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FIFTH MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES
TO THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY
Nairobi, Kenya
15 to 26 May 2000

Information for Participants

The fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity will be held from Monday, 15 May to Friday, 26 May 2000. The meeting shall be held at the United Nations Environment Programme Conference Centre, Gigiri Compound, Nairobi, Kenya.

Venue: United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
United Nations Avenue, Gigiri
Tel.: (254-2) 62-12-34
Fax: (254-2) 22-68-86/62-26-24

Information on room allocations for the regional groups will be available at the meeting.

Registration

Registration will commence on Sunday, 14 May 2000 from **12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m.** and will continue on Monday, 15 May 2000 at **8:00 a.m.** Participants are reminded that they should wear their name badges at all times during the meeting.

Documents

The main pre-session documents for the meeting have already been dispatched to the National Focal Points. The remaining documents shall be sent to National Focal Points as soon as finalized. The documents are also accessible at the Secretariat's web page at www.biodiv.org. **Delegates are kindly reminded to bring their documents, as they will only be available in Nairobi in limited quantities for reasons of economy.**

Services to Delegates

Gigiri Compound offers a variety of services to delegates. There is a post office (where delegates can purchase stamps and telephone calling cards), a bank, telephones and computers for delegates, a cafeteria and a medical unit.

Access to Kenya

The international airport in Nairobi is Jomo Kenyatta International Airport. A departure tax of US\$ 40.00 is applicable.

Hotel Information

As May is a high season month in Kenya, it is **highly recommended** to arrange for your hotel bookings as soon as possible. **Delegates are responsible to make their own hotel accommodation arrangements.** Please see Annex I for a list of hotels in Nairobi. **The quoted rates are subject to change** and do not include the applicable taxes (15 percent Value Added Tax (VAT) and 10 percent service charge).

The Government of Kenya has graciously offered to provide a shuttle service to transport the delegates from/to the airport to hotels and from/to hotels and the conference centre.

General Information

Kenya is located on the eastern coast of Africa, right on the equator. It is a land of striking landscapes, ranging from snow-capped Mount Kenya to rich farmlands, barren deserts and tropical beaches. It borders Somalia, Ethiopia and the Sudan in the north, Uganda in the west, Tanzania in the south, and the Indian Ocean in the east. Kenya's capital city is Nairobi. Other major towns are Mombassa, the main port on the Indian Ocean and Kisumu on Lake Victoria. The eight provinces of Kenya range in geographical size from the small Nairobi Province to the much larger eastern and Rift valley provinces.

Kenya's national parks are wildlife and botanical sanctuaries set aside to conserve their unique species and for educational and recreational enjoyment by Kenyans and tourists.

Time Zone

Kenya is GMT + 0300 hours.

Weather

The temperature for May ranges between 20°C and 30°C.

Electricity

240 Volts.

Visas

The Government has waived the fees for the issuance of entry visas for all official delegates. However, persons accompanying delegates will have to pay the applicable visa fee. A special desk shall be set-up at the airport to grant visas upon arrival to those delegates who were unable to secure a visa prior to their departure from the countries of residence. Nationals of most countries require an entry visa for Kenya except those from the East African region (Uganda, Tanzania and Ethiopia). Please find attached Annex II, which lists the countries whose nationals require an entry visa for Kenya.

Official Language

The official language of the Republic of Kenya is English.

Currency

The official currency of the Republic of Kenya is the Kenyan Shilling (Ksh). The current exchange rate vis-à-vis the US dollar stands at approximately Ksh. 75 for one US dollar.

Credit Cards

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

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Pre-Registration Form (Please print)

† Mr. / † Mrs. / † Ms. / † Amb. / † Dr. / † Prof.

FAMILY NAME: _____

First name: _____

Representing:

† GOVERNMENT : _____

Ministry/department/agency : _____

Official

Address : _____

Telephone : + (_____) _____

Fax : + (_____) _____

Telex : + (_____) _____

E-MAIL : _____

URL: _____

Signature : _____ Date: _____

Please return duly filled by 15 March 2000 to :

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Montreal, Quebec, Canada
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URL: <http://www.biodiv.org>

Annex I**LIST OF HOTELS IN NAIROBI**
THE QUOTED HOTEL RATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

NAME	ROOM RATE (SINGLE)	ROOM RATE (DOUBLE)	REMARKS
5-star hotels			
Grand Regency/CTC Tel.: 211-199 Fax: 217-120	US\$ 110.00	US\$ 130.00	5-star hotel Breakfast cost US\$ 16.00
Nairobi Serena Tel.: 725-111 Fax: 725-184	US\$ 145.00	US\$ 159.00	5-star hotel Bed & Breakfast
Holiday Inn Tel.: 740-970 Fax: 248-823	US\$ 70.00	US\$ 80.00	5-star hotel Bed & Breakfast
Nairobi Hilton Tel.: 250-000 Fax: 250-099	US\$ 80.00	US\$ 100.00	5-star hotel Bed & Breakfast
The Stanley Tel.: 713-333 Fax: 718-700	US\$ 109.00	US\$ 120.00	5-star hotel Bed & Breakfast
The Norfolk Tel.: 250-900 Fax: 336-742	US\$ 155.00	US\$ 180.00	5-star hotel Bed & Breakfast
The Nairobi Safari Club Tel.: 251-333 Fax: 224-625	US\$ 120.00	US\$ 140.00	5-star hotel Bed & Breakfast
Hotel Inter- Continental Tel.: 261-000 Fax: 210-675	US\$ 103.00	US\$ 143.00	5-star hotel Bed & Breakfast
Windsor Club Tel.: 862-300 Fax: 802-322	US\$ 167.00		5-star hotel Bed & Breakfast
Safari Park Tel.: 802-493 Fax: 802-477	US\$ 110.00	US\$ 140.00	5-star hotel Bed & Breakfast
3 & 4-star hotels			
Panafric Hotel Tel.: 720-822 Fax: 721-878	US\$ 60.00	US\$ 85.00	Bed & Breakfast
Lenana Mount Tel.: 717- 044/46/48 Fax:	US\$ 56.00	US\$ 75.00	Bed & Breakfast
Marble Arch Tel.: 245-656 Fax: 245-724	US\$ 51.00	US\$ 77.00	Bed & Breakfast

