04**  
**E-mail: [Geneva@mfa.md](mailto:Geneva@mfa.md),**  
**To the attention of: Ms. Cristina Martiniuc, [cristina.martiniuc@mfa.md](mailto:cristina.martiniuc@mfa.md).**

## 7. Hotel information

The available Hotels in Chisinau are listed in the Annex A. The reservation should be made by participants via indicated websites.

Further information on hotels can be found on the following web site:  
<http://www.tourism-in-moldova.com/>



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

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

## 9. Official language in Moldova

The official language in the Republic of Moldova is Romanian (Moldovian). English is understood in some hotels and restaurants.

## 10. Weather and time zone information



In April, temperatures in Chisinau, Republic of Moldova range between a maximum of 16°C in the daytime and a minimum of 6°C at night. Current weather conditions can be found at:  
<http://www.worldweather.org/108/c00208.htm>.

The standard time zone will be GMT/ UTC +3 hours.

## 11. Electricity

The electrical currents in Moldova are 230 Volts, 50 Hertz, the plugs are as shown in the illustration below.



## 12. Currency



The currency in the Republic of Moldova is the Moldova Lei (MDL). The current exchange rate as at 7 March 2011 is US \$1 = MDL 12.01 and € 1 = MDL 16.82.

## 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

**Rates of exchange**  
 US \$1.00 = MDL 12.01 and  
 € 1.00 = MDL 16.82

### List of hotels with indicative room rates in Euros The room rates are approximate and are subject to change

HOTELS	Approximate room rates	Remarks
Codru 4* Chisinau, 31 August str,127 Reservations Manager: Tel.: +373 22 208104 Fax: +373 22 237948 E-mail: <a href="mailto:reservation@codru.md">reservation@codru.md</a> Web site: <a href="http://www.codru.md/">http://www.codru.md/</a>	Standard single room - 99 Euros	15 min by trolley/bus to the Conference hall venue
Dacia Hotel 4*Dacia Chisinau, 135, 31 August street Telephone: (+37322) 23-22-51 Fax: (+37322) 23-46-47 E-mail: <a href="mailto:reception@daciahotel.md">reception@daciahotel.md</a> Web site: <a href="http://www.daciahotel.md">www.daciahotel.md</a>	Standard single room - 74-90 Euros  Discounts available for participants. Single room – 50 Euros Double room – 60 Euros.	15 min by trolley/bus. When making the reservation mention that you are a participant to the CBD meeting.
Jumbo 4* Chisinau, Chisinau,23/3,Decebal str. Tel.: (+373 22) 54 20 76, Fax: (+373 22) 54 04 93 E-mail: <a href="mailto:info@hotel-jumbo.com">info@hotel-jumbo.com</a> Web site: <a href="http://www.hotel-jumbo.com/about.php">http://www.hotel-jumbo.com/about.php</a>	Standard econom - 69 Euros. Discounts 30% available for participants.	15 minutes by trolley/bus. When making the reservation mention that you are a participant to the CBD meeting.
Cosmos 3* Chisinau, 2, Negruzzi blvd info@hotel-cosmos.com Tel: +373 22 83-75-05 (24 Hours) Tel.:+373 22 54-27-44 +373 22 54-62-10 (Reservation Department) Web site: <a href="http://www.hotel-cosmos.com">http://www.hotel-cosmos.com</a>	Standard single room - 29 Euros. Discounts available 10-20% available for participants.	5-7 minutes walk. When making the reservation mention that you are a participant to the CBD meeting.
Appartments West East Travel 131, Columna street, office 11, Chisinau, Republic of Moldova. Tel.: +373-6006-0606 :: Fax in USA: +1-815-642-1172 E-mail: <a href="mailto:info@moldova-travel.com">info@moldova-travel.com</a> © West East Travel 1999-2009 Web site: <a href="http://www.moldova-travel.com/accommod/apartments.htm">http://www.moldova-travel.com/accommod/apartments.htm</a>	Apartments: 1-2-3 rooms. Price from 30 to 60 Euros and include discounts	Recommended apartments: located on the following streets: Stefan cel Mare Bd and Bd Negruzzi. These are close to the conference venue.  All apartments are secured
Villa Verde 3* Chisinau, 110 Grenoble str. Telephone: (+373 22) 288-003, 288004; Free phone: 0 800 70077; Fax: (+373 22) 280-479 E-mail: <a href="mailto:reception@vila-verde.md">reception@vila-verde.md</a> , <a href="mailto:desk@vila-verde.md">desk@vila-verde.md</a> Web site: <a href="http://www.vila-verde.md/">http://www.vila-verde.md/</a>	Standard single room - 45 Euros	By taxi 20 min., Minibus nr. 102 - 30 min.

<b>HOTELS</b>	<b>Approximate room rates</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
Hotel Bella Donna 3* Chisinau, Bucuresti str,9 Phone.: +373 22 548207 Phone/Fax: +373 22 548514 E-mail: <a href="mailto:info@hotelbelladonna.md">info@hotelbelladonna.md</a> Skype:belladonnamoldova Gsm: +373 79062985	Standard single room - 45 Euros	15-20 min walking
Hotel Arus 4* 38, Ciuflea str. Tel: (00 373 22) 50 25 10 Fax: (00 373 22) 50 25 28 Mobile: (00 373) 79 29 22 50 E-mail: <a href="mailto:info@hotel-arus.md">info@hotel-arus.md</a> Web site: <a href="http://www.hotel-arus.md">www.hotel-arus.md</a>	Standard single room - 75 Euros	20 min walking
Mesogios Hotel 4* Chisinau, Armeneasca str, 23 Tel: +373 (22) 278498 - +373 (22) 278456 Fax: +373 (22) 211035 E-mail: <a href="mailto:info@mesogios.md">info@mesogios.md</a> Web site: <a href="http://www.mesogios.md/">http://www.mesogios.md/</a>	Single standard room - 65- 77 Euros	20 minutes by trolley/bus
MINI II 3* Chisinau, Pushkina str,47 MINI I 3* Chisinau, Kogalnichanu str,6 Web site: <a href="http://www.hotels.md/en/chisinau-hotel/mini-ii/">http://www.hotels.md/en/chisinau-hotel/mini-ii/</a>	Single standard room - 60 Euros	25-30 minutes by trolley/bus

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