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 AND ACTION PLANS
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1. Opening and registration

The Regional Workshop for Africa on Updating National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans will be held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from Monday, 27 February to Thursday, 1 March 2012.

The workshop will start at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, 27 February, and registration will take place at the venue of the workshop starting 8:00 a.m. the same day.

2. Venue

The workshop will be held at:

United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)

Conference Room 3

Menelik II Ave.

P.O. Box 3001

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Tel: +251-11-551-1047

Fax: +251-11-551-0105

E-mail: ecainfo@uneca.org

Web site: <http://www.uneca.org/>

A breakout room, if needed, will be Caucus Room 11.

3. Working languages of the workshop

The workshop 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 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=NBSAPRW-AFR-01>

5. General information on access to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia



Addis Ababa is serviced by the Addis Ababa Bole International Airport (it is located in Bole about 8 km outside the Addis Ababa city centre). Taxis are available at the airport, the fare is approximately ETB 60-80 (about US \$10) and the journey takes about 15-30 minutes and prices are higher at night.

6. Visa information



Participants from countries listed on the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (www.mfa.gov.et) require an entry visa for Ethiopia and are strongly advised to contact the nearest

Ethiopian diplomatic or consular mission **as soon as possible** in order to secure the required entry visa in a timely manner, prior to departure.

Visa requirements:

- Copy of a valid passport;
- Completed visa application form.

Information on visa procedures, including a list of relevant Ethiopian diplomatic/consular missions abroad, is available listed in **Annex A** below and can be found on the web site of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ethiopia at: <http://www.mfa.gov.et>.

Funded participants arriving from countries without Ethiopian diplomatic/consular missions will be provided, by the Secretariat, with a letter from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ethiopia confirming the obtention of a visa upon arrival. Please note that this letter is required for boarding airplanes.

Non-funded participants requiring a visa assistance letter should contact Ms. Gisela Talamas, via e-mail: gisela.talamas@cbd.int and provide the following information.

First Name	Last Name	Mr/Ms	Nationality	Passport No.	Arrival			Departure		
					Date	Time	Flight No.	Date	Time	Flight No.

7. Health information

Yellow Fever certificates are required by persons who travel from or through yellow fever areas as designated by the World Health Organization.

There is no malaria risk in Addis Ababa. However, there is a risk of Malaria that exists throughout the year in the whole country in areas below 2000 m.

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

8. Hotel information

A listing of hotels in the vicinity of the workshop venue is attached as **Annex B**. Participants are requested to make their own hotel reservations including airport transfer for the workshop.

Participants should book their rooms as soon as possible as there several meetings taking place in Addis Ababa during this period of the year.

9. Payment of the Daily Subsistence Allowances (DSA)

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

10. Official languages in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

The official language in Ethiopia is Amharic, several other languages are spoken. English is fairly well understood and spoken in hotels and restaurants

11. Weather and time zone information

In February and March, temperatures in Addis Ababa usually range between a maximum of +25°C in the daytime and a minimum of +16°C at night. The wettest months are from July to September. Current weather conditions can be found at: <http://www.worldweather.org/060/c00162.htm>.

The standard time zone is GMT/UTC + 3 hours.

12. Electricity

The electrical currents used in Ethiopia are 220V, 50Hz and are shown in the illustration below.



13. Currency

The currency in Ethiopia is the Ethiopian Birr (ETB). The current exchange rate as at 26 January 2012 is US \$1 = ETB 17.27 and (Euro) € 1 = ETB 22.72.

14. Disclaimer

The CBD Secretariat disclaims all the responsibilities for medical, accident and travel insurances for compensation for death or disability, for loss of or damage to personal property and for any other losses that may be incurred during travel time and the period of participation. In this context, it is strongly recommended that participants will secure international medical, travel and accident insurances for the period of travel and participation prior to departure.

