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Dakar, Senegal, 1-2 December 2015

INFORMATION NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS

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1. Opening and registration

The Subregional Capacity-building Workshop on Financial Reporting and Resource Mobilization for French Speaking African Countries will be held in Dakar, Senegal from Tuesday, 1 to Wednesday, 2 December 2015.

The workshop will start at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, 1 December 2015 and registration will take place at the venue of the workshop at 8:30 a.m. the same day.

2. Venue

The workshops will be held at:

Onomo Hotel

Route de l'aéroport

B.P. 38233

Dakar, Yoff, Senegal

Tel: +221 33 869 06 10

E-mail: onomo.dakar@onomohotel.com

Web site: <http://www.onomohotel.com/-ONOMO-Dakar-Airport-.html?lang=en>

3. Working language

The workshop will be held in French.

4. Documents

Participants are kindly reminded to bring their own copies of the documents for the workshops 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:



<https://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=RMWS-2015-09>

5. General information on access to Dakar, Senegal



Dakar is serviced by the Léopold Sédar Senghor International Airport (9 km from downtown). The hotel is located about 5 minutes from the airport. The hotel offers a free shuttle service only for participants that book at the Onomo Hotel. Kindly book/reserve the shuttle in advance of arrival. Taxis are available and range from about 3,000 CFA – 4,000 CFA (US \$5.00 - US \$7.00) depending on arrival times. It is highly recommended to use official Dakar Taxi Drivers only.

6. Visa information



Participants requiring an entry visa for Senegal are strongly advised to contact the nearest Senegalese diplomatic or consular mission **as soon as possible** in order to secure the required entry visa in a timely manner, prior to departure. As of 1 May 2015, passengers will no longer be required to pay visa entry into Senegal.

Information on visa procedures is available on the web site of the Ministère des Affaires Etrangères of Senegal (in French) at: <http://www.diplomatie.gouv.sn/Entrer-au-Senegal.html> and http://www.visasenegal.sn/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/How_to_visa_sn.pdf.

A list of relevant Senegalese diplomatic/consular missions abroad can be found on the web site of the Government of Senegal: http://www.visasenegal.sn/?page_id=97&lang=en

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

7. Hotel information

Participants are requested to make their own reservations at the hotel. The cost of a single room with free WIFI is CFA 64,600 (approx. US \$106). Please mention the name of the meeting when making reservations. The hotel information is as follows:

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Further information on hotels and tourism in Senegal is on the web site of the Ministry of Tourism of Senegal at the following link:

<http://www.tourisme.gouv.sn/dakar/>



8. Health information

A yellow fever vaccination certificate is required from travellers coming from countries with risk of yellow fever transmission. Also, hepatitis A and B vaccinations are recommended.

Risk of Malaria exists throughout the year in the whole country and medication is recommended.

For more information, please consult a medical professional with regard to the vaccination requirements for your travel.

9. Payment of the daily subsistence allowances (DSA)

Sponsored participants will receive the DSA during the workshop.

10. Official language

The official language in Senegal is French: English is spoken in some hotels and restaurants.

11. Weather and time zone information



In December, temperatures in Dakar usually range between a maximum of +28°C in the daytime and a minimum of +20°C at night. Current weather conditions in the area can be found at: <http://worldweather.wmo.int/en/city.html?cityId=244>.

There is no offset for the standard time zone which is equal to the GMT/UTC time zone.

12. Electricity

The electrical currents are 230 Volts, 50 Hertz as shown in the pictures below.



13. Currency



The currency in Senegal is the West African CFA Franc (Communauté Financière Africaine - CFA) (XOF). The current exchange rate as at 11 November 2015 is US \$1 = CFA 610.95 and € 1 = CFA 655.96.

14. Disclaimer

The CBD Secretariat disclaims all responsibility for medical, accident and travel insurance, for compensation for death or disability compensation, 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, accident and travel insurances for the period of participation prior to departure.
