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on Biodiversity and Climate Change  
13-16 September 2005  
Helsinki, Finland

### INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

The Ad Hoc Technical Expert Group on Biodiversity and Climate Change will meet in Helsinki, Finland, from 13-16 September 2005.

#### Venue

The meeting will be held at

The Finnish Environment Institute  
Mechelininkatu 34 A  
00260 Helsinki  
Tel: + 358-9-403 000  
<http://www.environment.fi>

#### Opening and registration

The meeting will be opened at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, 13 September and will be closed at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, 16 September 2005. Registration will take place at the venue of the meeting at 9:00 a.m. the same day.

#### Working language

The meeting will be held in English only.

#### Services to participants

Access to E-mail and Internet services will be provided free of charge. Participants in the meeting may have lunch in the cafeteria of the Environment Institute. More information will be made available by the host country upon arrival.

## **Accommodation in Helsinki**

Participants are kindly reminded that they are responsible for making their own hotel bookings. A list of a few hotels located in the vicinity of the meeting venue with indicative prices is attached as annex I.

It is to be noted that the hotels are offering special rates to all participants attending the workshop. Best connections to the venue are from hotel Helka, Marski and hotel Torni. To benefit from these special room rates, please indicate when making your booking that you will be attending a **CBD Meeting. For Hotel Marski the reservation code is: YMP 120 905 (Ministry of the Environment).**

## **Access to Helsinki**

Helsinki is serviced by Vantaa International airport (19 km North of Helsinki City centre). To reach the city centre, participants may use Finnair City Bus to the City Terminal (at the railway station in the City Center) departures every 20 minutes or by taxi. The journey takes about 20 minutes. Hotel Helka and hotel Marski are located in the City centre of Helsinki. The public transportation, i.e. trams# 3T/3B are near the Finnair City Terminal.

## **Fares**

<b>Bus:</b> Airport/city centre	5.20 euros (one way)
<b>Taxis:</b> Airport/city centre	30.00 euros approx.

## **Time Zone**

Helsinki is UTC (GMT) + 2 hours.

## **Climate**

The average temperature for September is 15° C.

## **Voltage**

220 volts, 50 Hertz.

## **Visas/Customs**

Participants from countries listed in annex II hereto are strongly advised to approach the nearest Finnish Consulate or Diplomatic mission in order to secure an entry visa to Finland prior to departure. Information on visa procedure including a list of relevant Finnish diplomatic missions are available on the website of the Ministry for foreign affairs: <http://www.formin.fi>.

## **Language**

The official languages in Finland are Finnish and Swedish. However, English is widely spoken in hotels, shops and restaurants.

## **Credit cards**

Major credit cards are accepted in most shops and restaurants in the city.

## **Further information**

Other useful information can also be found on: <http://www.hel.fi>.

## Annex I

**List of hotels with indicative prices. (Participants are responsible for making their own bookings).**

### **1. Scandic Hotel Marski**

Mannerheimintie 10

Telephone: +358 9 680 61

Fax: +358-9-683 8111

Rates: 128 euro/person inclusive of breakfast. **Reservation no later than 1.9.2005**

e-mail: [marski@scandic-hotels.com](mailto:marski@scandic-hotels.com)

Distance from the venue: 2,5 Km

Public service transportation available between the hotel & the venue.

### **2. Helka Hotel**

Pohjoinen Rautatiekatu 23, Helsinki

Telephone :+358 9 613 580

Fax: +358 9 441 087 . **Reservation no later than 1.9.2005**

Rates: 89 Euro/person, Special rate: Fri-Saturday 62 Euro/person. Incl. breakfast.

Public transportation: Tram#3T, 5 minutes walk from hotel.

