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Accra, Ghana, 12 – 16 December 2011

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1. **Opening**

The Anglophone Africa Training Course on Risk Assessment of Living Modified Organisms will be held in Accra, Ghana, Monday, 12 to Friday, 16 December 2011.

The training course will start at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, 12 December 2011.

2. **Venue**

The meeting will be held at:

Ange Hill Hotel

PMB Ka 61

Kotoka International Airport

Accra, GHANA

Website: <http://www.angehillhotel.com.gh/>

E-mails: reservations@angehillhotel.com.gh; angehillhotel@yahoo.com

Tel: +233 302 517 514, +233 302 517 270, +233 243 405 125

3. **Working language of the training course**

The training course will be held in English.

4. **Documents**

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=BSRAT-ENAFR-01>

5. **General information on access to Accra, Ghana**



The capital of Ghana, Accra is serviced by the **Kotoka International Airport**, which is approximately 3 km to the **Ange Hill Hotel**, where a block booking was made on behalf of the participants to the training course. The Ange Hill Hotel will provide participants with transport free of charge from the airport to the hotel on the condition that participants submit their arrival details to the hotel at least 24 hour before arrival in Accra.

Taxi

Taxis are available at the arrival hall at the exit of the airport. Rates from the airport to Ange Hill Hotel range from about US \$5.00 to \$7.00.

6. **Visa information**



Participants from certain countries require a visa for Ghana and are strongly advised to contact the nearest Ghanaian diplomatic or consular mission **as soon as possible** in order to secure the required entry visa in a timely manner, prior to departure. Please note that airlines will not

allow boarding without a valid visa. A listing of Ghanaian diplomatic or consular missions abroad can be found at the following link:

http://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/foreign_affairs/abroad.php

Information on visa procedures for entry into the Republic of Ghana can be found at the following link:

http://www.ghana.gov.gh/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=113:ghana-visa-regulations-entry-requirements&catid=61:ghana-visa-regulations&Itemid=210

Nationals from the following countries are exempted from the need to obtain entry visas to Ghana:

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|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| Benin | Guinea Bissau | Nigeria |
| Burkina Faso | Kenya | Senegal |
| Cape Verde | Liberia | Sierra Leone |
| Cote D'ivoire | Mali | Togo |
| Gambia | Mauritania | |
| Guinea | Niger | |

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

7. **Hotel information**

A block booking has been made on behalf of all participants at the **ANGE HILL HOTEL** at discount rates of US \$85 for the standard room and US \$100 for the deluxe room (breakfast included). To benefit from the discount rates at these hotels, please send information directly to the hotel and use “Risk Assessment” in communications to qualify for the special rates.

| Recommended Hotel | Room Type and Discount Rates | Reservation Contact Information |
|---|--|--|
| Ange Hill Hotel PMB Ka 61, Kotoka International Airport, Accra- GHANA Located at East Legon, 8 minutes drive from Kotoka International Airport | Standard Rooms Bed & Breakfast US \$85 (plus 15% applicable taxes) | E-mail: reservations@angehillhotel.com.gh ; angehillhotel@yahoo.com Tel: +233 302 517 514 +233 302 517 270 +233 243 405 125 To qualify for the Special Rate.... Use RISK ASSESSMENT in all communications to Ange Hill Hotel and copy Ghana Atomic Energy Commission: info@bnari.org |
| | DeLuxe Rooms Bed & Breakfast US \$100 (plus 15% applicable taxes) | |

Information on other hotels can be found in annex A or on the following web site:

<http://www.ghanatourism.gov.gh/accommodation/accommodation.asp>




8. **Payment of the Daily Subsistence Allowances (DSA)**

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

9. **Official language in Ghana**

The official language in the Republic of Ghana is English. English is understood in all hotels and restaurants.

10. **Weather and time zone information** 

In December, temperatures in Accra, Republic of Ghana range between a maximum of 32°C in the daytime and a minimum of 24°C at night. Current weather conditions can be found at: <http://www.worldweather.org/151/c00921.htm>.

The standard time zone for Ghana is equivalent to GMT/UTC.

11. **Electricity**

The electrical currents in Ghana are 230 Volts, 50 Hertz, the plugs are as shown in the illustration below.



12. **Currency** 

The currency in the Republic of Ghana is the Ghana Cedis (Ghc). The current exchange rate as at 10 November 2011 is US \$1 = Ghc 1.62 and €1.00 = 2.20 Ghc

13. **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

List of hotels with indicative room rates in US dollars
Rates quoted are approximate and are subject to change

| HOTELS | Approximate room rates |
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| <p>Erata Hotel Ouagadougou Avenue , Okponglo East Legon (Near University of Ghana) Accra ,Ghana. Telephone : +(233) - 544336761 / 544336738 / 263003927 / 263003924 E-mail: info@eratahotel.com ; reservation@eratahotel.com Web site: http://www.eratahotel.com/rooms.html</p> | <p>Single US \$90</p> |
| <p>PH HOTELS PH Hotels Accra 1st Boundary Road, East Legon 84/86 Accra Ghana Telephone: +(233) 302 517452 to 54 Web site: http://www.phhotels-accra.com/ppc/index.php</p> | <p>Single US \$120</p> |
