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1. Opening and registration

The Informal Dialogue on CBD Strategy for Resource Mobilization will be held in Geneva, Switzerland from Monday, 17 to Tuesday, 18 September 2012.

The meeting will start at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, 17 September 2012, and registration will take place at the venue of the meeting at 8:30 a.m. the same day.

2. Venue

The meeting will be held at:

International Environment House

Building 1, Room 3

9-15 Chemin des Anémones

CH-1219 Châtelaine

Geneva, Switzerland

Tel: +41-22-917-8619

Fax: +41-22-797-3464

Visitors are invited to use the main entrance located at numbers **11-13 Chemin des Anémones**. Accessing the venue by public transportation from the City centre: take bus no. 6 or bus no. 19 in the direction of Vernier-Village or bus 22 from the Palais des Nations in the direction of Tours-de-Carouge. Get off at the bus stop "Châtelaine". Walk up to the corner by the Pont de l'Ecu, turn right and walk two short blocks to arrive at the venue.

3. Working language

The meeting will be held in English.

4. Documents

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



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

5. General information on access to Geneva, Switzerland



Geneva is serviced by the Geneva Cointrin International Airport, which is about 5 kilometres from central Geneva. There are direct connections to the City centre by taxi, train and bus, as follows:

5.1 Taxi

Taxis are readily available at Geneva Airport. They may also be pre-booked by calling + 41-22-331-4133. The trip to central Geneva takes approximately 15 minutes. Fares range from CHF 30-35 (approx. € 20-25).

5.2 Train

The airport railway station has direct access to the airport Check-in and Arrival levels. All trains stop at the Geneva-Cornavin station in the city centre and takes about 7 minutes (every 12 minutes). For information on the Swiss railway system and prices, please go to: <http://www.sbb.ch/en/index.htm>

5.3 Bus

There are a number of bus lines that service the Geneva Airport. The frequency and fares are as follows:

- a) **To Geneva Central Station and Place Bel Air:** Bus number 10 departs approximately every 10 minutes;
- b) **To Geneva (the United Nations building):** Bus number 5 departs approximately every 10 minutes.

Bus stops are located on both Arrivals and Departures levels of Geneva Airport. Tickets can be obtained at the Unireso information counter in the Arrivals hall of the airport and from machines at bus stops. A free ticket can be obtained at the airport. See section 7 below for more details.

6. Visa information



Participants requiring a Schengen visa for Switzerland are strongly advised to contact the nearest Swiss diplomatic representation **as soon as possible** in order to secure the required entry visa in a timely manner, prior to departure.

It should be noted that it is not possible to acquire a visa upon arrival in Switzerland. Please note that air line companies will not allow boarding in the absence of a valid visa.

Information on visa procedures, including a list of relevant Swiss diplomatic representations is provided below:

- The visa applications must be submitted to the Swiss Embassy/Consulate covering your place of residence;
- The visa application must be accompanied by the travel document, as well as further documents, if so required, which clearly indicate the purpose and circumstances of the intended stay or the intended transit;

For information on visa requirements, Swiss representations abroad and visa application forms, please go to the following web sites of the Swiss Federal Office:

- **Visa requirements**
http://www.bfm.admin.ch/content/bfm/en/home/themen/einreise/merkblatt_einreise.html
- **Visa application form**
<http://www.bfm.admin.ch/bfm/en/home/themen/einreise/visumantragsformular.html>
- **Swiss diplomatic representations:** <http://www.eda.admin.ch/eda/en/home/reprs.html>

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

7. Hotel and transportation information



Hotel information

Participants are kindly requested to make their own hotel reservations. Information on hotels and other tourist information in the vicinity of the meeting venue can be found at the following link: http://www.geneve-tourisme.ch/index.php?rubrique=0000000000&lang=_eng.

A listing of hotels in the city centre can be found in the annex below.

Transportation

You can pick up a free ticket for public transportation at the airport from the machine in the baggage collection area at the Arrivals level. This “Unireso” ticket, offered by Geneva International Airport, allows you to use public transport in Geneva for free for a period of 80 minutes.