Distance from the venue: 15 minutes walk, approx 1 km. Cost by taxi: approx 10 Euro

### **3. Hotel Tornio**

Yrjönkatu 26, Helsinki

Telephone: +358 9 (0)20 123 4600

Fax: +358 9 433 67 100

Rates: 142 Euro/person. Incl. breakfast. **Reservation no later than 1.9.2005**

e-mail: [sokos.hotels@sok.fi](mailto:sokos.hotels@sok.fi)

Public Transit: Direct bus line bus between hotel & the venue. Cost by taxi: approx. 10 Euro

Distance from the venue: about 2,5 km.

### **4. Radisson SAS Seaside Hotel, Helsinki**

Ruoholanhdenranta 3, Helsinki

Telephone: +358 9 69 360

Fax: +358 9 693 2123

Rates: 128 Euro/person. Incl. breakfast. **Reservation no later than 29.8.2005**

Distance from the venue: Walking distance ca. 1,5 km. Taxi 10 min. Cost: approx 10 Euros

Public Transit: Tram #6 goes by the hotel, and stops in the City centre.

### **5. Best Western Hotel Haaga**

Nuijamiestentie 10, Helsinki

Telephone: +358 9 580 78 77

Fax: +358 9 693 2123

Rates: 104 Euro/person. Breakfast included. **Reservation no later than 1.9.2005**

Distance: To venue ca 5 km. By Taxi 15 minutes: Cost by taxi 20-25 euro

Public transit: Bus to the meeting venue via City centre (no 63) or direct line.

**Annex II**  
List of countries whose citizens require entry to visit Finland

<b>A</b>	<b>M</b>
Afghanistan	Mauritius
Albania	Micronesia (Federated States of)
Algeria	Mongolia
Angola	Morocco
Antigua and Barbuda	Mozambique
Armenia	Myanmar
Azerbaijan	<b>N</b>
<b>B</b>	Namibia
Bahamas	Nauru
Bahrain	Nepal
Bangladesh	Niger
Barbados	Nigeria
Belarus	Northern Mariana Islands
Belize	<b>O</b>
Benin	Oman
Bhutan	<b>P</b>
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Pakistan
Botswana	Palau
Burkina Faso	Papua New Guinea
Burundi	Philippines
<b>C</b>	<b>Q</b>
Cambodia	Qatar
Cameroon	<b>R</b>
Cape Verde	Republic of Moldova
Central African Republic	Rwanda
Chad	Romania
China	Russian Federation
Colombia	<b>S</b>
Comoros	Saint Kitts and Nevis
Congo	Saint Lucia
Congo Democratic Republic	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Côte d'Ivoire	Samoa
Cuba	Sao Tome and Principe
<b>D</b>	Saudi Arabia
Djibouti	Senegal
Dominica	Seychelles
Dominican Republic	Sierra Leone
<b>E</b>	Solomon Islands
Equatorial Guinea	Somalia
Egypt	South Africa
Eritrea	Sri Lanka
Ethiopia	Sudan
	Suriname
<b>F</b>	Swaziland
Fiji	Syrian Arab Republic

<b>G</b>	<b>T</b>
Gabon	Tajikistan
Gambia	Tanzania (United Republic of)
Georgia	Thailand
Grenada	Togo
Guinea Bissau	Tonga
Guyana	Trinidad and Tobago
<b>H</b>	Tunisia
Haiti	Turkmenistan
Hong Kong	Turkey
<b>I</b>	Tuvalu
India	<b>U</b>
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Ukraine
Indonesia	Uganda
Iraq	United Arab Emirates
<b>J</b>	Uzbekistan
Jamaica	<b>V</b>
Jordan	Vanuatu
<b>K</b>	Viet Nam
Korea (Democratic People's Republic of)	<b>Y</b>
Kazakhstan	Yemen
Kuwait	Yugoslavia
Kenya	<b>Z</b>
Kyrgyzstan	Zambia
Kiribati	Zimbabwe
<b>L</b>	
Lao People's Democratic Republic	
Lebanon	
Lesotho	
Liberia	
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	
<b>M</b>	
Macao	
Macedonia (The Former Yugoslav Republic of)	
Madagascar	
Maldives	
Mali	
Marshall Islands	
Mauritania	