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1. Opening and registration

The International Workshop on Innovative Financial Mechanisms will be held in Bonn, Germany from Wednesday, 27 January to Friday, 29 January 2010.

The workshop will start at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, 27 January 2010, and registration will take place at the venue of the workshop at 8:00 a.m. the same day.

2. Venue

The workshop will be held at:

United Nations Campus
Hermann-Ehlers-Straße 10
53113 Bonn, Germany

For support in Bonn, please contact
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3. Working language of the workshop

The workshop will be held in English.

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 are available on the Secretariat's web site at:



<http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=WSIFM-01> and <http://www.cbd.int/financial/>

5. General information on access to Bonn

There are several airports servicing the Bonn/Cologne area. Participants may arrive from one of the airports close to Bonn. They are listed below.

Airports

Cologne/Bonn Airport (CGN) is the nearest airport to the venue; Distance: 35 km

The Airport Express bus line SB 60 takes passengers from the Airport to Bonn central station in approx. 30 minutes every 20-30 minutes on weekdays, and at half-hourly or hourly intervals on weekends. Departure: Terminal 2/ ground level/ D.

Düsseldorf Airport (DUS); Distance: 85 km

The Sky Train runs between the terminal and the “Flughafen” airport railway station at 3 – 7 minute intervals from 3.45 a.m. until 0.45 a.m. daily. From the “Flughafen” airport railway station, trains to Bonn central station are available every hour.

Frankfurt Airport (FRA): Distance; 170 km

The long-distance railway station is at the AIRail Terminal, right next to Terminal 1. The station is also linked to Terminal 2 via buses and the Sky Line. From the AIRail there are trains available to “Bonn central station” including a fast running ICE train to the station “Bonn-Siegburg”. Travel time to Siegburg is 40 min. From Siegburg please take tram line 66 to the station “Bertha-von-Suttner-Platz” (only one direction possible).

Taxi

It is only a short trip by taxi from Bonn central station to the venue.

Tram

From Bonn central station, please use tram line 61 or 66, direction of ‘Bad Godesberg’. The closest tram station to the venue is ‘Museumsmeile’.

Bus

From the main bus station near the train station (Bonn central station), please use line 610 or 611. The closest stop to the venue is ‘Deutsche Welle’.

6. Visa information



Participants from countries listed in **annex A** below require a Schengen 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 not allow boarding in the absence of a valid visa.**

Information on visa procedures, including a list of relevant German diplomatic/consular missions abroad, and the visa application form are available on the website of the German Federal Foreign Office at: <http://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/diplo/en/WillkommeninD/EinreiseUndAufenthalt/Visabestimmungen.html>

Participants requiring an entry visa to Germany should attach, as appropriate, to their visa application forms (available at the above web link), duly completed and signed, the following:

- One passport size photograph;
- Valid passport (with an expiry date no less than six months from the date of entry into Germany);
- Letter from the CBD Secretariat (to be issued upon request).

To facilitate the issuance of visas the Secretariat will issue upon request an invitation letter to be attached to the relevant visa application.

7. **Hotel information**



Below please find a list of suggested hotels in the vicinity of the meeting venue. Participants are **responsible for making their own hotel reservations**.

Hotel Maritim

Godesberger Allee

53175 Bonn, Germany

Fax: + 49 (0)228 8108-811

Reservation phone: + 49 (0)228 8108-777

Telephone: + 49 (0)228 8108-0

Fax: + 49 (0) 228 8108-811

E-mail: info.bon@maritim.de

Web site: <http://www.maritim.com/en/hotels/germany/hotel-bonn>

Hilton Hotel

Berliner Freiheit 2,

53111 Bonn, Germany

Telephone: +49-(0)228-72690

Fax: +49-(0)228-726-9700

Web site: http://www1.hilton.com/en_US/hi/hotel/BNJHIHI-Hilton-Bonn/index.do

Hotel Koenigshof

Adenauerallee 9

53111 Bonn, Germany

Telephone: +49 228 2601-0

Web site: <http://www.hotel-koenigshof-bonn.de/en/home>

Hotel Kanzler

Adenauerallee 148

53113 Bonn, Germany

Telephone: +49 228 6844-0

Web site: <http://www.hotelkanzler.com/>

More information on hotels in Bonn can be found on the Official Tourism Web Site of the Government of Germany at the following link: <http://www.germany-tourism.de/>

