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WORKSHOP ON CAPACITY-BUILDING FOR RESEARCH AND INFORMATION EXCHANGE ON SOCIO-ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF LIVING MODIFIED ORGANISMS UNDER THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY
New Delhi, India, 14-16 November 2011

ASIA-PACIFIC REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON THE NAGOYA-KUALA LUMPUR SUPPLEMENTARY PROTOCOL ON LIABILITY AND REDRESS TO THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY
New Delhi, India, 17-18 November 2011

ASIA SUB-REGIONAL TRAINING OF TRAINERS' WORKSHOP ON THE IDENTIFICATION AND DOCUMENTATION OF LIVING MODIFIED ORGANISMS
New Delhi, India, 21-25 November 2011

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1. Opening and registration

The Workshop on Capacity-Building for Research and Information Exchange on Socio-Economic Impacts of Living Modified Organisms Under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety will be held in New Delhi, India, from 14 to 16 November 2011. The Asia-Pacific Regional Workshop on the Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety will be held in New Delhi, India, from 17 to 18 November 2011 and the Asia Sub-Regional Training of Trainers' Workshop on the Identification and Documentation of Living Modified Organisms will be held in New Delhi, India, from 21 to 25 November 2011.

The Workshop on Capacity-Building for Research and Information Exchange on Socio-Economic Impacts of Living Modified Organisms Under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety will be held in New Delhi, India will start at 9:00 a.m on Monday, 14 November 2011, and registration will take place at the venue of the workshop at 8:30 a.m. on the same day.

The Asia-Pacific Regional Workshop on the Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety will start at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, 17 November 2011, and registration will take place at the venue of the workshop at 8:30 a.m. on the same day.

The Asia Sub-Regional Training of Trainers' Workshop on the Identification and Documentation of Living Modified Organisms will be held in New Delhi will start at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, 21 November 2011, and registration will take place at the venue of the workshop at 8:30 a.m. on the same day.

2. Venue

The workshops will be held at:

Hotel Samrat

Kautilya Marg, Chanakyapuri

New Delhi 110021, India

Tel: + 91-11-26110606

Fax: +91-11-26887047

E-mail: info@hotelsamrat.co.in

Web site: <http://hotelsamrat.co.in/en/>

3. Working language of the workshops

The workshops will be held in English.

4. Documents



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

Workshop on Capacity-building for research and information exchange on socio-economic impacts of Living Modified Organisms under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety
<http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=BSWS-SEC-01>

Asia-Pacific Regional Workshop on the Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety
<http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=BSLRRW-APAC-01>

Asia Sub-regional Training of Trainers' Workshop on the Identification and Documentation of Living Modified Organisms
<http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=BSWSTTID-AS-01>

5. General information on access to New Delhi, India

The airport servicing New Delhi is the Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGI), New Delhi. The airport is about 15 kilometres from the city centre and the journey takes approximately 30 - 60 minutes. The cost of a taxi is approximately INR 220 (about US \$5.00), however, there is an extra charge for taxis after 11:00 p.m. For participants staying at the Hotel Samrat, the hotel will arrange for transportation to and from the airport, please provide your flight information to the contact listed in **Annex B** below.

6. Visa information

Participants from all countries require an entry visa for India and are strongly advised to contact the nearest Indian diplomatic or consular mission **as soon as possible** in order to secure the required entry visa in a timely manner, prior to departure. Visa requests must be made on line. 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 National Portal of India at: <http://india.gov.in/overseas/passport/passport.php?id=6>. A list of relevant Indian diplomatic/consular missions abroad, is available on the same web site at: http://india.gov.in/overseas/embassy_detail.php?type=IE.

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

7. Health requirements

The International travel, health and vaccination requirements for travel to India can be obtained from the World Health Organization (WHO) web site at: <http://apps.who.int/tools/geoserver/www/ith/index.html>.

Travellers to India require a yellow fever vaccination certificate for travellers over 9 months of age, who within the preceding six days, have been in or have passed through any country with risk of yellow fever transmission.

Malaria risk exists throughout the year in the whole country at altitudes below 2000 metres.