If you are staying at a hotel, the establishment will offer you the "[Geneva Transport Card](http://www.geneve-tourisme.ch/index.php?rubrique=0000000417&lang=_eng)" that allows you to use public transport in Geneva free of charge during your stay. More information can be found at the following link: http://www.geneve-tourisme.ch/index.php?rubrique=0000000417&lang=_eng.

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 Switzerland

The official languages in Switzerland are German, French, Italian, Romansh.

10. Weather and time zone information



In September, temperatures in Geneva usually range between a maximum of +21°C in the daytime and a minimum of +10°C at night. Current weather conditions in the area can be found at: <http://www.worldweather.org/087/c00193.htm>.

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

11. Electricity

The electrical currents are 220 Volts, 50 Hertz. The type of sockets used is illustrated below:



12. Currency



The currency in Switzerland is the Swiss Franc (CHF). The current exchange rate as at 10 September 2012 is US \$1 = CHF 0.95 and 1 € = CHF 1.21.

13. 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.

ANNEX
LIST OF HOTELS WITH INDICATIVE ROOM RATES
Room rates are approximate and are subject to change without notice
Note: Participants are responsible for making their own hotel reservations.

A. FOUR-STAR HOTELS	Rates for a single room		
1. Intercontinental 7-9, Chemin du Petit-Saconnex CH-1211 Geneva 19 Telephone: + 41 22 919 32 61 Fax: + 41 22 919 38 38 E-mail: inter-geneva@intercontinental-geneva.ch Website: http://www.ichotelsgroup.com/h/d/ic/1/en/hotel/gvaha/amenities?rpb=hotel&crUrl=/h/d/ic/1/en/hotelsearchresults	• 330	• 254	• 344
2. Hotel Kipling Manotel Rue de la Navigation 27 CH-1202 Geneva Telephone: + 41 22 544 40 40 Fax: + 41 22 544 40 99 E-mail: N/A Website: http://www.manotel.com/en/index.php	• 220	• 169	• 229
3. Grand Pré Rue du Grand Pré, 35 CH-1202 Geneva Telephone : + 41 22 918 11 11 Fax: + 41 22 734 76 91 E-mail: info@grandpre.ch Website: http://www.hotels-suisse.ch/grand-pre/grand-pre-a.htm	• 186	• 143	• 193
4. Manotel Edelweiss 2, Place de la Navigation CH-1201 Geneva Telephone: + 41 22 544 51 51 Fax: + 41 22 544 51 99 E-mail: N/A Website: http://www.splendia.com/pagehotel.php?searchlist_id=325&idaffiliate=&critereSort=&hotelid=30360&arrivee=Arrival&depart=Departure&nbnight=0&promoid=&lang=EN&dev=EUR&typeoofsite=&my_mkt=GGADW	• 210	• 161	• 219
5. Hotel Montbrillant 2, rue Montbrillant CH-1201 Geneva Telephone: + 41 22 733 77 84 Fax: + 41 22 733 25 11 E-mail: contact@montbrillant.ch Web site: http://www.montbrillant.ch/	• 245	• 150	• 204

C. THREE_STAR HOTELS			
	CHF	Euro	US\$
6. Ramada Encore Genève 12, Route des Jeunes CH-1227 Carouge/Geneva Telephone: + 41 22 309 50 00 Fax : + 41 22 309 50 05 E-mail: info@ramadaencoregeneve.ch	• 195	• 150	• 204
7. Hotel Saint-James 3, Rue Versonnex CH-1204 Geneva Telephone: + 41 22 849 91 00 Fax: + 41 22 736 43 74 E-mail: info@st-james.ch Website: http://www.st-james.ch/	• 155 (Studio)	• 120	• 161
8. Etap Hotel Genève (Groupe Accor) Avenue Louis Casar 30 Cointrin 1216, Geneve Switzerland Tel: +41 22 710 4646 / Fax: +41 22 710 4600 E-mail: h5654@accor.com	• 195	• 137	• 184
9. Hotel Strasbourg-Univers 10, Rue Pradier CH-1201 Geneva Reservations Center Telephone: +66-02-531-1477 (Auto) Fax: +66-02-531-3370 / +66-02-531-4430 E-mail: info@switzerlandhotel.net Website: http://www.bestwestern.worldexecutive.com/directory/switzerland/geneva/hotels/94197.html	• 140	• 100	• 145
