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REGIONAL WORKSHOP FOR WEST AFRICA ON UPDATING NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY STRATEGIES AND ACTION PLANS

22 - 26 May 2011, Dakar, Senegal

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1. Opening and registration

The Sub-Regional Workshop for West Africa on Capacity-building for Implementation of the CBD Programme of Work on Protected Areas (POWPA) and the Regional Workshop for West Africa on Updating National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs) will both be held in Dakar, Senegal from Sunday, 22 May to Thursday, 26 May 2011. Meeting rooms for each workshop will be clearly identified at the venue.

The workshops will start at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, 22 May 2011 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:

Hotel Ngor

Hotels Ngor Diarama

B.P. 8092

Dakar, Yoff, Senegal

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3. Working language

The workshops will be held in English and French with interpretation.

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:



POWPA: <http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=WSCBPA-WAFR-01>

NBSAPs: <http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=CBWNBSAP-WAFR-02>

5. General information on access to Dakar, Senegal



Dakar is serviced by Dakar-Yoff - Leopold Sedar Senghor International Airport (9 km from downtown). The hotel is located about 4 km from the airport. Taxis are available and range from about 3,000 CFA – 4,000 CFA (US \$6.50 - 9.00) depending on arrival times.

6. Visa information



Participants from countries listed in below **do not** require an entry visa for Senegal, all others 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.

Information on visa procedures is available on the web site of Tourism Board of Senegal at: <http://www.sunugaal.com/sunugaal.asp>.

A list of relevant Senegalese diplomatic/consular missions abroad can be found at the following web site: <http://www.embassypages.com/senegal.php>

**COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES WHOSE CITIZENS DO NOT REQUIRE VISAS IN ORDER TO
ENTER SENEGAL AS VISITORS
(AS LISTED ON THE WEB SITE OF THE TOURISM BOARD OF SENEGAL)**

ECOWAS (Economic Community of West African States) do not require visas (they are included below)

Algeria	Germany	Mauritius
Austria	Ghana	Netherlands
Belgium	Greece	Niger
Benin	Guinee	Nigeria
Bulgaria	Guinee Bissau	Poland
Burkina Faso	Hungary	Portugal
Canada	Ireland	Romania
Cape Verde	Israel	Sierra Leone
Cote d'Ivoire	Italy	Slovakia
Cyprus	Japan	Slovenia
Czech Republic	Latvia	South Africa
Denmark	Liberia	Spain
Estonia	Lithuania	Sweden
Finland	Luxembourg	Togo
France	Mali	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Gambia	Malta	United States of America

Visa requirements are as follows:

- Valid passport (minimum of 6 months validity);
- Two completed application forms;
- Two (2) passport sized pictures attached per form;
- Return ticket, invitation or hotel booking;
- Visa fee as required.

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

7. Hotel information

Sponsored participants

A block booking has been made on behalf of all participants attending both workshops at the Hotel Ngor. Reservations will be made for sponsored participants for the duration of the meeting based on participant's individual itinerary.

Non-sponsored participants

Non-sponsored participants may wish to avail themselves of the special rates and are required to send their arrival and departure information, and credit card information directly to the hotel to Ms. Philomène Badiane, Ngor Hotel: ngordiarاما@hotmail.com. The rate for a single room with breakfast and the conference package (lunch and coffee breaks) is 75,600 CFA (including tourist tax) is approximately US \$170.00. Any no show will be subject to a one night cancellation fee.

Further information on hotels and tourism in Senegal is available at the following web site:

<http://www.discoverсенegal.com/ho/dakar.htm>



8. Field trip

A field is scheduled for participants of both workshops on Sunday, 22 May 20011. Please bring appropriate shoes and clothing, and insect repellent is suggested.

9. Health information

A yellow fever vaccination certificate is required from travellers coming from countries with risk of yellow fever transmission. Also, a meningitis vaccination is highly recommended if the traveler is arriving from or has recently traveled to an endemic area.

Risk of Malaria exists throughout the year in the whole country. There is less risk from January through June in the central western regions.

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

10. Payment of the daily subsistence allowances (DSA)

Sponsored participants will receive the relevant portion of the DSA on the first day of the workshop.

11. Official language

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

12. Weather and time zone information



In May, temperatures in Dakar usually range between a maximum of +26°C in the daytime and a minimum of +20°C at night. Current weather conditions in the area can be found at: <http://www.worldweather.org/048/c00244.htm>.

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

13. Electricity

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



14. Currency



The currency in Senegal is the West African CFA Franc (Communauté Financière Africaine - CFA) (XOF). The current exchange rate as at 27 April 2011 is US \$1 = CFA 447.21 and € 1 = CFA 655.96.

15. 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.
