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21–25 November 2005, Montreal

INFORMATION NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS

1. Opening and registration

The Technical Workshop on the Introduction of New Information and Web-Based Technologies will be held in Montreal from Monday, 21 to Friday, 25 November 2005.

The Workshop will start at 9.30 a.m. on Monday, 21 November, and registration will take place at the venue of the meeting at 9 a.m. the same day.

2. Venue

The Workshop will be held at:

The Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)

413 St. Jacques, Suite 800, 8th Floor

Telephone: + 1 514 288 22 20

Fax: + 1 514 288 65 88

E-mail: secretariat@biodiv.org

Metro access, line 2 - Orange, station Square-Victoria

3. Working language of the workshop

The Workshop will be held in English only.

4. Documents

Participants are kindly reminded to bring their copies of the pre-session documents.

5. General information on access to Montreal

Montreal is serviced by Montreal-Trudeau International Airport (15 km from downtown). Taxis are available at the airport and there is a shuttle bus service every 30 minutes.

Fares in Canadian dollars:

Bus / Shuttles:	One way trip	Round trip
Airport/Downtown	\$12	\$22.75
Taxis:	\$ 35	N.A.
Airport/downtown		

6. Visa/customs

Participants from countries listed in **Annex A** below require an entry visa for Canada and are strongly advised to approach the nearest Canadian diplomatic or consular mission in order to secure the required entry visa prior to departure.

Information on visa procedures, including a list of relevant Canadian diplomatic/consular missions abroad, is available on the website of the Canadian Citizenship and Immigration at: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/offices/index.html>.

7. Hotel information

Attached, as **Annex B**, is an indicative list of hotels located in the vicinity of the CBD Secretariat or next to a Metro (subway) station. Further information on hotels in Montreal is available at:

<http://www.travelnow.com/hotels/hotnetlist.jsp?cid=54847&city=Montreal&stateProvince=PQ&country=CA>

Participants are kindly reminded that they have to make their own hotel reservations **as early as possible**. To benefit from the special room rates some hotels may be offering, please indicate that you will be attending a CBD meeting when you make your reservation.

8. Official languages in Canada

There are two official languages in Canada: English and French. French is the official language of Quebec. However, English is widely spoken in Montreal.

9 Weather and time zone information

In November, daytime temperatures in Montreal range between a maximum of -3 and a minimum of -10 ° C. The standard time zone will be GMT - 5 hours.

10 Electricity (Voltage)

110 volts, 60 Hertz. [Two-pin, flat and vertical and round earth connection]

11 Currency

The currency in Canada is the Canadian dollar (Can\$). The current exchange rate is \$1 US = \$1.18 Canadian.

12 Disclaimer

The CBD Secretariat disclaims all responsibility for medical, accident and travel insurance, for death or disability compensation, 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 international medical insurance for the period of participation prior to departure.

Annex A

COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES WHOSE CITIZENS REQUIRE VISAS IN ORDER TO ENTER CANADA AS VISITORS (As listed on the website of Citizenship and Immigration Canada)

Citizens of the following countries and territories require a Visa to **VISIT** or **TRANSIT** in Canada:

A

Afghanistan
Albania
Algeria
Angola
Argentina
Armenia
Azerbaijan

B

Bahrain
Bangladesh
Belarus
Belize
Benin
Bhutan
Bolivia
Bosnia-Herzegovina
Brazil
Bulgaria
Burkina Faso
Burundi

C

Cambodia
Cameroon
Cape Verde
Central African Rep.
Chad
Chile
China
Colombia
Comoros
Congo, Democratic Republic of the
Congo, Republic of the
Costa Rica
Côte d'Ivoire
Croatia
Cuba
Czech Republic

D

Djibouti
Dominica
Dominican Rep.

E

East Timor
Ecuador
Egypt
El Salvador

E (cont'd)

Equatorial Guinea
Eritrea
Estonia
Ethiopia

F

Fiji

G

Gabon
Gambia
Georgia
Ghana
Grenada
Guatemala
Guinea
Guinea-Bissau
Guyana

H

Haiti
Honduras
Hungary

I

India
Indonesia
Iran
Iraq
Israel (only Israeli citizens holding valid Israeli
"Travel Document in lieu of National Passport")

J

Jamaica
Jordan

K

Kazakhstan
Kenya
Kiribati
Korea, North
Kuwait
Kyrgyzstan

L

Laos
Latvia
Lebanon
Lesotho
Liberia
Libya
Lithuania

M

Macao S.A.R.
Macedonia
Madagascar
Malawi
Malaysia
Maldives Islands
Mali
Marshall Islands
Mauritania
Mauritius
Micronesia, Fed. States
Moldova
Mongolia
Morocco
Mozambique
Myanmar (Burma)

N

Nauru
Nepal
Nicaragua
Niger
Nigeria

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Oman

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Pakistan
Palau
Palestinian Authority
Panama
Paraguay
Peru
Philippines
Poland

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Qatar

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Romania
Russian Federation
Rwanda

S

Sao Tomé e Príncipe
Saudi Arabia
Senegal
Serbia and Montenegro
Seychelles

S (cont'd)

Sierra Leone
Slovakia
Somalia
South Africa
Sri Lanka
Sudan
Surinam
Syria

T

Tajikistan
Tanzania
Thailand
Togo
Tonga
Trinidad and Tobago
Tunisia
Turkey
Turkmenistan
Tuvalu

U

Uganda
Ukraine
United Arab Emirates
Uruguay
Uzbekistan

V

Vanuatu
Venezuela
Vietnam

Y

Yemen

Z

Zambia
Zimbabwe

Annex B

LIST OF HOTELS WITH INDICATIVE ROOM RATES IN CANADIAN DOLLARS

PRICES DO NOT INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING TAXES: GST 7% + QST 7.5 % = 15.03%.

