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1. Opening and registration

The Caribbean Training Course on Risk Assessment of Living Modified Organisms will be held in Belize City, Belize from Monday, 26 September to Friday, 30 September 2011.

The training course will start at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, 26 September 2011, and registration will take place at the venue of the meeting from 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. the same day.

2. Venue

The training course will be held at:

Central Bank of Belize

Gabourel Lane

P.O. Box 852

Belize City, Belize

Te: +501-223-6194

Fax 1+501-223-6226

Web site: <http://www.centralbank.org.bz/>

3. Working language of the meeting

The training course will be held in English.

4. Training course material

Training manuals will be distributed during the course. Participants are kindly reminded to bring their own notebooks and stationary for the training course as these will not be available during the course. Pre-session documents will be available on the Secretariat's web site at:



<http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=BSTCRM-CAR-01>

5. General information on access to Belize City, Belize



The city of Belize is serviced by the Philip S.W. Goldson International Airport (PGIA) (15 km from downtown). The taxi fares to the city centre are approximately US \$25 and takes about 20-25 minutes. Some hotels offer airport transfers.

6. Visa information



Participants requiring an entry visa for Belize are listed in Annex A below. Participants are strongly advised to contact the nearest Belizean diplomatic or consular mission **as soon as possible** in order to secure the required entry visa in a timely manner, prior to departure.

All participants must travel with a passport valid for at least 6 months from the date of entry into the country.

Information on visa procedures and a list of relevant Belizean diplomatic/consular missions abroad is available on the web site of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Belize at: <http://www.mfa.gov.bz/lp.asp?CtNode=920&CtUnit=34&BaseDSD=7&mp=26>.

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 Belize can be obtained from the World Health Organization (WHO) web site: <http://apps.who.int/tools/geoserver/www/ith/index.html> for vaccination requirements and recommendations.

A yellow fever vaccination certificate is required from travellers over one year of age coming from countries with risk of yellow fever transmission.

Risk of Malaria exists in all districts but varies within regions. The risk is moderate in Stan Creek and Toledo Districts; and low in Cayo, Corozal and Orange Walk.

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.**

Below is an indicative list of hotels (Annex B) located in the vicinity of the meeting venue and surrounding areas.

A map of the hotels in the vicinity of the meeting venue is provided in Annex C below.

More information on hotels and tourism in Belize can be found at the following link: <http://www.travelbelize.org/>

9. Payment of the Daily Subsistence Allowances (DSA)

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

10. Official language in Belize

The official language in Belize is English.

11. Weather and time zone information



In September, temperatures in Belize City usually range between a maximum of +31°C in the daytime and a minimum of +24°C at night. The wet season in Belize is from July to November. Current weather conditions in the area can be found at: <http://www.worldweather.org/038/c00148.htm>.

The standard time zone will be GMT/UTC -6 hours.

12. Electricity

The electrical currents in Belize are 110 Volts / 220 Volts, 60 Hertz as shown below.



13. Currency



The currency in Belize is the Belizean Dollar (BZD). The current exchange rate on 7 September 2011 is US \$ 1.00 = 2.04 Belizean Dollar and € 1 = 2.88 BZD.

14. 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 – Country Listing

COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES WHOSE CITIZENS REQUIRE VISAS IN ORDER TO ENTER BELIZE AS VISITORS (AS LISTED ON THE WEB SITE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS)

Citizens of the following countries and territories require a visa to **visit** or **transit** Belize:

A Afghanistan Albania Algeria Angola Argentina Armenia Azerbaijan	G Gabon Georgia Guinea Guinea-Bissau	N Nauru Nepal Niger Nigeria	U Ukraine United Arab Emirates Uzbekistan
B Bahrain Bangladesh Belarus Benin Bhutan Bolivia Bosnia and Herzegovina Brazil Bulgaria Burkina Faso Burundi	H Haiti	O Oman	V Viet Nam
C Cambodia Cameroon Cape Verde Central African Republic Chad China Colombia Comoros Congo, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Republic of the Croatia Cuba	I India Indonesia Iran, Islamic Republic of Iraq Israel Ivory Coast	P Pakistan Palestinian Authority Panama Paraguay Peru Philippines	Y Yemen
D Djibouti Dominican Republic	J Japan Jordan	Q Qatar	
E Ecuador Egypt Equatorial Guinea Eritrea Ethiopia	K Kazakhstan Kenya Korea, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Republic of Kuwait Kyrgyzstan	R Russian Federation Rwanda	
	L Lao, People's Democratic Republic of Lebanon Liberia Libyan Arab Jamahiriya Liechtenstein	S San Marino Sao Tomé e Príncipe Saudi Arabia Senegal Serbia Somalia Sri Lanka Sudan Syrian Arab Republic	
	M Madagascar Mali Mauritania Moldova Mongolia Montenegro Morocco Mozambique Myanmar	T Tajikistan Thailand The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia Togo Turkmenistan	

Annex B – Hotel listing

LIST OF HOTELS WITH INDICATIVE ROOM RATES IN US DOLLARS

HOTELS	Room Rates	Remarks
1. Chateau Caribbean 6 Marine Parade PO Box 947 Belize City, Belize telephone: 501-223-0800 Fax: 501-223-0900 E-mail: chateaucar@btl.net Web site: www.chateaucaribbean.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Single room: US \$79 Double room: US \$89 Triple room: US \$99 Deluxe room: US \$109 	Walking distance from venue
2. Radisson Fort George Hotel and Marina 2 Marine Parade Po Box 321 Belize City, Belize Tel: +501-223 3333 Fax: +501-227 3820 E-mail: amin.dredge@radisson.com Web site: http://www.radisson.com/belize-city-hotel-bz/belize	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Single room US \$137 	Walking distance from venue
3. The Batchelor Inn 5931 Bachelor Ave. West Landivar Belize City Mobile: 00501-6612729 , 00501-6682431 Phone: 00501-2237310 Fax: 00501-2237309 E-Mail: bachelorinn@yahoo.com Web site: http://www.bachelor-inn-hotel.com/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Single rooms: US \$29 – US \$59 	Walking distance from venue
4. The Great House 13 Cork Street P.O. Box. 85 Belize City, Belize Phone: +501-223-3400 Fax: +501-223-3444 E-mail: greathouse@btl.net Web site: http://www.greathousebelize.com/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Single room: US \$130 Double room: US \$140 	Walking distance from venue Internet and breakfast included
5. Best Western Belize Biltmore Plaza Mile 3 Northern Highway Belize City, Belize Tel: +501-223 2302 Fax: +501-223 2301 E-mail: Sales@belizebiltmore.com Web site: http://www.belizebiltmore.com/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Single room: US \$119 	Plus applicable taxes
6. Princess Hotel and Casino Belize 29 Newton Barracks Kings Park Belize City, Belize Tel: +501-223-0638 Fax: +501-223-3148 E-mail: reservations@princessbelize.com Web site: http://www.princessbelize.com/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Single room: US \$89 	Internet included Plus applicable taxes
7. Villa Boscardi 6043 Manatee Drive Buttonwood bay Belize City, Belize Tel: +501-223 1691 Fax: +501-223 1699 E-mail: boscardi@btl.net Web site: http://www.villaboscardi.com/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Single room: US \$75 	Bed and breakfast

Annex C - Map of the meeting venue and nearby Hotels, Belize

