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CARIBBEAN SUB-REGIONAL CAPACITY-BUILDING WORKSHOP ON  
MAINSTREAMING BIOSAFETY INTO NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY  
STRATEGIES AND ACTION PLANS AND RESOURCE MOBILIZATION  
St. John's, Antigua and Barbuda, 9-13 March 2015

### INFORMATION NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS

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## 1. Opening and registration

The Caribbean Sub-regional Capacity-Building Workshop on Mainstreaming Biosafety into National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans and Resource Mobilization will be held back to back with the meeting of the Regional Steering Committee for the UNEP/GEF Regional Project for Implementing National Biosafety Frameworks in the Caribbean in St. John's, Antigua and Barbuda from Monday, 9 March to Friday, 13 March 2015.

The workshop will start at 8:45 a.m. on Monday, 9 March 2015 and registration will take place at the venue of the workshop at 8:15 a.m. the same day.

## 2. Venue

The workshop will be held at:

### **Heritage Hotel**

Heritage Quay

P.O. Box 1532

St. John's, Antigua

Tel: +268 481 7531

Fax: +268 462 1179

E mail: [heritagehotel@candw.ag](mailto:heritagehotel@candw.ag)

Website: <http://www.goheritagehotel.com/anu/>

## 3. Working language of the workshop

The workshop will be held in English.

## 4. Documents



The workshop pre-session documents are available on the Secretariat's website at:

<http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=BSMBWS-2015-02>

In order to minimize the environmental footprint of the workshop and in line with the UN policy towards greener meetings, 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 workshop.

## 5. General information on access to St. John's



St. John's is serviced by V.C. Bird International Airport (8 km from the venue). Taxis are available at the arrivals hall and cost about US \$15-20. The trip to the workshop venue takes about 15 minutes.

## 6. Visa information



Nationals from the countries participating in this workshop do not require a visa (with the exception of Haiti). Participants are nevertheless requested to verify requirements prior to departure. Information on visa requirements can be found on the web site of the Ministry of Tourism and Environment of Antigua and Barbuda at: <http://www.antigua-barbuda.org/Agtip01a.htm>

## 7. Hotel information

Participants are requested to make their own hotel reservations. We strongly urge participants to book their accommodations at the venue hotel where a special rate (US \$128.63 per night) for workshop participants has been negotiated. Please contact Mr. Reynolds at the hotel and mention the workshop when making reservations.

Mr. Rawle Reynolds  
Heritage Hotel  
Tel: 268-481-7531 or 268-729-2771 (cell)  
E-mail: [sjdchh@gmail.com](mailto:sjdchh@gmail.com)

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

A Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA) will be paid to sponsored participants on the first day of the workshop. Sponsored participants are asked to present their passports which will be photocopied and returned to them.

## 9. Official language

The official language in Antigua and Barbuda is English.

## 10. Weather and time zone information



In March, temperatures usually range between 22.5°C and 28.6°C. Current weather conditions in the area can be found at: <http://worldweather.wmo.int/en/city.html?cityId=151>

The standard time zone is GMT -4 hours.

## 11. Electricity

The electrical currents are 110 and 230 volts, 60 Hertz. The plugs used are as shown in the illustrations below.



## **12. Currency**



The currency in Antigua and Barbuda is the East Caribbean dollar (XCD or \$). The current exchange rate as at 18 February 2015 is US \$1 = XCD 2.70 and € 1 = XCD 3.06. The rates are subject to change.

## **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, accident and travel insurances for the period of participation prior to departure.

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