For more information, please consult a medical professional with regard to the vaccination requirements for your travel.

8. Hotel information

Participants are kindly reminded that **they have to make their own hotel reservations as soon as possible.**

Accommodation can be booked at the meeting venue, the information is listed below. The form for transportation to and from the airport for Hotel Samrat only can be found in Annex B below.

Hotel Samrat

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New Delhi 110021, India

Tel: + 91-11-26110606

Fax: +91-11-26887047

E-mail: info@hotelsamrat.co.in

Web site: <http://hotelsamrat.co.in/en/>

All participants (funded and non-funded) staying at the Hotel Samrat will be provided with transportation to and from the airport. Please provide the hotel with your flight information at the time of room booking.

The rates for participants including breakfast and taxes are as follows:

Single room: INR 6,000 (approx. US \$122)

Double room: INR 7,200 (approx. US \$146)

Below is an indicative list of other hotels (**Annex A**) located in the vicinity of the meeting venue.

For more information on India, please visit the following web site:
<http://www.incredibleindia.org/>



9. Payment of the Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA)

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

10. Official languages in India

There are two official languages in India: Hindi and English.

11. Weather and time zone information



In November, temperatures in New Delhi usually range between a maximum of +28°C in the daytime and a minimum of +12°C at night. Current weather conditions in the area can be found at: <http://www.worldweather.org/066/c00224.htm>.

The standard time zone is GMT /UTC +5 ½ hours.

12. Electricity

The electrical currents in India are 230 volts, 50 Hertz. The type of sockets used are illustrated below:



13. Currency



The currency in India is the Indian rupee (INR). The current exchange rate as at 11 October 2011 is US \$1 = INR 49.19 and (Euro) € 1 = INR 67.16.

14. 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 INDIAN RUPEES

RATES ARE INDICATIVE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE

A. HOTELS	Room Rates	Remarks
1. Cosy Grand 13, Aradhana Enclave Sector - 13, R. K. Puram New Delhi - 110066 Tel: +91-11-24105834/5835/5836 E-mail: info@cosygrand.com Web site: www.cosygrand.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delux single: INR 5500 and INR 6200 • Superior delux single: INR 6500 and INR 7200 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prices do not include applicable taxes
2. Hotel Bamyam 6 A, Ring Road, Lajpat Nagar - 4, Near Moolchand Flyover New Delhi-110024, India Tel: +91-11-4567-9791 Mobile: +91-989-965-5959; +91-931-009-7977 Fax: +91-11-46579700 E-mail: bamyamhotel@gmail.com Web site: www.bamyamhotel.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard single: INR 4500 • Standard double: INR 5000 • Deluxe single: INR 5000 • Deluxe double: INR 5500 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prices do not include applicable taxes • Includes American breakfast
3. Hotel Vikram Ring Road, Lajpat Nagar New Delhi- 110 024, India Phone: +11-46515151, Fax: +91-11-46515152 E-mail: reservations@hotelvikram.com Web site: http://www.hotelvikram.com/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive single: INR 6699 • Deluxe single: INR 7699 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prices do not include applicable taxes
4. Jukaso Inn 49-50 Sunder Nagar New Delhi Tel: +-91-24350308/09 Web site: http://jukaso.co.in/hotels.html#NEWDELHI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Club Executive single: INR 8000 • Club Executive double: INR 9000 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prices do not include applicable taxes

Annex B – Registration form for airport to hotel transfer for Samrat Hotel guests only

Delegate Full Name:

Country:

E-mail Address:

Arrival information

Date	
Flight Number/Airline	
Arrival time	

Departure information

Date	
Flight Number/Airline	
Departure time	

Please complete form and return to the appropriate contact person for each of the meetings, according to the following list:

1. Workshop on Capacity-building for research and information exchange on socio-economic impacts of living modified organisms under the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, **14 - 16 November 2011, Delhi, India.**

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2. Asia-Pacific Regional Workshop on the Nagoya - Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, New Delhi, India, **17 - 18 November, 2011.**

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3. Asia-Pacific Regional Training of Trainers Workshop on the Identification and Documentation of Living Modified Organisms” New Delhi, India, **21 – 25 November 2011.**

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