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Durban, South Africa, 2-6 October 2017

REGIONAL DIALOGUE AND LEARNING MISSION ON INTEGRATING CLIMATE CHANGE AND BIODIVERSITY AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL

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1. Opening

The Regional Dialogue and Learning Mission on Integrating Climate Change and Biodiversity at the National Level and the Capacity-development workshop for Central, Eastern and Southern Africa on the restoration of forests and other ecosystems to support the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets will both be held in Durban, South Africa from Monday, 2 October to Friday, 6 October 2017.

The workshops will start at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, 2 October and registration will take place from 8:30 a.m. at the venue.

2. Venue

The workshops will be held at:

Garden Court Marine Parade Hotel

167 O R Tambo Parade, Marine Parade

Durban 4001, South Africa

Tel: +27 31 337 3341

E-mail: gcmarineparade.reservations@tsogosun.com

Web site: <https://www.tsogosun.com/garden-court-marine-parade>

The workshops will be held in the following rooms:

Room DHS1: Capacity-development workshop for Central, Eastern and Southern Africa on the restoration of forests and other ecosystems to support the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets

Room DHS2: The Regional Dialogue and Learning Mission on Integrating Climate Change and Biodiversity at the National Level

3. Working language of the workshops

The workshops will be held in English.

4. Documents



Pre-session documents will be available, in due course on the Secretariat's website at the following links:

Capacity-development workshop for Central, Eastern and Southern Africa on the restoration of forests and other ecosystems to support the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets
<https://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=FBWS-2017-01>

The Regional Dialogue and Learning Mission on Integrating Climate Change and Biodiversity at the National Level
<https://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=CCBOM-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 workshops.

5. General information on access to Durban, South Africa



Durban is serviced by the King Shaka International Airport (DUR) which is located about 40 kms from the city centre. A shuttle service is available out outside the arrivals hall, the cost is approximately R 80 (US \$6) and takes about 35-40 minutes. The hotel offers shuttles services for about R450 per person (US \$35), the contact person: Mr. Bobby Misra, Mobile: +(27) 082 567 0049 and e-mail: misra@vodamail.co.za. Taxis are also available at about R 350-400 (US \$25-30).

There is no need to pre-book the shuttle on arrival in Durban. The shuttle contact information is shown below:

Arusha Ramnarain

Tel: +27 (0) 31-465-1660, (0) 31-465-5573

Mobile: +27 (0) 82-340-9990

Fax: +27 (0) 31-465-0320

E-mail: airportbus@mweb.co.za; booking@airportbustransport.co.za

Website: www.airportbustransport.co.za

If you wish to use this shuttle service for the return trip to the airport, kindly book at least one day in advance to reserve a seat. Please provide the following information when booking your return trip: Please provide the following information: Date of flight, time of flight, pick up point, number of passengers and contact details.

King Shaka International Airport

Frequency	Shuttle departs approximately every 45 min from outside King Shaka International Airport - International Arrivals at Public Transport Parking.
Destinations	All Durban Hotels, Durban City, Durban Beachfront, Durban ICC, Sun Coast Casino, North and South Beach, <u>Marine Parade</u> , Durban Bus Station, Ushaka Marine World, Moses Madiba Stadium, Umhlanga Rocks, Gateway Shopping Mall.
Bookings	No bookings required for this service.
Cost	R80 per person to Durban. Tickets available on the bus.
Hours of Operation	04h30 to 22h00 Monday to Sunday (every 45 minutes).

Pictures of shuttle buses



6. Visa information



Participants from certain countries require a visa to enter South Africa and are strongly advised to contact the nearest South African 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.

Visa information and applications can be found on the web site of the Ministry of Home Affairs of South Africa at the following link: <http://www.dha.gov.za/index.php/immigration-services>

General information on visa requirements for South Africa:

- A valid passport for no less than 30 days after the expiry date of your intended visit with at least two unused pages;
- A duly completed visa application form;
- Payment of the prescribed fee;
- A yellow-fever vaccination certificate if your journey starts or entails passing through the yellow fever belt of Africa or South America;
- Statement and/or documentation confirming the purpose and duration of your visit;
- Two colour passport photographs;
- A return or onward ticket if you are travelling by air;
- Proof of financial means to pay for your living expenses while in South Africa.

A list of relevant South African diplomatic/consular missions abroad, is available on the web site of the Ministry of International Relations and Cooperation of South Africa at: <http://www.dirco.gov.za/webmissions/index.html>

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

7. Hotel information

A block booking has been made at the Garden Court Marine Parade Hotel on behalf of all participants.

Funded participants' bookings will be made according to your flight arrangements. Any additional hotel services such as international calls, room service, bar, laundry, local transportation, additional meals etc. must be paid upon check out.

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Self-funded participants may avail themselves of the block booking by contacting the hotel directly. A special rate for a single room, including breakfast, is offered for self-funded participants at rate of R 1,200 plus taxes (about US \$95). Kindly send your booking request with your required dates and title of the meeting to obtain the special rate to the following person:

Ms. Lindelwa Nene
Banqueting Anchor
E-mail address: Lindelwa.Nene@tsogosun.com

Further information on hotels can be found on the website of the city of Durban at the following link: <http://www.durbanexperience.co.za/Pages/default.aspx>



8. Field Trip

There will be a few field trips organized for both meetings, you will be advised in advance of the activities. Please bring comfortable clothing and footwear for outdoor excursions.

9. Health Information

A yellow fever certificate is required if you are coming from a country with risk of yellow fever transmission in Africa and/or South America.

Please consult a doctor in your country well in advance about vaccinations and health precautions for travel to South Africa.

10. Payment of the daily subsistence allowances (DSA)

The relevant portion of the Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA) will be paid to sponsored participants on the first day of the workshop. Sponsored participants are asked to present their passports which will be photocopied and returned to them.

11. Official languages in South Africa

There are 11 official languages in South Africa: Afrikaans, English, Ndebele, Northern Sotho, Sotho, Swazi, Tsonga, Tswana, Venda, Xhosa and Zulu. English is spoken in most hotels and restaurants.

12. Weather and time zone information



In September, temperatures in Durban range between a maximum of +24°C in the daytime and a minimum of +18°C at night. Current weather conditions can be found at: <http://worldweather.wmo.int/en/city.html?cityId=137>.

The standard time zone in South Africa is GMT/ UTC +2 hours.

13. Electricity

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



14. Currency



The currency in South Africa is the South African Rand (ZAR or R). The current exchange rate, as of 12 September 2017, is US \$1 = ZAR 13.00 and € 1 = ZAR 15.57 (rates are subject to change, source: www.xe.com). South African bills (banknotes) come in denominations of R10, R20, R50, R100, R200 and coins come in 10 cents, 20cents, 50 cents, and R1, R2 and R5.

15. 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.
