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BORDER CONTROLS ON LIVING MODIFIED ORGANISMS
IN PACIFIC SMALL ISLAND DEVELOPING STATES**
Suva, Fiji, 27 - 29 March 2017

Information Note for Participants

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1. Opening and registration

The Workshop on developing capacity for national border controls on living modified organisms in Pacific small island developing States will be held in Suva, Fiji from Monday, 27 to Wednesday, 29 March 2017.

The workshops will start at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, 27 March, and registration will take place at the venue of the workshops at 9:00 a.m. the same day.

2. Venue

The workshops will be held at:

The Holiday Inn

501 Victoria Parade

Suva, Fiji.

Tel: +(679) 3301600

Fax: + (679) 3300251

E-mail: arieta.kaisevusevu@ihg.com; reservations.holidayinnsuva@ihg.com

Web site: Events.HolidayInnSuva@ihg.com

3. Working language of the workshops

The workshops will be held in English.

4. Documents

Participants are kindly reminded to bring their own copies of the documents for the workshops as there will be no extra copies made available on site during the workshop. Documents are available on the Secretariat's web site at:



<https://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=CPHTPIWS-2017-01>

5. General information on access to Suva, Fiji



The city of Suva is serviced by the Nausori International Airport just outside in Suva, Fiji (about 27 km from the city centre). Participants arriving through the Nadi International Airport, must make their own way to the venue of the meeting. For participants arriving through the Nausori International Airport, the host is kindly providing shuttle services from the airport. Further information on the transport will be provided in due course.

6. Visa information



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

Citizens of the following countries are not required to obtain a visa for Fiji provided by the Department of Immigration of Fiji:

Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Belize, Bermuda, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Cook Islands, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominica, Estonia, Finland, France, Gambia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guyana, Holy See, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Kenya, Kiribati, Latvia, Lesotho, Liechtenstein, Lithuania Luxembourg, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Moldova, Monaco, Nauru, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Serbia, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Tanzania (United Republic of), Thailand, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Tuvalu, Uganda, Ukraine, United Kingdom Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Arab Emirates, United States of America, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Information on visa procedures is available on the web site of Immigration Fiji which provides a listing of visa countries at: <http://www.immigration.gov.fj/travel-requirements/fiji-visas#visas>. A list of relevant Fijian diplomatic/consular missions abroad and countries with visa exemption arrangements can be found at Tourism Fiji links: <http://www.fiji.gov.fj/Government-Directory/Fiji-Overseas-Missions.aspx>; <http://www.fiji.travel/information/getting-fiji/fiji-missions-overseas>

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

7. Health Requirements

A yellow fever vaccination certificate is required from travellers entering Fiji from countries with risk of yellow fever transmission and from travellers having transited more than 12 hours in an airport of a country with risk of yellow fever transmission.

Please note that local mosquito transmission of Zika virus infection (Zika) has been reported from Fiji.

The international travel, health and vaccination requirements for travel to Fiji can be obtained from the Centre for Disease Control's web site at: <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/clinician/none/fiji>

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

8. Hotel information

A list of recommended hotels in the vicinity of the Holiday Inn can be found in Annex A below. Participants are advised to make their own hotel reservations. Please mention that you are attending this meeting and would like the special rate offered.

More information on Fiji can be found at the following link: <http://www.fiji.travel/>

9. Payment of the Daily Subsistence Allowances (DSA)

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

10. Official languages in Fiji

The official language in Fiji is English, however, Bau Fijian, and Hindustani are also spoken.

11. Weather and time zone information



In November, temperatures in Suva usually range between a maximum of +31°C in the daytime and a minimum of +24°C at night. Current weather conditions can be found at: <http://worldweather.wmo.int/en/city.html?cityId=93>.

The local time is Fiji time (FJT) standard time zone will be GMT/UTC + 12 hours.

12. Electricity

The electrical currents are 240 volts, 50 Hertz and the plug type and is shown below.



13. Currency



The currency in Fiji is the Fijian Dollar (FJD \$) (F\$). The current exchange rate as at 2 March 2017 is US \$1.00 = FJD \$2.06 and = €1.00 = FJD \$2.16 (rates are subject to change, source: www.xe.com).

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.

Annex A – Suva Hotel list

LIST OF NEARBY HOTELS WITH SPECIAL RATES

	Hotel/Apartment	Email/Phone No/Fax	Remarks
1.	Holiday Inn	Website: www.holidayinnsuva.com Tel: +(679) 3301600 Fax: +(679) 3300251	Contact Person – Ms. Veijinia reservations.holidayinnsuva@ihg.com
2.	Suva Motor Inn	Website: www.hexagonfiji.com Tel: +(679)3313973 Fax: -(679) 3300381	Contact Person – Kelera Ratumaiyale
3.	Travel Inn	Email: reservations@Fiji4less.com Tel: +(679) 3304254/3308644 Fax: + (679) 3308646	Contact person – Ms. Sereana
4.	Elixir Hotel Apartment	E-mail: elixirsuva@connect.com.fj P- (679) 3303288 Fax (679) 3319236	Contact Person – Mr. Ravi Anand
