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1. Opening and registration

The Regional Workshop for Central Africa on Updating National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans will be held in Brazzaville, Congo from Sunday, 19 to Thursday, 23 June 2011.

The workshop will start at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, 19 June 2011, and registration will take place at the venue of the workshop from 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. the same day.

2. Venue

The workshop will be held at:

Ministère des Affaires Étrangères et de la Coopération
5th Floor, Room 515 (in front of the Palais des Congrès)
Alfred Raoul Boulevard
Brazzaville, Congo

3. Working language of the workshop

The workshop will be held in French with interpretation into 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=CBWNBSAP-CAFR-02>

5. General information on access to Brazzaville, Congo



Brazzaville is serviced by the Brazzaville - Maya Maya Airport (about 5 km from the city centre) and the journey takes about 10-15 minutes. Please note that there is a departure tax for international travellers. Taxis are available at the arrivals level at a cost of about XAF 2,000-4000/US \$5 by day and the cost is double at night.

6. Visa information



Participants require an entry visa for the Republic of Congo and are strongly advised to contact the nearest Congolese diplomatic or consular mission **as soon as possible** in order to secure the required entry visa in a timely manner, prior to departure. Some airlines will not allow boarding without a valid visa. Information on visa procedures is listed below.

General requirements to obtain a visa for the Republic of Congo:

1. Passport valid at least 6 months;
2. Ticket and documents for return or onward travel;
3. Vaccination;

4. International Certificate of Vaccination for yellow fever required if arriving from infected area within 5 days;
5. 2 visa application forms, fully completed and signed;
6. 2 passport size photos.

A list of relevant Congolese diplomatic/consular missions abroad is available at the following web site: <http://www.embassyworld.com/embassy/Congo/Congo1.html>.

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

7. Health information

A yellow fever vaccination certificate is required from travellers over one year of age.

There is a risk of Malaria that exists throughout the year in the whole country.

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

8. Hotel information



Participants are kindly requested to make their own hotel bookings. A list of hotels located in the vicinity of the meeting venue is attached as Annex A.

9. Payment of the Daily Subsistence Allowances (DSA)

The relevant residual DSA will be paid to the sponsored participants on the first day of the workshop.

10. Official language in Republic of Congo

The official language in the Republic of Congo is French. English is spoken in some hotels and restaurants.

11. Weather and time zone information



In June, temperatures in Brazzaville averages about +23°C. The dry season is from June to October. Current weather conditions can be found at: <http://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/city.html?n=926>.

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

12. Electricity

The electrical currents are 230 Volts, 50 Hertz. The power plug used in Congo is shown below.



13. Currency



The currency in the Republic of Congo is the Central African Franc (CFA franc) (XAF). The current exchange rate as at 7 June 2011 is US \$1.00 = 450.26 CFA Franc and € 1 = 655.96 CFA Franc.

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 insurance for the period of participation prior to departure.

Annex A – Hotel List

Name	Contact	Information	Room Type	Amount in CFA francs
MIKHAEL'S HOTEL	Tel: + 242 05 366 66 02 E-mail : reservation@mikhaelshotel.com	- Internet connection - Breakfast included	Standard Premium	120 000
			Standard Executive	150 000
			Luxury	175 000
			Ambassador Suite	250 000
			Presidential Suite	300 000
			Royal Presidential Suite	450 000
VENISE HÔTEL	Tel: + 242 06 624 75 75		Standard	30 000
HOTEL SAPHIR	Tel: + 242 05 543 12 06	- Internet connection - Breakfast included	Standard	60 000
			Comfort	65 000
			Luxury	70 000
OLYMPIQUE PALACE	Tel:+ 242 05 730 16 16 E-mail : olympicreservation@hotmail.com	- Internet connection - Breakfast included	Luxury	150 000
			Twin Luxury	170 000
			Olympic Suite	180 000
			Prestige Suite	230 000
			Exclusive Suite	350 000
HOTEL VILLA LYS	Tel: +242 05 598 00 03, +242 05 595 00 02 Web site : www.villa-lys-hotel.com	- Breakfast included	Standard	117 000
			Classic	168 000
			Luxury	207 000
HÔTEL AMBASSADEUR	Tel: + 242 05 548 00 00	- Internet connection	Standard	55 000
			Luxury	65 000
HOTEL PETIT LOGIS	Tel: + 242 05 725 34 54		Standard	40 000
HOTEL LE PETERNEL II	+ 242 05 304 63 78 E-mail : Lepaternel2hotel@yahoo.fr	- Internet connection	Single	40 000
			Twin	60 000
			Suite	100 000
HOTEL ADONIS	Tel:+ 242 06 666 31 30, + 242 05 558 85 85 E-mail: wissan@hoteladonis-brazzaville.com		Standard	100 000
			Luxury	125 000
			Suite	165 000
ECLIPSE HOTEL	Tel: +242 04 409 80 80 E-mail : eclipsehotel@gmail.com		Standard	40 000
			Comfort	50 000
			Grand comfort	70 000
			Maxi Comfort	100 000
			Single	15 000
			Standard	20 000
			Classic	30 000
Luxury	40 000			
HOTEL LE TRESOR	Tel: + 242 06 624 45 11, +242 05 345 44 44 E-mail : hoteltresor@yahoo.fr	- Internet connection	Standard	40 000
			Luxury	50 000
HOTEL VENISE	Tel: + 242 06 624 75 75		Standard	30 000
HOTEL ETOILE	Tel: +242 06 944 90 00	- Internet connection	Standard	65 000
			Comfort	85 000
HOTEL ROYALE	Tel: +242 06 638 96 10	- Internet connection	Standard	35 000
			Luxury	40 000
			Comfort	60 000

Name	Contact	Information	Room Type	Amount in CFA francs
MERCURE HOTEL	Tel: +242 06 661 44 44	- Internet connection	Standard	35 000
			Luxury	40 000
			Comfort	50 000
LES BOUGAINVILLES	Tel: +242 05 553 88 35	- Internet connection	Standard	30 000
			Luxury	35 000
LEON HOTEL	Tel: +242 22 281 23 11 E-mail : contact@leon-hotel-brazzaville.com		Standard	85 000
			Luxury	100 000
			Grand Luxury	150 000
HOTEL DU BOULEVARD	Tel: +242 06 672 55 73, +242 05 537 04 07	- Breakfast included	Standard	60 000
			Standard	65 000
			Comfort	90 000
			Luxury	90 000
EXAUNEL HOTEL	Tel: +242 05 536 47 65	- Breakfast included	Grand comfort	55 000
HOTEL PHOENIX	Tel: +242 05 521 54 03, +242 06 661 05 43		Standard	35 000
			Double	45 000
			Suite	60 000
HOTEL LE PARADIS	Tel: +242 06 611 61 01		Standard	50 000
HOTEL LA PERLE	Tel: +242 06 829 99 99, +242 05 350 13 13	- Internet connection - Breakfast included	Comfort	100 000
			Luxury	175 000
