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Bonn, Germany, 28-29 January 2008

Information Note for Participants

1. Opening and registration

The Informal Advisory Committee on Communication, Education and Public Awareness (CEPA-IAC) will be held in Bonn, Germany from Monday, 28 to Tuesday, 29 January 2008.

The meeting will start at 9.30 a.m. on Monday, 28 January 2008, and registration will take place at the venue of the meeting at 9 a.m. the same day. Delegates are kindly requested to present their nomination letters as it is necessary for registration purposes.

2. Venue

The meeting will be held at:

**The Federal Agency for Nature Conservation
(Bundesamt für Naturschutz)**

Konstantinstrasse 110

53179

Bonn, Germany

Telephone: + 49 (0) 228-8491-0

Fax: + 49 (0) 228-8491-9999

3. Working language of the meeting

The meeting will be held in English only.

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. Pre-session documents are available on the Secretariat's web site at:

<http://www.cbd.int/doc/meeting.aspx?mtg=CEPA-IAC-04>

5. General information on access to Bonn

Bonn is serviced by the Cologne-Bonn International Airport (Köln). The airport is located approximately 22 km from central Bonn.

An airport shuttle bus service (line 670) leaving from stand D (terminal 2) is available to and from the main railway station in Bonn ("Hauptbahnhof" or "Hbf") every 15 minutes from Monday to Friday) and every 30 minutes on Saturday and Sunday. The journey takes about 35 minutes and the fares are 4.80 euros for a one-way ticket. For the full timetable, please go to: http://www.swb.bonn.de/fahrplandateien/2006_WF/Plaene/68725_670_1.pdf

There are also taxis, which take about 30 minutes at fares ranging from 35 to 40 euros.

Single tickets for travel on bus and tram within Bonn cost 2.30 euros and can be purchased from a kiosk near the bus stands, or from vending machines or inside the bus. Tickets are only valid when stamped. Tickets allow transfers between lines, at no extra charge, for a single journey within Bonn of duration less than two hours. It is also possible to buy a strip of four tickets for the reduced fare of 7.80 euros.

Participants arriving at Frankfurt Airport, which is about 180 km from the City of Bonn, can reach Bonn by train as follows:

- Using the hourly Inter City train, which arrives at Bonn main station ("Hauptbahnhof"). The journey takes about one hour and forty-five minutes and some trains require a change at Mainz. A one-way second class ticket costs about 33 euros;

Or,

- Using the Inter City Express trains on the new high-speed route to Cologne, with a change "Siegburg/Bonn" station, a suburb located about 12 km from Bonn city centre. It should be noted that most trains go directly to Cologne, but one train every hour stops in "Siegburg/Bonn" station. The journey from Frankfurt to "Siegburg/Bonn" station takes 37 minutes, the one-way ticket is about 53 euros. From "Siegburg/Bonn" station, take the tram (line 66) to Bonn main station ("Hauptbahnhof", travel time: about 25 minutes, ticket price 4 euros).

6. Visa information

Participants from countries listed in **annex A** below require an entry visa for Germany and are strongly advised to contact the nearest German diplomatic or consular mission **as soon as possible** in order to secure the required entry visa in a timely manner, prior to departure. **It should be noted that airline companies will deny boarding in the absence of a valid visa.**

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

A list of the German consular and diplomatic missions abroad can be accessed at the following web site (in German only):

<http://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/diplo/de/Laenderinformationen/DtAuslandsvertretungen-Laenderauswahlseite.jsp>

Information regarding procedures for visa applications can be found at the following web-site: <http://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/diplo/en/WillkommeninD/EinreiseUndAufenthalt/Visabestimmungen.html#t3>

7. Hotel information

Below is an indicative list of hotels (**annex B**) located in the vicinity of the meeting venue. Further information on hotels in Bonn, Germany is available at:

<http://www.germany-tourism.de/ENG/infocenter/accommodation.htm>

Participants are strongly advised **to make their own hotel reservations as soon as possible** as there will be an international exhibition taking place in Cologne at the same time.

8. Payment of the Daily Subsistence Allowances (DSA)

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

9. Official languages in Germany

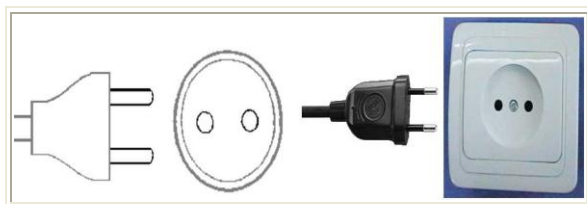
The official language in Germany is German. However, English is generally spoken and understood in hotels and restaurants.

10. Weather and time zone information

In January, the average temperatures in Bonn range between a maximum of 7°C in the daytime and a minimum of -1°C at night. The general weather conditions are rainy, damp with possibility of light snow at this time of the year. The standard time zone will be GMT + 1 hour. For more information on weather, go to: <http://www.worldweather.org/016/c00056.htm>

11. Electricity

230 volts, 50 Hertz .



12. Currency

The currency in Germany is the Euro (€). The current exchange rate is US\$ 1.00 = €0.67 and €1.00 = US\$ 1.48.

