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OF THE CARTAGENA PROTOCOL ON BIOSAFETY,
THE NAGOYA-KUALA LUMPUR SUPPLEMENTARY
PROTOCOL ON LIABILITY AND REDRESS AND
THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 6-10 November 2017

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1. Opening

The Asian Subregional Workshop on Strengthening Capacities for the Integrated Implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, the Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress and the Convention on Biological Diversity will be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from Monday, 6 November to Friday, 10 November, 2017.

The workshop will start at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, 6 November and registration will take place from 8:30 a.m. at the venue.

2. Venue

The workshop will be held at:

Swiss-garden Hotel & Residences

Meeting room: Casuarina Room, Level 1

Kuala Lumpur, 117 Jalan Pudu

Malaysia

Tel: + 603 2785 1111

E-mail: reservation@shrkl.swissgarden.com

Website: <http://www.swissgarden.com/hotels/sghkl/>

3. Working language of the workshop

The workshop will be held in English.

4. Documents

Pre-session documents will be available on the Secretariat's website at: <https://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=CPMBWS-2017-01>. Participants are kindly reminded to bring their own copies of the pre-session documents for the meetings as there will be no extra copies made available on site during the workshop.

5. General information on access to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Kuala Lumpur is serviced by the Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA), which is about 75 km outside the city centre.

Taxis and limousines are readily available for hire from KLIA terminals to the city centre. Participants should purchase a pre-paid coupon at the taxi/limousine counter situated in the Arrivals Hall before proceeding to the taxi stand. Transportation to the city centre costs between 80MYR and 220MYR (US \$20-50 depending on the size of vehicle selected) and takes about 60 minutes.

The train service, known as KLIA Express, is available from KLIA to Kuala Lumpur Sentral Station. Transportation to the Kuala Lumpur Central Station costs about 55MYR (US \$13) and takes 28 minutes. Information on the train service and tickets can be obtained from the information desk located at the KLIA arrivals terminal or at the following website: <http://www.kliaekspres.com>.

From KL Sentral, taxis are available to the meeting venue / hotel at a cost of approximately 30MYR (US \$10). Alternatively, participants can also transfer to Rapid K1 (LRT) at KL Sentral and go to the Taman Jaya LRT Station at a cost of MYR2.50 (US \$0.60). More information is

available at <https://www.myrapid.com.my/traveling-with-us/how-to-travel-with-us/rapid-kl/monorail-and-lrts>.

6. **Visa information**

Participants from certain countries require a visa for Malaysia and are strongly advised to contact the nearest Malaysian 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. Information on visa procedures for entry into Malaysia can be found at: <http://www.imi.gov.my/index.php/en/main-services/visa/visa-requirement-by-country>.

A list of relevant Malaysian diplomatic/consular missions abroad, is available on the Malaysian Ministry of Foreign Affairs website at <http://www.kln.gov.my/web/guest/malaysian-mission>.

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

7. **Health information**

A yellow fever vaccination certificate is required for travellers arriving from countries with risk of yellow fever transmission and for travellers having transited more than 12 hours through the airport of a country with risk of yellow fever transmission. Information and recommendations can be found at: https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/none/malaysia?s_cid=ncezid-dgmq-travel-single-001.

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

8. **Hotel information**

A block booking has been made for a limited number of rooms at the **Swiss-Garden Hotel & Residences**. The rate for a standard room (Deluxe) is 260 MYR (about US \$62) with breakfast and free Wi-Fi. All participants must make their own hotel reservations and pay for their accommodations directly.

Contact hotel directly for reservations at: reservation@shrkl.swissgarden.com. Please request the UNDP rate and mention the above UN meeting from 6-10 November 2017 when making your reservations.

Further information on hotels, as well as tourist information, is available at the official website of Tourism Malaysia at <http://www.tourism.gov.my/>.

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

Funded participants will receive their DSA during the workshop.

10. Official language in Malaysia

The official language of Malaysia is Malay (Bahasa Malaysia), However, English is widely spoken, as are a number of Chinese and Indian dialects.

11. Weather and time zone information

In November, temperatures in Kuala Lumpur usually range between a maximum of +33°C and a minimum of +23°C, with the rainy season beginning in November, please bring appropriate clothing for wet weather. Current weather conditions can be found at: <http://worldweather.wmo.int/en/city.html?cityId=82>.

The standard time zone will be GMT/UTC + 8 hours.

12. Electricity

The electrical currents are 240 volts, 50 Hertz as shown in the illustration below.



13. Currency



The currency in Malaysia is the Malaysian Ringgit (MYR). The current exchange rate as of 29 September 2017 is US \$1 = MYR 4.22 and €1 = MYR 4.99 (rates are subject to change, source: www.xe.com).

14. Disclaimer

The CBD Secretariat and the host disclaim 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 regard, it is strongly recommended to secure international medical insurance for the period of participation prior to departure.
