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MEETING OF THE INFORMAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE CLEARING-HOUSE MECHANISM OF THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

Paris, France
7 July 2007

INFORMATION NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS

Venue

1. The meeting of the Informal Advisory Committee to the Clearing-House Mechanism (CHM-IAC) of the Convention on Biological Diversity will be held in Paris, on Saturday 7 July 2007 back-to-back with the twelfth meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA-12) and the second meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Review of Implementation of the Convention (WGRI-2), respectively.
2. The meetings will take place at:
United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

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3. The meeting room will be **Room VII** (Salle VII). This information will be displayed on site.

Participation

4. The meeting is intended for the members of the Informal Advisory Committee to the Clearing-House Mechanism who are also attending either SBSTTA-12 or WGRI-2. Other persons wishing to attend should inform the following contact person at the Secretariat:

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Badges

5. For security reasons, the display of name badges is mandatory for admission to the UNESCO premises as well as to its meeting rooms. Badges issued for SBSTTA-12 and WGRI-2 will be valid, but no badges will be delivered on Saturday. Participants should either get their badge during the weekdays or e-mail their picture to the Secretariat. In addition, participants are requested to have their valid passports and identification cards for entry into UNESCO.

Documents

6. One set of pre-session documents will be provided to each pre-registered participant.. Pre-session documents are available in English and can be downloaded from the Secretariat's website at: <http://www.cbd.int/doc/meeting.aspx?mtg=chmiac-2007-01>

Visas

7. Information on visa related issues is available on the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of France at: <http://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/venir/visas/index.asp?anglais>. A summary of this information is also available in the information note for participants of SBSTTA-12 and WGRI-2.

8. Participants requiring an entry visa for France are strongly advised to approach the nearest French Diplomatic/Consular Missions in order to secure, in a timely manner, the required entry visa prior to departure.

Health Requirements

9. There are no vaccination requirements for any international traveler.

Hotel Information

10. Participants are responsible for making their own hotel bookings. The month of July being a peak tourist season, and it is recommended that participants arrange their hotel accommodation as early as possible. For hotel room rates and coordinates, please refer to Annex B of the information note for participants of SBSTTA-12 and WGRI-2. Credit cards or cash deposits are required for hotel reservations.

Arrival/Departure at/from Paris Airports

11. Paris is serviced by two international airports namely Charles de Gaulle and Orly. These two airports are serviced by public transport (RER and Bus), by taxis and limousines as well as trains. For more information, please visit the official web site of the "Aéroports de Paris" <http://www.aeroportsdeparis.fr/Adp/en-GB/Passagers/Arrivees/>.

Miscellaneous Information on France

12. The official language in France is French. However, English is also spoken and understood in hotels and restaurants.

13. In July, typical daytime temperatures in Paris range between 20° C and 30° C. The standard time zone is GMT + 1 hour.

14. Electricity is available at 220 volts and a frequency of 50 Hertz.

15. The currency used in France is the Euro. The current exchange rate is approximately US \$1 = EUR \$0.78. Facilities in currency exchange are readily available in banks and hotels.

Disclaimer

16. The CBD Secretariat disclaims all responsibility for medical, accident and travel insurance, for compensation for death or disability, 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 context, it is strongly recommended to secure prior to departure international medical insurance for the period of participation.