Annex A

List of Countries with Ethiopian Embassies

Country	City	Country	City
Australia	Melbourne	Saudi Arabia	Riyadh
Austria	Vienna	Saudi Arabia	Jeddah
Belgium	Brussels	Senegal	Dakar
Canada	Ottawa	Sri Lanka	Colombo
China	Beijing	South Africa	Pretoria
Cote d'Ivoire	Abidjan	Spain	Madrid
Djibouti	Djibouti	Sudan	Khartoum
Egypt	Cairo	Sweden	Stockholm
Eritrea	Asmara	Switzerland	Zurich
France	Paris	Switzerland	Geneva
Germany	Bonn	Turkey	Istanbul
Germany	Dusseldorf	U.S.A	Washington
Ghana	Accra	Uganda	Kampala
Greece	Athens	United Kingdom	London
India	New Delhi	Yemen	Sana'a
Israel	Tel-Aviv	Zimbabwe	Harare
Italy	Rome		
Japan	Tokyo		
Kenya	Nairobi		
Kuwait	Kuwait		
Malaysia	Kuala Lumpur		
Mexico	Mexico City		
Netherlands	The Hague		
Nigeria	Lagos		
Norway	Oslo		
D.P.R. Korea	Pyongyang		
Pakistan	Islamabad		
Rep. of Korea	Seoul		
Russia	Moscow		

Annex B

LIST OF RECOMMENDED HOTELS ADDIS ABABA, PROVIDED BY UNECA			
Rates are inclusive of breakfast, service charge and VAT unless where indicated			
No.	Hotel	Type of Rooms	UN Rate
1	ADOT - TINA HOTEL Near Gabon Street Tel: +(251-11) 4 67 39 39 Fax : +(251-11) 4 67 41 11 Mobile: +(251-11) 9 07 29 37 Web site: adottinahotel.com	Standard rooms Double Occupancy	US\$ 70.00 US\$ 80.00
2	CENTRAL SHOA HOTEL Equatorial Guinea Street Tel: (251-11)6 61 14 54 Tel: (251-11)6 61 50 01 Fax: (251-11)6 61 00 63	Single Rooms Double Rooms	US\$ 40.00 US\$ 50.00
3	GHION HOTEL Near Jomo Kenyatta Street Tel: +(251-11) 5-51 32 22 Tel: +(251-11) 5-51 00 99 Fax: +(251-11) 5-50 51 50/02 78 E-mail: ghion@telecom.net.et Web site: www.ghionhotel.com	Standard rooms Double rooms	US\$ 75.00 US\$ 89.00
4	HILTON HOTEL Menelik II Ave Tel: +(251-11) 5-51 84 00 Tel: +(251-11) 5-51 00 64 Fax: +(251-11) 5-51 17 18 E-mail: sales.addis@hilton.com ; hilton.addis@ethionet.et Web site: www.hilton.com/Ethiopia	Single Double Executive Rooms Single Double	US\$ 175.00 US\$ 205.00 US\$ 225.00 US\$ 255.00 Plus 25% TAX
5	HOTEL de LEOPOL Near Jomo Kenyatta St. Tel: +(251-11) 5-50 77 77 Mobile: +(251-11) 9 67 78 73 Fax: +(251-11) 5-53 14 66 / 15 50 80 E-mail: info@hoteldeleopolint.com ; hoteldeleopol@ethionet.et Web site: http://www.hoteldeleopolint.com/	Standard rooms Double Occupancy	US\$ 60.00 US\$ 70.00
6	PLAZA HOTEL Near Haile Gebre Silase St. Tel: +(251-11) 6-61 22 00 /29 39 Fax: +(251-11) 6-61 30 44 E-mail: plazahotel@ethionet.et Web site: www.plazaaddis.com	Single rooms Double rooms	US\$ 40.00 US\$ 50.00
7	SHERATON HOTEL Taitu Street, Po Box 6002 Addis Ababa Tel: +(251-11) 5-17 17 17 Fax: +(251-11) 5-17 27 27 E-mail: reservationsaddisethiopia@luxurycollection.com Web site: www.sheratonaddis.com	Club room (Single) Double Executive rooms Executive Double	US\$ 240.00 US\$ 240.00 US\$ 355.00 US\$ 385.00 Plus 25% TAX
8	JUPITER INTERNATIONAL HOTEL - KASANCHES near UNECA Tel: +(251-11) 5-52 73 33 Fax: +(251-11) 5-52 64 18 E-mail: info@jupiterinternationalhotel.com Web site: www.jupiterinternationalhotel.com	Standard Single rooms Double Occupancy Super Deluxe	US\$90.00 US\$110.00 US\$130.00

