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

Third meeting

26–28 February 2007, Lusaka, Zambia

And

**MEETING OF THE LIAISON GROUP ON CAPACITY-BUILDING
FOR BIOSAFETY**

Fourth meeting

1-2 March 2007, Lusaka, Zambia

INFORMATION NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS

1. Opening and registration

The third Coordination meeting for Governments and Organizations implementing and/or funding Biosafety Capacity-Building activities and the fourth meeting of the Liaison Group on Capacity-Building for Biosafety will be held back-to-back in Lusaka, Zambia, from 26–28 February and 1-2 March 2007, respectively.

1.1 Coordination meeting

The meeting will be opened will be on Monday, 26 February 2007 at 9 a.m. and registration will take place at the meeting venue at 8.30 a.m. the same day.

1.2 Meeting of the Liaison Group

The meeting will be opened on Thursday, 1 March 2007 at 9 a.m. and registration will start on Wednesday, 28 February for participants attending the Coordination meeting and will continue on Thursday, 1 March at the meeting venue at 8.30 a.m.

2. Venue

The Coordination and Liaison Group meetings will be held at:

Cresta Golfview Hotel
Great East Road
Lusaka, Zambia
Telephone: + 260 1 290 770, 290 740;
Reservation: + 260 1 290 718; Fax: + 260 1 292 290 049;
Email: reservation@cresta.co.zm (CC to functions@cresta.co.zm)

3. Working language of the Meetings

The Meetings will be held in English only.

4. Documents

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

Pre-session documents are available on the Secretariat's web site as follows:

* **Coordination meeting:** <http://www.biodiv.org/doc/meeting.aspx?mtg=BSCMCB-03>

* **Liaison Group meeting:** <http://www.biodiv.org/doc/meeting.aspx?mtg=BSLGCB-04>

5. Visas

Lists of the countries whose nationals **do not require** or **require** visas to enter Zambia are attached as **annex I** and **annex II**, respectively.

Participants requiring an entry visa to Zambia should contact, **as early as possible**, the diplomatic/consular missions of Zambia to allow sufficient time for a visa to be issued sufficiently in advance before departure.

For more information on visa requirements and Zambia diplomatic missions abroad please visit the following web site:

<http://www.zambiatourism.com/travel/traveladvice/visa%20and%20immigration%20info.htm>

The Secretariat will issue, upon request, invitation letter to be attached to the visa applications.

For any assistance on visa-related issues, please contact the designated focal person, namely Mr. Samson Banda whose coordinates are as follows:

Mr. Samson Banda
Head of Administration,
National Institute for Scientific and Industrial Research,
International Airport Road,
P. O. Box 310158, Chelston 15302
Lusaka, Zambia;
Telephone: + 260 1 281084
Fax: + 260 1 281013
E-mail: mmlewanika@nisir.org.zm and sanyanda@hotmail.com

6. Arrival at Lusaka International Airport (LUN/FLLS)

The city of Lusaka is serviced by the Lusaka International Airport (LUN/FLLS), which is about 14 km from the meeting venue. The hotel has a shuttle bus service from the airport at a cost of US \$ 10. The cost of a taxi is about US\$ 20.

To enrol for the shuttle bus service from/to the airport or for any query, please contact the Cresta Golfview Hotel directly at the address below:.

7. Hotel accommodation

A block booking has been made on behalf of all participants at Cresta Golfview Hotel, which is the venue of the meeting. The discounted rate per room is US \$ 104, inclusive of breakfast. The coordinates of the hotel are as follows:

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It should be noted that participants **must confirm directly** with the hotel their reservations as soon as possible but **no later than 19 February 2007**. Past this deadline, rooms that have not been confirmed will be freed automatically and Cresta Golfview Hotel will not guarantee availability and discounted room rates.

