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**CAPACITY-BUILDING WORKSHOP FOR SOUTH AMERICA
ON ECOSYSTEM CONSERVATION AND RESTORATION
TO SUPPORT ACHIEVEMENT OF THE AICHI BIODIVERSITY TARGETS**
Linhares, Brazil, 24-28 March 2014

Information Note for Participants

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1. Opening

The Capacity-building workshop for South America on ecosystem conservation and restoration to support achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets will start at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, 24 March and registration will take place from 8:30 a.m. at the Reserva Natural Vale.

2. Venue

The workshop will be held at:

Reserva Natural Vale

Meeting room: Peroba

BR 101, km 122, s/n.

Neighborhood: Córrego Farias

Linhares, Espírito Santo

29.909-330, Linhares, Brazil

Telephone: +55-27-3371-9703 / 9702

Web site: <http://www.vale.com/EN/aboutvale/initiatives/natural-reserve/Pages/default.aspx>

3. Working language of the workshop

The workshop will be held in English and Spanish with interpretation.

4. Documents

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



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

5. General information on access to Linhares, Brazil



Linhares is located in the state of Espírito Santo in the south east of the country north of Rio de Janeiro. The closest airport is in Vitória - Eurico de Aguiar Salles (about 100 kms from Linhares).

All participants will be met at the airport according to flight arrivals in Vitória and will be provided transfer to the meeting venue or hotel (information will be provided shortly).

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, including transit ones, in a timely manner, prior to departure. To facilitate the issuance of visas, the Secretariat will issue **upon request** invitation letters to be attached to the visa applications. 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
El Salvador

F

Finland
France

G

Germany
Greece
Guatemala
Guyana

H

Holy See
Honduras
Hungary

I

Iceland
Ireland
Israel
Italy

K

Korea, Republic of

L

Liechtenstein
Lithuania
Luxembourg

M

Macau
Malaysia
Malta
Monaco
Morocco

N

Namibia
Netherlands
New Zealand
Norway

P

Panama
Paraguay
Peru
Philippines
Poland
Portugal

R

Romania
Russian Federation

S

San Marino
Slovakia
Slovenia
South Africa
Spain
Suriname
Sweden
Switzerland

T

Thailand
Trinidad and Tobago
Tunisia
Turkey

U

United Kingdom of
Great Britain and
Northern Ireland
Uruguay

V

Venezuela

7. Health information

In accordance to the World Health Organization (WHO) procedures, Brazil is listed both as a country with risk of yellow fever transmission and a country requiring yellow fever vaccination for travellers coming from countries with risk of yellow fever transmission. An International Certificate of Vaccination or Revaccination against Yellow Fever will be required upon arrival in Brazil. The WHO link is as follows:

http://www.who.int/ith/chapters/ith2012en_countrylist.pdf?ua=1.

The vaccination, valid for ten years, must have taken place at least 10 (ten) days prior to disembarkation in Brazil.

Malaria is present in most forested areas below 900m within nine states (Acre, Amapá, Amazonas, Mato Grosso, Maranhão, Pará, Rondonia, Roraima, and Tocantins), and also occurs on the periphery of some large cities (Belem, Boa Vista, Macapa, Manaus, Marabá, Porto Velho, and Santarém). There is no recorded transmission at Iguazu Falls.

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

A block booking has been made at the Reserva Natural Vale (meeting venue) on behalf of all sponsored participants according to your flight arrangements. The conference package includes a single room with breakfast, lunch and two coffee breaks. All personal expenses including laundry, phone calls, room services, etc., will be paid by participants upon check out.

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Departure hotel:

After the field trip, all participants will be transferred to the airport hotel in Vitória on Friday night (in-28 March / out-29 March). The hotel is the Bristol Diamond Suites (details listed below). The Bristol Diamond hotel offers a shuttle service that will transfer all delegates on Saturday, 29 March to the airport for their respective flights.

Bristol Diamond Suites

Av. Dante Micheline, 4355 – Jardim Camburi

CEP: 29090-070 – Vitória/ES

Brazil

Tel: +27-3395-3400

Fax: +27-3395-3415

E-mail: reservas.diamond@redebristol.com.br

Web site: www.bristolhotels.com.br

9. Field Trip

On Friday, 28 March, is a half day at the meeting followed by a field trip in the afternoon to Fibria and Suzano (which are located on the way to the airport) as examples of restoration and immediately after all delegates will be transferred to a hotel at the airport near Vitoria. Please bring appropriate clothing and footwear for an outdoor walk.

10. Payment of the Daily Subsistence Allowances (DSA)

Sponsored participants will receive the relevant portion of their DSA on the first day of the workshop.

11. Official language in Brazil

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

12. Weather and time zone information



In March, temperatures in the region of Linhares (near Vitoria) having a tropical rainforest climate, range between a maximum of 31°C in the daytime and a minimum of 23°C at night. Current weather conditions can be found at <http://www.worldweather.org/136/c01085.htm>.

The standard time zone in Brazil is GMT/ UTC -3 hours.

13. Electricity

Brazil uses two voltages: 110-127 volts and 220-240 volts. In Linhares, the voltage is 220 volts, 60 Hertz.

In general, the plugs are a two-pin type as shown in the figure below. However, it is highly recommended that participants bring their own adapters, because different types of electrical sockets are used in Brazil.



14. Currency



The Brazilian currency is the Real/Reais (R\$). The current exchange rate as at 14 March 2014 is US \$ 1 = R \$ 2.36 and € 1 = R\$ 3.27. Visa and MasterCard are widely accepted by establishments in Brazil. Cash and travellers checks can be exchanged in banks, travel agencies and most hotels.

15. Disclaimer

The CBD Secretariat disclaims all responsibilities for medical, accident and travel insurances, for compensation for death or disability compensation, for loss of or damage to personal property and for any other losses that may be incurred during travel time or the period of participation. In this context, it is strongly recommended that participants will secure international medical, accident and travel insurances for the period of participation prior to departure.