No.	Hotel	Type of Rooms	UN Rate
9	JUPITER INTERNATIONAL HOTEL - BOLE near airport Tel: +(251-11) 6 61 69/70 Fax: +(251-11) 6 61 69 99 E-mail: info@jupiterinternationalhotel.com Web site: www.jupiterinternationalhotel.com	Standard Single rooms Double Occupancy Super Deluxe	US\$90.00 US\$110.00 US\$130.00
10	HARMONY HOTEL Bole Sub city Kebele 03 House # New Tel: +(251-11) 6-18 31 00 Fax: +(251-11) 6- 18 29 10 Mobile: +251-91 3 86 77 78 - Ms. Yordanos, Marketing Office E-mail: info@harmonyhotelethiopia.com Web site: harmonyhotelethiopia.com	Standard Single Twin rooms	US\$ 80.00 US\$ 110.00
11	PANORAMA HOTEL Bole subcity, Haile G/selassie Street Kebele 07. H.No.003 Near Megenagna roundabout Tel: +(251-11) 6-61 60 70 Mobile: +(251-91) 1 83 66 92 Fax: +(251-11) 6-61 60 72 E-mail: panoramahotel@ethionet.et Web site: http://www.panoramaaddis.com/	Single rooms Double rooms Superior rooms Executive rooms	US\$ 65.00 US\$ 79.00 US\$ 89.00 US\$119.00
12	DREAMLINER HOTEL Near Gabon Street Tel: +(251-11) 4-67 40 00 Fax: +(251-11) 4-67 40 02 Mobile: +0911 24 07 51 - Ms. Aida E-mail: www.dreamlinerhotel.com/contact_us_dreamliner_hotel.html Web site: www.dreamlinerhotel.com	Standard Single, Standard King, Deluxe King, Deluxe Twin, Premium Deluxe (any available rooms) Double Occupancy	US\$ 70.00 US\$ 80.00
13	INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL Guinea Conakry Street, KAZANCHIS Addis Ababa Tel: +(251-11) 5-50 50 66 / +(251-11) 459 494 Fax: +(251-11) 5-54 00 90/96 E-mail: reservation@intercontinentaladdis.com.et Web site: www.intercontinentaladdis.com.et	King Deluxe room (Standard) Twin Deluxe rooms	US\$ 117.00 US\$ 143.00
14	CHURCHILL HOTEL Churchill Avenue P.O. Box 59317 Addis Ababa, Ethiopia Tel: +(251-11) 1 11 12 12 /1- 56 86 48,+(251-11)0911 48 54 09 Fax: +(251-11) 1 11 88 00 E-mail: churchillhotel@ethionet.et Web site: www.churchillhoteladdis.com	Single rooms	US\$ 72.00
15	GLOBAL HOTEL Tegene Building, Debrezit Road Addis Ababa, Ethiopia Tel: +(251-11) 4 66 47 66 / 23 Fax: +(251-11) 4 67 34 22 E-mail: globalhotel@ethionet.net Web site: www.globalhotel.com.et	Single rooms Studio Suite	US\$ 63.00 US\$ 74.00 US\$ 100.00
16	MN INTERNATIONAL HOTEL Haile G/selassie road next to waryt building Addis Ababa, Ethiopia Tel: +(251-11) 6-62 08 31/33/34/35 Fax: +(251-11) 6-62 08 32 E-mail: info@mninternationalhotel.com Web site: www.mninternationalhotel.com/home.php	Single rooms Double Rooms	US\$ 60.00 US\$ 80.00

No.	Hotel	Type of Rooms	UN Rate
17	KZ HOTEL Africa Ave., Bole Road Tel: +(251-11) 6-62 16 77/61 48 36 Fax: +(251-11) 6 - 18 51 38 E-mail: info@kzfamilyhotel.com Web site: www.kzfamilyhotel.com	Single rooms Double room	US\$ 65.00 US\$ 75.00
18	DESTINY ADDIS HOTEL Tel: +(251-11) 5 52 17 95 +(251-11) 8 59 11 89	Standard Twin Junior Suit	US\$ 76.00 US\$ 87.00 US\$ 108.00
19	NIGIST TOWER Tel: +(251-11) 5 50 97 70	Studio One Bed Room Two Bed Room	US\$ 60.37 US\$ 72.05 US\$ 102.05
20	TDS HOTEL Tel: +(251-11) 6 63 58 13/16/17/19/25 Fax: +(251-11) 6 63 58 90 / 011 6 62 17 38 / 011 6 63 58 17	Single Room Double Room Twin Room	US\$ 60.00 US\$ 65.00 US\$ 75.00
21	NATIONAL HOTEL Tel: (251-11) 5 51 51 66 Fax: (251-11) 5 51 34 17	Single Rooms Large Bed	US\$ 40.00 US\$ 46.00
