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ON THE CLEARING-HOUSE MECHANISM
AND
REGIONAL WORKSHOP FOR THE CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES
ON THE PREPARATION OF THE FIFTH NATIONAL REPORT
Gros Islet, Saint Lucia, 16-20 September 2013

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1. Opening and registration

The Regional Workshop for the Caribbean Countries on the Clearing-House Mechanism and the Regional Workshop for the Caribbean Countries on the Preparation of the Fifth National Report will be held in Gros Islet, Saint Lucia from Monday, 16 September to Friday, 20 September 2013.

The workshops will start at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, 16 September 2013, and registration will take place at the venue of the meeting from 8:30 a.m. the same day.

2. Venues

The workshops will be held at:

Bay Gardens Hotel

Box 1892, Rodney Bay Village

Gros Islet, Saint Lucia

Tel: +1-758-452-8060, 457-8000, 457-8004

Fax: +1-758 452-8059

E-mail: baygardens@candw.lc

Web site: <http://baygardensresorts.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 workshops. Pre-session documents are available on the Secretariat's web site at:



CHM: <http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=CHM-RW-2013-CAR>



5th National Report: <http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=RW5NR-CAR-01>

5. General information on access to Gros Islet, Saint Lucia



The city of Gros Islet is in the north of the country close to the capital Castries. Saint Lucia is serviced by two airports Hewanorra International Airport at Vieux Fort (in the south about 68 kms from Gros Islet) and by the George F.L. Charles Airport (inter-island) (in the north near Castries, about 10 km from Gros Islet). Transportation by taxi from the airport to the Hotel is approximately US \$20. or approximately \$54 EC

6. Visa information



Participants requiring an entry visa for Saint Lucia as listed in Annex A below are strongly advised to contact the nearest Saint Lucian diplomatic or consular mission **as soon as possible** in order to secure the required entry visa in a timely manner, prior to departure.

A list of relevant Saint Lucian diplomatic/consular missions abroad is available on the web site of the Government of Saint Lucia at: <http://www.stlucia.org/services/government.asp>, including visa information. Other general information on visas can be found at the following web site: <http://stlucianow.ca/travel/information>.

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

7. Hotel information

Sponsored participants

The Secretariat has prepaid and reserved rooms for sponsored participants at the Bay Gardens Hotel, a single room including breakfast and meeting package (coffee breaks, lunch) is included. Any extras, such as telephone, room upgrade, bar, laundry, e-mail, restaurant, etc. are at participants own cost and must be settled upon checking out.

Non-sponsored participants

Non-sponsored participants may wish to avail themselves of the accommodation at the rate of US \$100.00 per night for a single room including breakfast. Please contact the hotel directly for your reservations:

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Gros Islet, Saint Lucia

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Fax: +1-758 452-8059

E-mail: baygardens@candw.lc

Web site: <http://baygardensresorts.com/>

Information on hotels and tourism in Saint Lucia can be found at the web site of the Saint Lucia Tourism Board at the following link:

<http://stlucianow.ca/default.aspx>

8. Payment of the Daily Subsistence Allowances (DSA)

Sponsored participants will receive a portion of their DSA.

9. Official language in Saint Lucia

The official language in Saint Lucia is English.

10. Weather and time zone information



In September, temperatures in Gros Islet usually range between a maximum of +31°C in the daytime and a minimum of +25°C at night. Current weather conditions can be found at: <http://www.worldweather.org/164/c01222.htm>.

The standard time zone is GMT/UTC -4 hours.

11. Electricity

The electrical currents in Saint Lucia are 220 Volts, 50 Hertz and the plugs used are shown below.



12. Currency



The currency in Saint Lucia is the East Caribbean dollar (XCD, EC). The current exchange rate on 6 August 2013 is US \$ 1.00 = EC\$2.70 and € = EC\$3.60.

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 – Country Listing

COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES WHOSE CITIZENS REQUIRE VISAS IN ORDER TO ENTER SAINT LUCIA AS VISITORS (AS LISTED ON THE WEB SITE OF TOURIST BOARD OF SAINT LUCIA)

Citizens of the following countries and territories require a visa to **visit** or **transit** Saint Lucia:

A	G	N	V
Afghanistan	Gabon	Nepal	Viet Nam
Albania	Gambia	Nicaragua	
Algeria	Ghana	Niger	Y
Angola	Guatemala	Nigeria	Yemen
Armenia	Guinea		
Azerbaijan	Guinea-Bissau	O	Z
	H	Oman	Zimbabwe
B	Haiti		
Bahrain	Honduras	P	
Bangladesh		Pakistan	
Belarus	I	Palau	
Benin	India	Palestinian Authority	
Bhutan	Indonesia	Paraguay	
Bolivia	Iran, Islamic Republic of	Peru	
Burkina Faso	Iraq	Philippines	
Burundi			
C	J	Q	
Cambodia	Jordan	Qatar	
Cameroon			
Cape Verde	K	R	
Central African Republic	Kazakhstan	Rwanda	
Chad	Kenya		
China	Korea, Democratic People's	S	
Colombia	Republic of	Sao Tomé e Príncipe	
Comoros	Kyrgyzstan	Saudi Arabia	
Congo, Democratic		Senegal	
Republic of the	L	Serbia	
Congo, Republic of the	Lao, People's Democratic	Sierra Leone	
Cook Islands	Republic of	Somalia	
Cote d'Ivoire	Lebanon	Sri Lanka	
Croatia	Liberia	Sudan	
	Libya	Syrian Arab Republic	
D	M	T	
Djibouti	Macao	Tajikistan	
Dominican Republic	Madagascar	Thailand	
	Malaysia	The former Yugoslav	
E	Mali	Republic of Macedonia	
Ecuador	Mauritania	Togo	
Egypt	Moldova	Tunisia	
El Salvador	Mongolia	Turkmenistan	
Equatorial Guinea	Morocco		
Eritrea	Mozambique	U	
Ethiopia	Myanmar	Uganda	
		Ukraine	
		United Arab Emirates	
		Uzbekistan	