Six Eighty Tel.: 332-680 Fax: 332-908	US\$ 55.00	US\$ 74.00	Bed & Breakfast
Ambassadeur Tel.: 336-803 Fax: 336-860	US\$ 40.00	US\$ 50.00	Bed & Breakfast
Meridian Court Tel.: 333-916 Fax: 333-658	US\$ 47.00	US\$ 66.00	Bed & Breakfast
Ngong Hills Tel.: 566-684 Fax: 571-750	US\$ 38.00	US\$ 53.00	Bed & Breakfast
Sagret Hotels Tel.: 720- 933/934/939 Fax:	US\$ 40.00	US\$ 55.00	Bed & Breakfast
Utalii Tel.: 802-540/47 Fax: 803- 094	US\$ 73.00	US\$ 85.00	Bed & Breakfast
Fairview Tel.: 711-321 Fax: 721-320	US\$ 65.00	US\$ 91.00	Bed & Breakfast
Oakwood Tel.: 220-592 Fax: 332-170	US\$ 50.00	US\$ 60.00	Bed & Breakfast
Land Mark (Jacaranda) Tel.: 540-780 Fax: 543-810	US\$ 94.00	US\$ 132.00	Bed & Breakfast
Sport View Kasarani Tel.: 803-890 Fax: 803-495	US\$ 22.00	US\$ 28.00	Bed & Breakfast
Boulevard Hotel Tel.: 337-221 Fax: 334-071	US\$ 64.00	US\$ 85.00	Bed & Breakfast
Silver Springs Tel.: 722-451 Fax: 720-545	US\$ 50.00	US\$ 70.00	Bed & Breakfast
Hotel Country Tel.: 226-190 Fax: 213-889	US\$ 20.00	US\$ 25.00	Bed & Breakfast

ANNEX II

VISA REQUIRMENTS FOR DELEGATES ATTENDING CBD COP-5

1. Nationals of the following countries must send their applications with the first pages of their passports to the Immigration Department in Nairobi, through the office of the Permanent Representative of Kenya to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) in Nairobi, one month in advance of travel.

Afghanistan	Nigeria
Armenia	Democratic People's Republic of
Azerbaijan	Korea
Cameroon	Pakistan
Georgia	Republic of Korea
Iraq	Senegal
Islamic Republic of Iran	Somalia
Lebanon	Sudan
Mali	Syrian Arab Republic
	Tajikistan
	Yemen

2. Nationals of the following countries may obtain an entry visa from Kenyan embassies/consulates or upon arrival at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport.

Albania	Lao People's Democratic
Algeria	Republic
Andorra	Latvia
Angola	Liberia
Antigua and Barbuda	Liechtenstein
Argentina	Lithuania
Australia	Luxembourg
Austria	Madagascar
Bahrain	Malawi
Belarus	Malaysia
Belgium	Maldives
Benin	Malta
Bhutan	Marshall Islands
Bolivia	Mauritania
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Mexico
Brazil	Micronesia
Brunei Darussalam	Monaco
Bulgaria	Mongolia
Burkina Faso	Morocco
Burundi	Mozambique
Cambodia	Myanmar
Canada	Nepal
Cape Verde	New Zealand
Central African Republic	Nicaragua
Chad	Niger
Chile	Oman
China	Palau
Colombia	Panama

Comoros
Congo
Costa Rica
Cote d'Ivoire
Croatia
Cuba
Cyprus
Czech Republic

Democratic Republic of the
Congo
Djibouti
Dominica
Dominican Republic
Ecuador
Egypt
El Salvador
Equatorial Guinea
Estonia
France
Gabon
Germany
Greece
Grenada
Guatemala
Guinea
Guinea Bissau
Guyana
Hungary
Iceland
Indonesia
Ireland
Israel
Italy
Japan
Jordan
Kazakhstan
Kiribati
Kuwait
Kyrgyzstan

Papua New Guinea
Paraguay
Peru
Poland
Portugal
Qatar
Republic of Moldova
Romania
Russian Federation
Rwanda
Saint Lucia
Saint Vincent and Grenadines
Samoa
San Marino
Sao Tome and Principe
Saudi Arabia
Slovakia
Slovenia
Solomon Islands
Spain
Sri Lanka
Suriname
Thailand
The Bahamas
The Former Yugoslav Republic of
Macedonia
The Netherlands
The Philippines
Togo
Tunisia
Turkmenistan
Ukraine
United Arab Emirates
United Kingdom of Great Britain
And Northern Ireland
United States of America
Uzbekistan
Vanuatu
Venezuela
Viet Nam
Yugoslavia

3. Nationals of the following countries do not require a visa.

Barbados
Norway
Saint Kitts and Nevis
Seychelles
Sierra Leone
Singapore
South Africa
Swaziland
Sweden

Tonga
Trinidad & Tobago
Turkey
Uganda
United Republic of Tanzania
Uruguay
Zambia
Zimbabwe