8. Currency and rate of exchange

Zambia's currency is the Zambian kwacha (ZMK). The current exchange rate (January 2007) is 1 US\$ = 4,200 ZMK or 1 ZMK = 0, 024 US\$

9. Credit Cards

Major credit cards (Visa, MasterCard) are accepted in most hotels and restaurants.

10. Time zone

Zambia time in February & March will be GMT/UTC + 2 hours

11. Weather conditions

During the months of February & March, the average temperature is 25°C and can reach a maximum of 33°C. This time of the year is the peak of the rainy season. More information on weather is available at the following web site: www.metro-zambia.net .

12. Voltage

Electricity in Zambia is 230 Volts, alternating at 50 cycles per second. If you travel with a device that does not accept 230 Volts at 50 Hertz, you will need a voltage converter.

Plug Adapters and Outlet Shapes are shown below. Outlets in Zambia generally accept 3 types of plug:



Two round pins



Three round pins arranged in a triangle



Two parallel flat pins with ground pin

If your appliances plug has a different shape, you may need a plug adapter.

13. Disclaimer

The CBD Secretariat disclaims all responsibility for 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 to secure, prior to departure, international medical insurance for the period of participation.

Annex I

**LIST OF COUNTRIES WHOSE NATIONALS DO NOT REQUIRE A VISA TO ENTER
ZAMBIA (provided by the host country)**

Antigua and Barbuda	Namibia
Bahamas	Nauru
Belize	Romania
Botswana	St Kitts and Nevis
Brunei	St. Lucia
Cyprus	St. Vincent and Grenadines
Dominican Republic	Samoa
Fiji Islands	Seychelles
Grenada	Singapore
Ireland	Solomon Islands
Jamaica	South Africa
Kenya	Swaziland
Kiribati	Tanzania
Lesotho	Tonga
Malawi	Trinidad and Tobago
Malaysia	Tuvalu
Maldives	Uganda
Malta	Vanuatu
Mauritius	Zimbabwe

Annex II
LIST OF COUNTRIES WHOSE NATIONALS REQUIRE A VISA TO ENTER ZAMBIA
(Provided by the host country)

Afghanistan	Ethiopia	Mozambique
Albania	Finland	Myanmar
Andorra	France	Nauru
Angola	Gabon	Nepal
Armenia	Gambia	Netherlands
Australia	Gambia	New Zealand`
Austria	Georgia	Nicaragua
Azerbaijan	Germany	Niger
Bangladesh	Ghana	Nigeria
Belarus	Greece	Norway
Belgium	Guatemala	Oman
Benin	Guinea Bissau	Pakistan
Bolivia	Guinea Conakry	Panama
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Guyana	Papua New Guinea
Brazil	Haiti	Paraguay
Brunei	Honduras	Peru
Bulgaria	Iceland	Philippines
Burkina Faso	India	Poland
Burundi	Indonesia	Portugal
Cambodia	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Puerto Rico
Cameroon	Iraq	Republic of Korea (South Korea)
Canada	Israel	Russia Federation
Central African Republic	Italy	Rwanda
Chad	Japan	Saudi Arabia
Chile	Jordan	Senegal
China	Kazakhstan	Sierra Leone
Colombia	Kuwait	Somalia
Comoros	Laos	Spain
Congo	Latvia	Sri-lanka
Congo (Democratic Rep. of)	Lebanon	Sudan
Cook Islands	Liberia	Sweden
Costa Rica	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	Syria Arab republic
Côte d'Ivoire	Liechtenstein	Tajikistan
Croatia	Lithuania	Thailand
Cuba	Luxembourg	Tunisia
Czech Republic	Madagascar	Turkey
Democratic Republic of Korea	Mali	Ukraine
Denmark	Mauritania	United Arab Emirates
Djibouti	Mexico	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Ecuador	Moldova	United States of America
Egypt	Monaco	Uzbekistan
Equatorial Guinea	Mongolia	Vietnam
Eritrea	Morocco	Yemen
Estonia		