13. Disclaimer

The CBD Secretariat disclaims all responsibility for medical, accident and travel insurance, for compensation for death or disability, 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 TO ENTER GERMANY

A

Afghanistan
Albania
Algeria
Angola
Antigua and Barbuda
Armenia
Azerbaijan

B

Bahamas
Bahrain
Bangladesh
Barbados
Belarus
Belize
Benin
Bhutan
Bolivia
Bosnia and Herzegovina
Botswana
Burkina Faso
Burundi

C

Cambodia
Cameroon
Cape Verde
Cayman Islands
Central African Republic
Chad
China
Colombia
Comoros
Congo, Democratic Republic of
Congo, Republic of
Côte d'Ivoire
Cuba

D

Djibouti
Dominica
Dominican Republic

E

Ecuador
Egypt

E (Cont'd)

Equatorial Guinea
Eritrea
Ethiopia

F

Fiji

G

Gabon
Gambia
Georgia
Ghana
Grenada
Guinea
Guinea-Bissau
Guyana

H

Haiti

I

India
Indonesia
Iran, Islamic Republic of
Iraq

J

Jamaica
Jordan

K

Kazakhstan
Kenya
Kiribati
Korea, Democratic People's Republic of
Korea, Republic of
Kuwait
Kyrgyzstan

L

Lao, People's Democratic Republic of
Lebanon
Lesotho
Liberia
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya

M

Madagascar
Malawi
Maldives
Mali
Marshall Islands
Mauritania
Mauritius
Micronesia, Federated States of
Moldova
Mongolia
Montenegro
Morocco
Mozambique
Myanmar

N

Namibia
Nauru
Nepal
Niger
Nigeria

O

Oman

P

Pakistan
Palau
Papua New Guinea
Peru
Philippines

Q

Qatar

R

Russian Federation
Rwanda

S

Saint Kitts and Nevis
Saint Lucia
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Samoa
São Tomé and Príncipe
Saudi Arabia

S (Cont'd)

Senegal
Serbia
Seychelles
Sierra Leone
Solomon Islands
Somalia
South Africa
Sri Lanka
Sudan
Suriname
Swaziland
Syrian Arab Republic

T

Tajikistan
Tanzania, United Republic of
Thailand
The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Timor-Leste
Togo
Tonga
Trinidad and Tobago
Tunisia
Turkey
Turkmenistan
Tuvalu

U

Uganda
Ukraine
United Arab Emirates
Uzbekistan

V

Vanuatu
Viet Nam

Y

Yemen

Z

Zambia
Zimbabwe

Annex B

Rates of exchange
 US\$ 1.00 = € 0.67 and
 € 1.00 = US\$ 1.48.

List of hotels with indicative room rates in Euros Rates are quoted in Euros, are approximate and are subject to change

A. FOUR-STAR HOTELS	Approximate room rates	Remarks
1. Akzent Hotel Am Hohenzollernplatz Plittersdorfer Str. 54-56 53173 Bonn Tel: + 49.228.95759-0 Fax: + 49.228.9575929 Web: www.hotel-am-hohenzollernplatz.de	- Single room: €89.50 - Double room: €99.50	Price quoted includes breakfast
2. Maritim Hotel und Congress Centrum Bonn Godesberger Allee 53175 Bonn Tel: + 49.228.8108-0 Web: www.maritim.de	Single room: €174.00	Price quoted includes breakfast
C. THREE-STAR HOTELS	Approximate room rates	Remarks
3. Ambassador Hotel Bonner Straße 29 53173 Bonn - Bad Godesberg Tel: + 49.228.3890-0 Fax: + 49.228.313315 Web: www.hotelambassador-bonn.de	- Single room: €84.90 - Double room: €110.50	Price quoted includes breakfast
4. Burgblick Hotel Winterstr. 35 A 53177 Bonn Bad Godesberg Tel: + 49.228.38928-0 Fax: + 49.228.38928-13 Web: www.Burgblick-Hotel.de	- Single room: €78.00 - Double room: €104.00	Price quoted includes breakfast
5. Hotel-Restaurant Gasthaus Drachenburg Mainzer Str. 152 53179 Bonn Tel: + 49.2 28.34 91 59 Fax: + 49.2 28.85 88 41 Web: www.gasthaus-drachenburg.de	- Single room: €40.00 - Double room: €72.00	Price quoted includes breakfast
6. Inselhotel Theaterplatz 5 – 7 Zufahrt: Am Kurpark 3 53177 Bonn Tel: + 49.228.3500-0 Fax: + 49.228.3500-333 Web: www.inselhotel.com	- Single room: €80.00 - Double room: €99.00	Price quoted includes breakfast
7. Kaiserhof Moltkestraße 64 53173 Bonn - Bad Godesberg Tel: + 49.228.95705-0 Fax: + 49.228.95705-100 Web: www.kaiserhof.bestwestern.de	- Single room: €83.00 - Double room: €104.00	Price quoted includes breakfast

C. THREE-STAR HOTELS (Cont'd)	Approximate room rates	Remarks
8. Rheinhotel Dreesen Rheinstraße 45-49 53179 Bonn Tel: + 49.228.8202-0 Toll-free: 0800.3733736 Fax: +49. 228.8202-153 Web: www.RheinhotelDreesen.Ringhotels.de	• Single room: €85.00 • Double room: €120.00	Price quoted includes breakfast
9. Hotel Rheinland Rheinallee 17 53173 Bonn - Bad Godesberg Tel: + 49.228.820000 Fax: + 49.228.351177 Web: www.hotel-rheinland-bonn.de	• Single room: €69.00 • Double room: €93.00	Price quoted includes breakfast
10. Hotel Zum Löwen Von-Groote-Platz 1 53173 Bonn Tel: + 49.228.52889 - 0 Fax: + 49.228.5288977 - Fax Web: www.hotel-zum-loewen-bonn.de	• Single room: €73.50 • Double room: €95.00	Price quoted includes breakfast