FOR TAX REFUND FORMS FOR NON-CANDNIANS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE REGISTRATION DESK DURING THE MEETING)

Note: Participants should make their bookings **as soon as possible** and indicate that they are attending CBD meetings when making their reservations.

A. FOUR-STAR HOTELS	Number of rooms	Room rates	Distance to the meeting venue	Remarks
1. Best Western 3407 Peel Street (corner of Peel and Sherbrooke Street) Montreal Tel: 514-288-4141 or toll-free: 1-800-528-1234 Fax: 514-2883021 www.hotelvillemarie.com	171	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single: \$107 • Deluxe: \$125 deluxe 	20 minutes walk	Room rates are inclusive of breakfast
2. Delta Centre Ville 777 University Street Montreal Tel.: + 1 (514) 879-1370 Fax: + 1 (514) 879-1761 www.deltahotels.com/bg3 First class hotel	712	Single or double occupancy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard Delta guestroom: \$144 • Club Signature guestroom: \$169 	Across the street	
3. Hotel Inter-Continental Montreal 360 St-Antoine Street West Montreal, Quebec Canada H2Y 3X4 Tel.: + 1 (514) 847-8525 America toll free: 1-800 327-0200/361 3600 Fax: 1 (514) 847-8730 E-mail: montreal@interconti.com www.montreal.interconti.com	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rooms \$159. 	5 minutes walk	

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A. FOUR-STAR HOTELS (Cont'd)	Number of rooms	Room rates	Distance to the meeting venue	Remarks
4. Holiday Inn Select 99 Viger Street West Montreal Tel.: + 1 (514) 878-9888 Fax: +1 (514) 878-6341 www.hiselect-yul.com/	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> standard \$170 	10 minutes walk	Chinatown, oriental food available
5. Hôtel de la Montagne 1430, de la Montagne Street Montréal Tel.: + 1 (514) 288-5656 + 1(800) 361-6262 toll free in North America Fax : + 1 (514) 288-9658 www.hoteldelamontagne.com/	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deluxe room: \$155 Suite: \$ 215 	20 minutes walk	Government taxes not included
6. Hotel Courtyard Marriott Montreal (formerly La Citadelle) 410, Sherbrooke Street West Montreal Tel.: + 1 (514) 844-8851 Fax: + 1 (514) 844-0912 www.courtyard.com/	181	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Single or double occupancy \$159. 	15 minutes walk	

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A. FOUR-STAR HOTELS (Cont'd)	Number of rooms	Room rates	Distance to the meeting venue	Remarks
7. Fairmont The Queen Elizabeth 900 Rene Levesque West Montreal, Qubec H3B 4A5 Tel: 514-954-2273 Fax: 514-954-2258 E-mail: john.richardson@fairmont.com	1039	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moderate room:\$ 179 Fairmont room: \$209 Junior suite: \$ 289 Fairmont gold: \$309 	5-8 minutes walk	Rates are based on single/double occupancy per night
B. THREE-STAR HOTELS	Number of rooms	Room rates	Distance to the meeting venue	Remarks
8. Square Phillips (Hotel & Suites) 1193 Place Phillips Montreal H3B 3C9 Tel. + 1 (514) 393 1193 Fax: + 1 (514) 393 1192 www.squarephillips.com	160	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Studios: \$99 Junior suite 1 DB: \$109 Junior suite 1 QSB: \$118 1 DR suite: \$128 2 DR suite: \$161 	10 minutes walk	
9. La Tour Centre-Ville 400 René-Lévesque Blvd. W. Montreal Tel.: + 1 (514) 866-8861 Fax: + 1 (514) 866-7257	N/A	Studio: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Single or double \$80 Small suite: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Single or double \$90 Big suite: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Single or double \$100 	15 minutes walk	\$10 per additional person
10. Hotel suites le Faubourg 155 René-Lévesque Est Montréal Tel.: + 1 (514) 448 7100 Toll free: 1 800 398 7100 Fax: +1 (514) 448 7101 E-mail : info@hotelfaubourg.com www.hotelfaubourg.com	161	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Single or double occupancy: \$109 N.B. \$15 additional person	About 10 minutes walk	Please mention SCBD rate code: SCB-001

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B. THREE-STAR HOTELS (Cont'd)	Number of rooms	Room rates	Distance to the meeting venue	Remarks
11 Hôtel Manoir des Alpes 1245, St-André Street Montreal Tel.: + 1 (514) 845-9803 Fax: + 1 (514) 845-9886 www.hotelmanoirdesalpes.qc.ca/	30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rooms: \$65 	20 minutes walk	With breakfast
12 Travelodge 50, René-Lévesque Blvd. West Montreal Tel. : + 1 (514) 874-9090 Fax : + 1 (514) 874-0907 E-mail :reserve@travellodgemontreal.ca www.travelodge.com/	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single or double occupancy \$89, <p>N.B. Continental buffet included</p>	20 minutes walk	Including breakfast for
13 L'Appartement-in-Montréal 455, Sherbrooke Street West Montreal Tel.: + 1 (514) 284-3634 Fax: + 1 (514) 287-1431 www.appartementin.com	126	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single: \$140, • Small suite: \$160 		

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