8. **Travel and Payment of the Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA)**

Sponsored participants will receive their DSA from the Secretariat on the first day of the workshop. For any query related to travel, please contact:

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9. Official language in Germany

The official language in Germany is German. English is spoken in hotels and restaurants.

10. Weather and time zone information



In January, temperatures in Bonn range between a maximum of 5 °C in the daytime and a minimum of -10 °C at night.

The standard time zone is GMT/UTC +1 hour.

11. Electricity

The electrical currents in Germany are 230 Volts, 50 Hertz and plugs are as shown below.



12. Currency



The currency in Germany is the Euro (€). The current exchange rate as at 17 December is US \$1 = €0.697 and € 1 = US \$1.434. Currency exchange facilities are readily available in banks, hotels and within the meeting venue.

13. 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 insurance for the period of participation prior to departure.

Annex A

COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES WHOSE CITIZENS REQUIRE VISAS IN ORDER TO ENTER GERMANY AS VISITORS (AS LISTED ON THE WEBSITE OF GERMAN FEDERAL FOREIGN OFFICE)

Citizens of the following countries and territories require a visa to **visit** or **transit** Germany:

A	G	M (cont'd)	T (cont'd)
Afghanistan	Gabon	Myanmar	Tonga
Albania	Gambia		Trinidad and Tobago
Algeria	Georgia	N	Tunisia
Angola	Ghana	Namibia	Turkey
Armenia	Grenada	Nauru	Turkmenistan
Azerbaijan	Guinea	Nepal	Tuvalu
	Guinea-Bissau	Niger	
	Guyana	Nigeria	
B	H	O	U
Bahrain	Haiti	Oman	Uganda
Bangladesh			Ukraine
Belarus			United Arab Emirates
Belize			Uruguay
Benin	I	P	Uzbekistan
Bhutan	India	Pakistan	
Bolivia	Indonesia	Papua New Guinea	V
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Iran, Islamic Republic of	Peru	Vanuatu
Botswana	Iraq	Philippines	Viet Nam
Burkina Faso			
Burundi	J	Q	Y
	Jamaica	Qatar	Yemen
	Jordan		
C	K	R	Z
Cambodia	Kazakhstan	Russian Federation	Zambia
Cameroon	Kenya	Rwanda	Zimbabwe
Cape Verde	Kiribati		
Cayman Islands	Korea, Democratic People's	S	
Central African Republic	Republic of	Saint Lucia	
Chad	Kuwait	Saint Vincent and the	
China	Kyrgyzstan	Grenadines	
Colombia		Samoa	
Comoros		Sao Tomé e Príncipe	
Congo, Democratic		Saudi Arabia	
Republic of the		Senegal	
Congo, Republic of the	L	Serbia	
Côte d'Ivoire	Lao, People's Democratic	Sierra Leone	
Cuba	Republic of	Solomon Islands	
	Lebanon	Somalia	
	Lesotho	South Africa	
	Liberia	Sri Lanka	
	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	Sudan	
D	M	Suriname	
Djibouti	Madagascar	Swaziland	
Dominica	Malawi	Syrian Arab Republic	
Dominican Republic	Maldives		
	Mali		
E	Marshall Islands	T	
East Timor	Mauritania	Tajikistan	
Ecuador	Micronesia, Fed. States of	Tanzania, United Republic	
Egypt	Moldova	of	
Equatorial Guinea	Mongolia	Thailand	
Eritrea	Montenegro	The former Yugoslav	
Ethiopia	Morocco	Republic of Macedonia	
	Mozambique	Togo	
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Fiji			