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1. Opening

The meeting of the Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Socio-economic Considerations will be held in Ljubljana, Slovenia from 9 to 13 October 2017.

The meeting will start at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, 9 October and registration will take place from 9:00 a.m. at the venue.

2. Venue

The meeting will be held at:

Best Western Premier Hotel Slon

Slovenska cesta 34

1000 Ljubljana

Slovenija

Tel: +386 1 470 11 00

Website: <http://www.hotelslon.com>

3. Working language of the meeting

The meeting will be held in English.

4. Documents

Pre-session documents will be available, in due course on the Secretariat's website at: <https://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=CPSEC-AHTEG-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 meeting.

5. General information on access to Ljubljana, Slovenia

Ljubljana is serviced by the Ljubljana International Airport which is approximately 21 km outside the city centre. Taxis are available outside the baggage claim area of the airport and transportation to the Ljubljana city centre costs approximately 45 € and takes about 25-35 minutes.

Bus transportation to the Ljubljana city centre costs 4,10 €. On working days, buses are available every hour and every 2 to 3 hours on weekends. Shuttle services are also available. (<http://www.lju-airport.si/en/passengers-and-visitors/getting-here/shuttle/>)

6. Visa information

Participants from certain countries require a Schengen visa for Slovenia and are strongly advised to contact the nearest Slovenian 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 list of relevant Slovenian diplomatic/consular missions abroad, is available on the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia's website at: http://www.mzz.gov.si/en/representations_abroad/.

Information on visa procedures for entry into Slovenia can be found at the following link: http://www.mzz.gov.si/en/entry_and_residence/for_visa_applicants/. A visa application form can be found at the following link: http://www.mzz.gov.si/en/entry_and_residence/application_forms/.

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

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 venue is listed in annex A below.

Further information on hotels can be found on the website of the Slovenian Tourist Board at the following link: <https://www.slovenia.info/en>.

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

Funded participants will receive their DSA on the first day of the meeting.

9. **Official language in Slovenia**

The official language in Slovenia is Slovene. English is understood in hotels and restaurants.

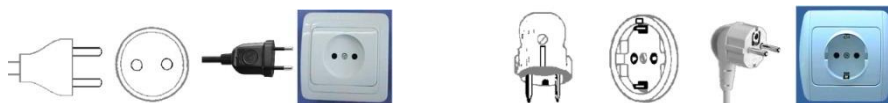
10. **Weather and time zone information**

In October, temperatures in Ljubljana, Slovenia range between a maximum of 15°C in the daytime and a minimum of 6°C at night. Current weather conditions can be found at: <http://www.accuweather.com/en/si/ljubljana/299198/hourly-weather-forecast/299198>.

The standard time zone is GMT/ UTC +1 hour.

11. **Electricity**

The electrical currents in Slovenia are 230 Volts, 50 Hertz. The plugs are as shown in the illustrations below:



12. **Currency**

The currency in Slovenia is the Euro (€). The current exchange rate, as of 1 August 2017, is US \$1 = € 0.841 and 1€ = US \$ 1.188 (rates are subject to change, source: www.xe.com).

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 Euros in the vicinity of the venue (Rates subject to change)

HOTELS	Approximate room rates (other room types available)	Remarks
1. Best Western Premier Hotel Slon Slovenska Cesta 34, 1000 Ljubljana Slovenia Tel: +386 1 470 11 00 Fax: +386 1 470 11 70 E-mail: sales@hotelslon.com Web site: http://www.hotelslon.com/	• Single Economy: €128 • Single Comfort: €143 • Double Comfort: €158	Breakfast included WIFI included Participant special rate with Reservation Code: “AHTEG”
2. City Hotel Ljubljana Dalmatinova ulica 15, 1000 Ljubljana, Slovenia Tel: +386 1 239 00 00 Fax: +386 1 239 00 01 E-mail: info@cityhotel.si; reservations@cityhotel.si Web site: https://www.cityhotel.si/	• Single: €95 • Double: €115 • Triple: €145	Breakfast included WIFI included
3. Hotel Center Slovenska cesta 51, 1000 Ljubljana, Slovenia Tel.: +386 1 5200 640 E-mail: info@hotelcenter.si Web site: http://www.hotelcenter.si	• Single: €70 • Double: €75	WIFI included Credit cards not accepted
4. Grand Hotel Union Business Miklošičeva 3 1000 Ljubljana, Slovenia Tel.: +386 1 308 1170 Fax: +386 1 308 1914 E-mail: business@union-hotels.eu Web site: http://www.union-hotels.eu/sl/grand-hotel-union-business/	• Single room: €175 • Double room: €195 • Executive Triple room: €200	Breakfast included WIFI included
5. Central Hotel Miklošičeva 9 1000 Ljubljana, Slovenia Tel.: +386 1 308 4300 Fax: +386 1 230 1181 E-mail: central.hotel@gh-union.si Web site: http://www.union-hotels.eu/en/central-hotel/	• Single room: €108 • Double twin room: €117 • Triple room: €117 • Family Suite: €170	Breakfast included WIFI included
6. Hotel Lev Vošnjakova ulica 1, 1000 Ljubljana, Slovenija Tel: +386 1 308 70 00 E-mail: lev@union-hotels.eu Web site: http://www.union-hotels.eu/sl/hotel-lev/	• Executive Single: €152 • Executive Double: €171	Breakfast included WIFI included
