



**FIRST ROUNDTABLE MEETING ON
FINANCING PROTECTED AREAS IN WEST AFRICA
27 May 2011 - Dakar, Senegal**

INFORMATION NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS

The Republic of Senegal is a West African country part of sub-Saharan Africa. It borders the Atlantic Ocean in the west, Mauritania in the north and Mali in the east. To the south, it borders Guinea and Guinea-Bissau. Gambia forms an enclave within Senegal, stretching more than 300 miles inland. The Cape Verde islands are located 560 kms from the Senegalese coast. Senegal participates actively in the international community and is a member of the African Union and the Community of Sahel-Saharan States. The official language is French, which is understood by a large part of the population, but there are also 10 national languages (Wolof – the most widespread, Serere, Diola, Puular, Soninké, Mandingue) and several other dialects. In 2000, Mr. Abdoulaye Wade became the President of Senegal and today he continues to hold that position.

1. Opening and registration

The first roundtable meeting on Financing Protected Areas in West Africa will be held in Dakar, Senegal on 27 May 2011. Registration will take place at the venue at 8:30 a.m. on the day of the event.

2. Venue

The first roundtable meeting will be held at:

Terrou-Bi Hotel

Boulevard Martin Luther King
B.P.1179 Dakar, Senegal
Tel.: (221) 33 839 90 39
Fax: (221) 33 839 47 96
Web site: <http://www.terroubi.com/>



3. Working language

The roundtable will be held in English and French with simultaneous interpretation.

4. Documents

All roundtable documents, including the Expression of Interest for West Africa, will be available at <http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=PARF-WAFR-01>

5. Hotel information

Participants at the roundtable that support themselves can visit the link below to select their hotel. <http://www.au-senegal.com/Dakar-hotels-campements-et.html>

They can make their hotel reservation by contacting the hotel of their choice directly. In case of difficulty, please contact the Coordination Unit.

For those who wish to be accommodated at the hotel where the meeting will be convened (**The Terrou Bi**), housing conditions are the following:

- 1 comfortable room, overlooking gardens: 108 000 FCFA without breakfast / night
- 1 comfortable room, sea view: 127 000 FCFA without breakfast / night

Sponsored roundtable participants who were invited to stay an extra-day after the NBSAP and PoWPA workshops will stay at the same hotel (**Hotel Ngor Diarama**) and will receive the relevant portion of the DSA on the day of the workshops. For participants staying at the Hotel Ngor Diarama, a shuttle bus will be provided to and from the Roundtable venue before (8:30am) and after (6:00pm) the event.

6. Visa

To enter Senegal, a valid passport is required (preferably valid for three months after the end of your stay) or a national identity card valid for citizens of ECOWAS and Mauritania.

A visa is also required, with the exception of citizens of the following countries:

List of countries exempted from entry visa to Senegal		
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
	Mauritania	

For citizens of other countries, your visa can be obtained at Senegalese embassies and consulates in various countries. Please refer to the representation of Senegal closest to you with a valid passport and an ID photo.



7. **Vaccination**

A vaccination against yellow fever is mandatory. An international vaccination card with yellow fever vaccination is required at the airport upon arrival. Vaccinations against hepatitis A and B, as well as anti-malarial treatment, are also recommended.

8. **Airport**

Taxis are available right out of the airport. Price of airport-downtown travel is 5000 FCFA. As of May 25, 2011, the PRCM Coordination Unit will provide guests with a reception service at the airport. If necessary, please send us your travel itinerary to prcm@iucn.org

9. **Climate**

The temperature in Dakar is around 25-27°C during the month of May. The meeting venue and the hotel will be air-conditioned.

10. **Bank**

Senegal's banking system is reliable and most banks are subsidiaries or representatives of international companies. Various banks can be found throughout the capital and the regions (SGBS, BICIS, CBAO). All major credit cards are accepted. The local currency is the CFA: 1 Euro = 655, 957 FCFA

11. **Time difference**

Senegal is at GMT time.

12. **Important contact**

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