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MAINSTREAMING BIOSAFETY INTO NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY STRATEGIES
AND ACTION PLANS**
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 9-12 February 2016

Information Note for Participants

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1. Opening and registration

The Regional Workshop for Africa on Mainstreaming Biosafety into National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans will be held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from Tuesday, 9 February to Friday, 12 February 2016.

The workshop will start at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, 9 February, and registration will take place at the venue of the workshop starting 8:30 a.m. the same day.

2. Venue

The workshop will be held at:

Ambassador Hotel Ethiopia

Africa Avenue, Bole Road

P.O. Box 1130 Code 1110

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Phone: +251-116-18 8284 / 81

Wireless Line: +251-11 829-6364

Fax: +251-116-18 7096

Email: reservation@ambassadorhotelethiopia.com; info@ambassadorhotelethiopia.com

Website: <http://www.boleambassadorhotel.com/>

3. Working languages of the workshop

The workshop will be held in English and French with interpretation.

4. Documents



Participants are kindly reminded to bring their own copies of the documents for the workshop as there will be no extra copies made available on site during the workshop. Pre-session documents will be available on the Secretariat's web site at: <http://bch.cbd.int/protocol/meetings/documents.shtml?eventid=5564>.

5. General information on access to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia



Addis Ababa is serviced by the Addis Ababa Bole International Airport (it is located in Bole about 8 km outside the Addis Ababa city centre). Taxis are available at the airport, the fare is approximately ETB 60-80 (about US \$10) and the journey takes about 15-30 minutes and prices are higher at night.

6. Visa information



On an exceptional basis, due to time constraints, the local hosts of the workshop are providing direct assistance in obtaining visas upon arrival for the workshop participants requiring a visa to enter Ethiopia.

7. Health information

Yellow Fever certificates are required by persons who travel from or through yellow fever areas as designated by the World Health Organization.

There is no malaria risk in Addis Ababa. However, there is a risk of Malaria that exists throughout the year in the whole country in areas below 2000 m.

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

8. Hotel information

A listing of hotels in the vicinity of the workshop venue is attached as **Annex A**. Participants are requested to make their own hotel reservations including airport transfer for the workshop. Please note that some hotels offer airport shuttle services, please request directly when making reservations.

9. Payment of the Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA)

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

10. Official languages in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

The official language in Ethiopia is Amharic; several other languages are spoken. English is fairly well understood and spoken in hotels and restaurants.

11. Weather and time zone information



In February, temperatures in Addis Ababa usually range between a maximum of +24°C in the daytime and a minimum of +9°C at night. Current weather conditions can be found at: <http://worldweather.wmo.int/en/city.html?cityId=162>.

The standard time zone is GMT/UTC + 3 hours.

12. Electricity

The electrical currents used in Ethiopia are 220V, 50Hz and are shown in the illustration below.



13. Currency



The currency in Ethiopia is the Ethiopian Birr (ETB). The current exchange rate as at 28 January 2016 is US \$1 = ETB 21.39 and (Euro) € 1 = ETB 23.42. Rates are subject to change.

14. Disclaimer

The CBD Secretariat disclaims all the responsibilities for medical, accident and travel insurances for compensation for death or disability, for loss of or damage to personal property and for any other losses that may be incurred during travel time and the period of participation. In this context, it is strongly recommended that participants will secure international medical, travel and accident insurances for the period of travel and participation prior to departure.

Annex A

LIST OF HOTELS IN ADDIS ABABA NEAR MEETING VENUE			
No.	Hotel	Type of Rooms	Rate
HOTELS WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE OF VENUE			
1.	Ambassador Hotel Ethiopia Africa Avenue, Bole Road P.O. Box 1130 Code 1110 Addis Ababa, Ethiopia Phone: +251-116-18 8284 / 81 Wireless Line: +251-11 829-6364 Fax: +251-116-18 7096 E-mail: reservation@ambassadorhotelethiopia.com; info@ambassadorhotelethiopia.com Website: http://www.boleambassadorhotel.com/	At present there is no availability for rooms	
2.	Millennium Apartment Hotel Sunshine House Road Bole Road Behind Ambassador Hotel Addis Ababa, Ethiopia Tel: +251-018-96-59-89, +251- 0912-02-57-53 E-mail: manager@millenniumapartmenthotel.com Website: www.millenniumapartmenthotel.com	Contact hotel directly for rates	
3.	Empire Addis International Hotel Bole Road Addis Ababa, Ethiopia Tel: +251 11 661 4524 Web site: empireaddis.com	Single room: Deluxe Suite:	US \$135 US \$189
4.	Reliance Apartment Hotel Bole Sub City Wereda 03 Addis Ababa P.O.Box 1909 code 1110 Ethiopia Tel: + 251.11 667 2024/011 667 2002/ 011 667 2069 Fax: 251.11 667 2032 Web site: http://www.reliancehotelapartment.com/	King room Twin room Corner Suite Presidential suite	US \$100 US \$135 US \$130 US \$250
HOTELS AWAY FROM VENUE (PRIVATE TRANSPORTATION REQUIRED)			
5.	Jupiter International Hotel - Bole Near Africa Avenue Tel: +(251-11) 6 61 69/70 Fax: +(251-11) 6 61 69 99 E-mail: info@jupiterinternationalhotel.com Web site: www.jupiterinternationalhotel.com	Standard Single rooms Double Occupancy Super Deluxe Free WIFI	US\$90.00 US\$110.00 US\$130.00
6.	Lobelia Hotel Bole Sub-City, Kebele 03/05 Addis Ababa, Ethiopia Tel: +251 91 169 2054 Web site: http://www.hotellobeliaaddis.com/	Standard /Classic Deluxe twin and suites available Free WIFI	US \$80 and up
7.	Addis View Hotel (near airport) Arada Sub City, K. 13/14, House No.319 P.O. Box 1485 Code 1110 Addis Ababa , Ethiopia Tel: +251 11 124 9766 / 124 97 67 Mobile: +251-91-340 29 54 /55; +251-91-120 88 29 /145 76 89 Fax: +251-11-124 97 65 E-mail: addisview@ethionet.et Web site: www.addisviewhotel.com	King Addis single King Addis double	US \$80 US \$90

No.	Hotel	Type of Rooms	Rate
8.	Ras Amba Hotel (near airport) Kebena, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia Tel: +251-111-2280-80 Tel:2: +251-111-2332-19 E-mail: rahot@ethionet.et ; rasambahotel@hotmail.com Web site: http://www.hotelrasamba.com/	Single bed Superior single	US \$40 US \$60
9.	Green Valley Hotel (near airport) Queen Elizabeth II St Addis Ababa, Ethiopia Tel: +251 91 008 7917, 11-124-6000 Fax: +251) 91-119-2637	Single room	Minimum \$50

Please note that other rates may be available through on-line bookings.
