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Information Note for Participants

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1. Opening and registration

The First Meeting of the Advisory Committee on Sub-national Governments will be held in Curitiba, Paraná, Brazil from Tuesday, 24 April to Friday, 27 April 2012.

The opening ceremony of the meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, 24 April, at FIEP Events Centre and registration will take place at the same place, on Wednesday, 25 April, from 8:30 a.m. Details of the venue is below.

2. Venue

The meeting will be held at the auditorium of the Federation of Industries of the State of Paraná (FIEP):

FIEP Events Centre

Auditório

Av. Comendador Franco, 1341

Jardim Botânico, CEP 80215-090

Curitiba,PR, Brazil

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<http://www.centrodeeventosfiep.com.br/>

3. Working language of the meeting

The meeting will be held in English and in Portuguese. Simultaneous translation in both languages will be provided by the host of the meeting.

4. Documents

Participants are kindly reminded to bring their own copies of the pre-session documents for the meeting as there will be no extra copies made available on site during the meeting. Documents are available on the Secretariat's web site at:



<http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=SNG-01>

5. General information on access to Curitiba, Brazil



Curitiba is serviced by the Afonso Pena International Airport (18 km from downtown). Taxis and buses are available at the airport. The information on approximate rates is as follows:

Taxi service

R\$ 55.00

US \$31.00

Airport shuttle

R\$ 11.00

US \$6.00

Public transport

R\$ 2.50

US \$1.40

6. Visa information

Participants from countries listed below **do not** require an entry visa for Brazil. Participants from all other countries are strongly advised to contact the nearest Brazilian diplomatic or consular

mission **as soon as possible** in order to secure the required entry visa in a timely manner, prior to departure. The visa application process can be lengthy, so please allow sufficient time. Some airline companies will not allow boarding without a valid visa.

A list of relevant information on visa procedures and Brazilian diplomatic/consular missions abroad is available on the web site of the Ministry of External Relations as follows:

Visa procedures: <https://scedv.serpro.gov.br/frscedv/>;
Consular missions abroad: <http://www.itamaraty.gov.br/o-ministerio/o-brasil-no-exterior>
(in Portuguese and listed by city).

COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES WHOSE CITIZENS DO NOT REQUIRE A VISA IN ORDER TO ENTER BRAZIL AS VISITORS

A Andorra Argentina Austria	B Bahamas Barbados Belgium Bolivia Bulgaria	C Chile Colombia Costa Rica Croatia Czech Republic	D Denmark
E Ecuador	F Finland France	G Germany Greece Guatemala Guyana	H Holy See Hungary
I Iceland Ireland Israel Italy	K Korea, Republic of	L Liechtenstein Lithuania Luxembourg	M Macau Malaysia Morocco Monaco
N Namibia Netherlands New Zealand Norway	P Panama Paraguay Peru Philippines Poland Portugal	R Romania	S San Marino Slovakia Slovenia South Africa Spain Suriname Sweden Switzerland
T Thailand Trinidad and Tobago Tunisia Turkey	U UK Uruguay	V Venezuela	

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

7. Health Requirements

Travellers to Brazil require a yellow fever vaccination certification if you have been or have passed through any country with risk of yellow fever transmission, or going to areas outside of Recife.

Malaria is present in most forested areas below 900 m within the nine states and also occurs on the periphery of some large cities.

For more information or your vaccination requirements for Brazil, please consult a medical professional with regard to the vaccination requirements for your travel.

8. Hotel information



Participants are kindly reminded that **they have to make their own hotel reservations as soon as possible**. Below is the information of the hotel recommended by the CBD Secretariat and the State of Paraná. Please request the SCBD/Paraná rates at the time of your booking.

Deville Curitiba Hotel

Comendador Araujo, 99

Centro Curitiba, PR

☎ +55 (41) 3883 4777 / 3219 4000

@ reservas4@deville.com.br (Ms. Jucilene)

🏠 <http://www.deville.com.br>

Approximate room rates:

Single: R\$ 205+15%taxes (US 130)

Double: R\$ 230,00+15%taxes (US 146)

Breakfast included

Information on other hotels in Curitiba and tourism in Brazil is available at the following web-sites: <http://www.braziltour.com>.

Transportation to all participants from the hotel to the meeting venue (and vice-versa) will be provided by the State Government of Paraná.

9. Payment of the Daily Subsistence Allowances (DSA)

Sponsored participants will receive their DSA on the first day of the meeting.

10. Official languages in Curitiba, Brazil

The official language in Brazil is Portuguese. English and Spanish are spoken and understood in some hotels and restaurants.

11. Weather and time zone information

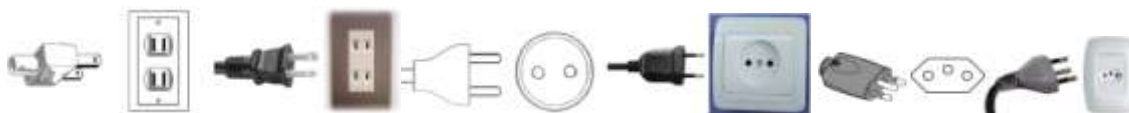


In April, temperatures in Curitiba range between a maximum of 22°C in the daytime and a minimum of 13°C at night. The rainy season is during the months from December to March. Current weather conditions can be found at: <http://www.worldweather.org/136/c01066.htm>.

The standard time zone will be GMT/UTC - 2 hours.

12. Electricity

The most common electrical currents Brazil are 127 and 220 volts, 60 Hertz. In Curitiba, the voltage is 127 and plugs can vary according to the illustrations below.



13. Currency



The currency in Brazil is the Brazilian Reais (R\$). The current exchange rate as at 02 April 2012 is US \$1.00 = R\$1.82 and €1.00 = R\$ 2.43.

14. Disclaimer

The CBD Secretariat disclaims all responsibility for medical, accident and travel insurance, for compensation 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.
