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EDUCATION AND PARTICIPATION CONCERNING THE SAFE TRANSFER, HANDLING  
AND USE OF LIVING MODIFIED ORGANISMS  
5 - 9 November 2012, Kampala, Uganda

### Information Note for Participants

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## 1. Opening

The Africa regional capacity-building workshop on public awareness, education and participation concerning the safe transfer, handling and use of living modified organisms, will be held at Mukono (near Kampala), Uganda from Monday 5 to Friday 9 November 2012.

The workshop will start at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, 5 November and registration will take place from 8:30 a.m. at the Colline Hotel Mukono.

## 2. Venue

The workshop will be held at:

Colline Hotel Limited-Mukono,  
Kampala - Jinja Road  
P. O. Box 244,  
Mukono, Uganda

Telephone: +256 414 290533/290240; Mobile: +256 752 723344; +256 752 161161

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E-mail: [reservations@collinehotel.com](mailto:reservations@collinehotel.com); [naforridir@infocom.co.ug](mailto:naforridir@infocom.co.ug)

Website: <http://collinehotel.com>

## 3. Working language of the workshop

The workshop will be held in English and French.

## 4. Documents

Participants are kindly reminded to bring their own copies of the pre-session 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://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=BSWSCBLMO-AFR-01>

## 5. General information on access to Kampala, Uganda



Mukono town, located 20 km East of Kampala, is serviced by the Entebbe International Airport which is approximately 60 km. Taxis are available outside the baggage claim area of the airport. Transportation to the venue at Mukono costs approximately US 40 and takes about 50 minutes.

## 6. Visa information



Participants from certain countries require a visa for Uganda and are strongly advised to contact the nearest Ugandan 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.

Participants from the COMESA (Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa) countries as well as countries of the East African Community can get Visas on arrival upon presentation of a valid Passport and an invitation letter to the Workshop.

Information on visa procedures for entry into Uganda can be found at the following link: <http://www.mofa.go.ug/immigration.html>. A list of relevant Ugandan diplomatic/consular missions abroad, is available on the same web site of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Uganda by choosing the Missions Abroad tab at the top of the page.

The visa application for and more details on applying and obtaining Uganda Visa can be found by visiting the web sites of the Uganda Ministry of Immigration or the Ugandan Embassy/High Commission in your country. Some general requirements for the Ugandan visa application are listed below:

1. A passport valid for at least six months. Your passport must also be valid past the date of your expected departure from Uganda.
2. One completed Uganda visa application form.
3. Two passport-size photo taken within the past six months.
4. International Certificate of Vaccination for Yellow Fever.
5. Letter from applicant's company if travelling for business (on company letterhead and signed by someone other than the applicant)

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

Participants from non-COMESA countries where Uganda has no Diplomatic mission are advised to send scanned copies of the front pages of their passports by e-mail to: Mr. David Hafashimana ([davidhaf2000@yahoo.com](mailto:davidhaf2000@yahoo.com)) with a copy to the Secretariat ([secretariat@cbd.int](mailto:secretariat@cbd.int)) as soon as possible to facilitate the issuance of Visas upon arrival.

## **7. Hotel information**

Participants are kindly reminded that **they have to make their own hotel reservations as soon as possible**. A list of hotels in the vicinity of the meeting venue is provided in Annex A below.

The host institution (National Forestry Resources Research Institute) has secured a negotiated rate for the workshop participants at the Colline Hotel in Mukono, the venue of the workshop. To benefit from the negotiated rate, participants are advised to make their reservations as soon as possible but **no later than 24 October 2012**.

Further information on hotels can be found on the following web site: <http://www.hotelsinuganda.com/kampala.html>.



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

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

## 9. Official languages in Uganda

The official languages in Uganda are English and Swahili.

## 10. Weather and time zone information



In November, temperatures in Kampala, Uganda range between a maximum of 27°C in the daytime and a minimum of 16°C at night. Current weather conditions can be found at:

<http://www.worldweather.org/168/c01328.htm>.

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

## 11. Electricity

The electrical currents in Uganda are 240 Volts, 50 Hertz, the plugs are as shown in the illustration below.



## 12. Currency



The currency in Uganda is the *Ugandan Shilling* (UGX). The current exchange rate as at 1 October 2012 is 1 US\$ = 2,500.00 UGX and 1 € = 3,180.00 UGX.

## 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

**Rates of exchange**  
1 USD = 2,500.00 UGX  
€ 1.00 = 3,180.00 UGX

### List of hotels with indicative room rates in US \$ dollars

Prices are indicative and subject to change

HOTELS	Approximate Room rates	Remarks
<b>Colline Hotel - Mukono</b> P. O. Box 244, Mukono-Uganda. Telephone: +256 414 290533/290240 Mobile: +256 752 723344/+256 392 790212 Fax: +256 414 290533 E-mail: <a href="mailto:reservations@collinehotel.com">reservations@collinehotel.com</a> Web site: <a href="http://collinehotel.com/">http://collinehotel.com/</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Single room - US \$84<sup>1</sup></li><li>• Standard Twin Rooms - US\$125</li><li>• Double deluxe room - US \$130</li></ul>	Venue for the workshop
<b>Mukono Resort Hotel, Mukono, Uganda</b> PO. Box 743 Mukono Tel. +256 (0)392-834775 Mobile. +256 (0)712-348300 E-mail: <a href="mailto:reservations@mukonoresorthotel.com">reservations@mukonoresorthotel.com</a> Internet: <a href="http://www.traveluganda.co.ug/mukonoresorthotel">www.traveluganda.co.ug/mukonoresorthotel</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Single room - US \$80</li><li>• Twin Room - US \$160</li><li>• Double deluxe room - US \$200</li></ul>	Hotel is approximately 5 minutes walking distance to the workshop venue

<sup>1</sup> This is a negotiated rate for the workshop participants only. The usual rate is \$120/night. To benefit from the negotiated rate, reservations must be made immediately but **no later than 24 October 2012**.