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Bamako, Mali, 14 - 18 September 2009

Information Note for Participants

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1. Opening and registration

The African Regional Training of Trainers' Workshop on the Identification and Documentation of Living Modified Organisms will be held in Bamako, Mali from Monday, 14 to Friday, 18 September 2009.

The workshop will start at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, 14 September 2009, and the on site registration will take from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. the same day.

2. Venue

The workshop will be held at:

Université de Bamako

Faculté des Sciences et Techniques

Campus de Badalabougou

BP E.2528

Bamako, Mali

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E-mail: u-bamako@ml.refer.org

Web site: <http://www.ml.refer.org/u-bamako/index.php>

3. Working languages

The plenary sessions of 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. Documents are available on the Secretariat's web site at: <https://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=BSWSTTID-AFR-01>.

5. General information on access to Bamako, Mali



Bamako is serviced by the Senou International Airport which is approximately 13 kilometres from Bamako's city centre. Taxis are available at the airport and cost approximately US \$15 for the journey to the city centre. There is also an airport shuttle bus operated by Aéroports du Mali (ADM) that runs three times per day to the city free of charge.

6. Visa information



Participants from countries listed below **do not** require an entry visa for Mali. Those requiring a visa are advised to contact the nearest Malian diplomatic or consular mission **as soon as possible** in order to secure the required entry visa in a timely manner, prior to departure. It should be noted that airlines will deny boarding in the absence of a valid visa for Mali.

**COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES WHOSE CITIZENS DO NOT REQUIRE VISAS IN ORDER TO
ENTER MALI AS VISITORS (AS LISTED ON THE WEBSITE OF THE “MINISTERE DE
L’ARTISANAT ET DU TOURISME DU MALI”)**

Citizens of the following countries and territories **do not require** a visa to visit Mali:

Algeria	Chad	Liberia	Senegal
Andorra	Cote d’Ivoire	Mauritania	Sierra Leone
Benin	Gambia	Monaco	Togo
Burkina Faso	Ghana	Morocco	Tunisia
Cameroon	Guinea	Niger	
Cape Verde	Guinea-Bissau	Nigeria	

Information on visa application requirements is as follows:

- A valid passport or valid travel document in lieu of passport;
- Two completed application forms available from the Embassy;
- Two identification photos;
- Payment by money order, certified cheque, or cash.

The visa requires a delay of at least 48 hours for issuance and will be valid for a three month period upon the date of issuance.

The list of relevant Malian diplomatic/consular missions abroad is available at: http://mali.viky.com/min_affairesetrangeres/fr/cgi-bin/view_article.pl?id=30.

Participants experiencing any difficulty accessing the above link and/or requiring any visa related assistance are kindly requested to write to the designated focal person:

Mr. Mouhamadou Traore
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Secrétariat Technique Permanent du Centre Institutionnel
de la Gestion des Questions Environnementales (STP/CIGQE)
Ministère de l'Environnement et de l'Assainissement du Mali
B.P. 2357, Bamako, Mali
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E-mail: secretariat.stp@stp.gov.ml, traoremouha2@yahoo.fr

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

7. Health Information

Travellers to Mali require a yellow fever vaccination certificate for travellers over 1 year of age. Also, there is a Malaria risk—predominantly due to *P. falciparum* which exists throughout the year in the whole country. For more information, please consult a medical professional with regard to the vaccination requirements for your travel.

8. Hotel information



Below is an indicative list of hotels which are recommended by the host's representative. They are all located in the vicinity of the meeting venue. Further information on hotels in Bamako is available in French at: <http://www.tourisme.gov.ml/>.

LIST OF HOTELS WITH INDICATIVE ROOM RATES IN CFA FRANCS

A. Hotels near meeting venue	Approximate room rates	Distance to the venue	Remarks
1. Olympe International Hotel Badala Extension – Voie Expresse de L'Aeroport B.P. 2462 Bamako, Mali Tel: +223-2023-4663 Fax: +223-2022-4662 E-mail: olympehotel@yahoo.fr ; sidibesaly@yahoo.fr	Single room: 35,500 CFA Double room: 45,000 CFA	0.3 km	This is the closest hotel to the University of Bamako
2. Hotel Hanadi B.P. 928 Bamako Fasso Kanou Bamako, Mali Tel: +223-2020-7561/7562 Fax +223-20 20-6144 E-mail: info@hotelhanadi.com Web-site: www.hotelhanadi.com	Single room: 35,000 CFA Double room: 45,000 CFA	1.5 km	
3. Hotel Margot Badalabougou, rue 73 Porte 283 B.P. 2411 Bamako, Mali Tel: +223-223-0745/0757 E-mail: hotelmargot@sotelma.net.ml	To be completed		

Participants are kindly reminded that they have to make their own hotel reservations as soon as possible.

9. Payment of the Daily Subsistence Allowances (DSA)

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

10. Official language in Mali

French is the official language of Mali, but languages of the Niger-Congo family dominate. One of them, Bambara, is used as a lingua franca by some four-fifths of the population. Mande languages—including Bambara, Malinke, Khasonke, Wasulunka, and Soninke—have the largest.

11. Weather and time zone information



In September, temperatures in Bamako usually range between a maximum of 32°C and a minimum of 22°C. Weather conditions for this time of the year is rainy, please bring appropriate clothing. Current weather conditions can be found at: <http://www.worldweather.org/034/c00129.htm>.

There is no time zone change for Bamako, Mali from GMT/UTC it remains the same.

12. Electricity

The electrical currents are 220 Volts, 50 Hertz and the type of plugs is as illustrated below (two round plugs).



13. Currency



The currency in Mali is the West African Franc - CFA Francs (XOF). The current exchange rate as at 10 August is US \$1 = 463.09 CFA Francs and (Euro) € 1 = 655.96 CFA Francs.

14. 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 insurance for the period of participation prior to departure.
