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LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN REGIONAL
PREPARATORY MEETING FOR THE SIXTH
CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE
CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY
Kingston, Jamaica, 18–20 March 2002

Information for Participants

The Latin American and Caribbean Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Sixth Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity will be held from Monday, 18 March to Wednesday, 20 March 2002.

Venue

The meeting will be held in Kingston, Jamaica at:

The Jamaica Conference Centre
14-20 Port Royal Street
Kingston, Jamaica
Tel: (876) 922-9160
Fax: (876) 922-7816

Registration

Registration will take place on Monday, 18 March 2002 from **8:00 am to 9:45 am**. The official opening of the meeting will take place on Monday, 18 March 2002 at 10:00 am.

Participants are kindly requested to pre-register using the attached form (Annex I) in order to facilitate the registration process

Participants are reminded that they should wear their name badges at all times during the meeting.

Documents

The pre-session documents for the meeting have already been dispatched to the National Focal Points. These 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 Kingston in limited quantities for reasons of economy.**

Simultaneous interpretation facilities in English and Spanish languages will be provided at all sessions of the Meeting (10:00 to 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm).

Transportation

Transport will be provided for all participants attending the meeting between the Norman Manley International airport in Kingston and the hotel upon their arrival and departure as well as between the Courtleigh Hotel and the meeting venue in the mornings and evenings. **There will be clearly visible signs at the airport and in hotel to guide participants to the transportation services.**

Hotel Information

A block reservation has been made at the Courtleigh Hotel, the coordinates of which are indicated below. The negotiated room rate inclusive of all government taxes and complimentary continental breakfast is US\$ 102.00 for a double room and US\$ 92.00 for a single. A 10% service charge is applicable.

Please note that delegates are responsible for making their own bookings. When making reservations, delegates should indicate the name of the meeting.

Hotel Courtleigh
85 Knustford Boulevard.
Kingston 5,
Jamaica
Telephone: (876) 929-9000
Fax: (876) 926-7744
General e-mail: courtleigh@cwjamaica.com
Website: www.courtleigh.com

The contact person at the Hotel Courtleigh is Mr. Nicola. His direct e-mail address is as follows: nicolag@cwjamaica.com

Time Zone

Jamaica is GMT -5 hours.

Weather

The average daytime temperature in the month of March is about 25°C. March is the start of the rainy season in Jamaica.

Electricity

120 volts, 50 Hertz.

Visas

Please find attached Annex II, which lists the countries whose nationals require an entry visa for Jamaica. Participants are kindly requested to check with the Jamaican diplomatic or consular missions in their respective countries in order to verify visa and vaccination requirements in order to secure an entry visa to Jamaica prior to departure.

Official Language

The official language in Jamaica is English.

Currency

The official currency in Jamaica is the Jamaican dollar (exchange rate in February is J\$47.24 to one US dollar), but the US dollar (preferably cash) is accepted in hotels, shops and restaurants.

Credit Cards

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

Annex I

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Pre-Registration Form (Please print)

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

FAMILY NAME: _____

First name: _____

Representing:

ORGANIZATION : _____

Official Address: _____

Telephone : + (_____) _____

Fax : + (_____) _____

Telex : + (_____) _____

E-MAIL : _____

URL: _____

Signature : _____ Date: _____

Please return duly filled by 28 February 2002 to:

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Montreal, Quebec, Canada

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URL: <http://www.biodiv.org>

Annex II

List of countries in the Latin America and Caribbean region for which Jamaica requires an entry visa

Bolivia
Colombia
Cuba
Dominican Republic
El Salvador
Guatemala
Honduras
Nicaragua
Panama
Paraguay
Peru