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SOUTH AND WEST ASIA SUB-REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON
THE REVIEW OF, AND CAPACITY-BUILDING FOR, THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CBD PROGRAMME OF WORK
ON PROTECTED AREAS
2-4 April 2007, Dehradun, India

INFORMATION NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS**1. Opening and registration**

The opening of the South and West Asia Sub-regional Workshop on the review of, and Capacity-Building for, the implementation of the CBD Programme of Work on Protected Areas will be on Monday, 2 April 2007 at 9.30 a.m. and registration will take place at the meeting venue on the same day at 8.30 a.m. The Workshop is expected to be closed at 2.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 4 April 2007.

2. Venue

The meeting will be held at:

Wildlife Institute of India

Chandrabani,

Dehradun 248 001.

Uttarakhand State

INDIA

Telephone: +91-(0)135-2640304 (Off.)

Fax: +91-(0)135-2640117

Email: ybm@wii.gov.in

Website: <http://www.wii.gov.in/>

3. Working language of the Workshop

The Workshop will be held in English only.

4. Documents

Pre-session documents are available on the Secretariat's web site at: <http://www.biodiv.org/doc/meeting.aspx?mtg=WSPASWA-01>.

Participants are kindly reminded to bring their own copies of the pre-session documents as there will be no extra copies made available on site during the Workshop.

5. Visas and health requirements

5.1 Visas

Participants are requested to contact the Indian diplomatic representation in their countries of residence in order to enquire about visa requirements to enter India. A list of India's diplomatic representations abroad and their contact details can be obtained from <http://www.meaindia.nic.in/cgi-bin/db2www/meaxpsite/indmission.d2w/embassies>.

Participants experiencing difficulties to access this web site and/or requiring any visa-related assistance are requested to directly contact the designated focal person, namely Mr. G. Balachandhran whose coordinates are as follows:

Mr. G. Balachandhran
Joint Secretary and India National Focal Point for CBD
Ministry of Environment & Forests
Government of India, CGO Complex
Lodi Road, New Delhi-110003
Telephone: +91-(0) 11-24362551,
Fax: +91-(0) 11-24360894
Email: gb-mef@nic.in

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

5.2 Health requirements

The International travel, health and vaccination requirements for travel to India can be obtained from the World Health Organization (WHO) websites: <http://www.who.int/ith/countries/listi/en/index.html> and <http://www.who.int/ith/countries/vaccination/en/index.html>.

6. Arrival and departure

The closest International Airport from Dehradun is Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport, New Delhi. Dehradun is located approximately 250 km from New Delhi. A help desk operated by the Event Management Agency M/s VXL Tours & Travels, Dehradun will be located

inside IGI Airport, New Delhi near the 'Meet and Greet Area' from 12 Noon on 31 March 2007 to 12 Noon on 1 April 2007 to facilitate the travel of participants from IGI Airport to Dehradun.

6.1 Chartered bus

The local organizers arranged a chartered bus from the IGI Airport, New Delhi to Dehradun.. Participants wishing to avail themselves to the chartered bus should **immediately inform** Dr. V.B. Mathur, Dean, Wildlife Institute of India by Telephone: +91-(0)135-2640304; Fax: +91-(0)135-2640117; Mobile: +91-9412054648; or by Email: vbm@wii.gov.in. Travel to Dehradun for participants who for some reason are not able to take the chartered bus will be facilitated through hiring of shared taxis. The journey from IGI Airport to Dehradun by chartered bus/taxi takes approximately 7 hours.

The return journey to Delhi for all participants is being arranged by a chartered bus, which is scheduled to leave Dehradun on 5 April 2007 at 9 a.m.

6.2 By Train

The Indian Railways offers comfortable train services to and from Dehradun. The Dehradun Shatabdi Express, with daily service to and from New Delhi Railway Station is the most convenient way to go to Dehradun. In addition, there are a number of other trains, which go to Dehradun, thereby offering a wide range of choices. **However, due to passenger rush, advance reservation is required, which can be done on internet <http://www.irctc.co.in/>.** For more information on the train schedules, visit <http://www.indianrail.gov.in> and/or refer to **annex A** attached hereto. Participants wishing to travel by Shatabdi Express from New Delhi to Dehradun may take a pre-paid taxi from IGI Airport to New Delhi Railway Station, which would cost approx. INR 300 (US \$6). Participants arriving by train may take a cab from Dehradun Railway Station to their hotel, at an approx cost of INR 150 (US \$3).

7. Hotel accommodation

It should be noted that a hotel block booking has been made on behalf of all participants in the workshop in Dehradun as follows:

(a) Hotel Madhuban,
97, Rajpur Road,
Dehradun-248001
Telephone: +91-135-2749990-95,
Fax: +91-135-2746496
Email: hotelmadhuban@sancharnet.in;
Website: www.hotelmadhuban.com;

(b) Hotel Ajanta Continental,
101, Rajpur Road,
Dehradun, 248001
Telephone.:+91-135-2749595-97
Fax: +91-135-2749598
Email: hotelajanta@hotmail.com
Website: www.ajantacontinental.com.

The CBD Secretariat will settle the hotel accommodation on behalf of the sponsored participants. All extras, such as telephone, room upgrade, bar, laundry, e-mail, restaurant, etc. are at their own costs and must be settled upon checking out. The relevant Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA) will be paid to the sponsored participants on the first day of the workshop.

An indicative list of hotels in Delhi is given in **Annex B**. Participants who wish to stay in Delhi during their onward and/ or return journey to and from Dehradun should make their own hotel reservations as early as possible and pay directly.

8. Currency and rate of exchange

The official currency of India is the Indian rupee (INR). The current exchange rate vis-à-vis the US dollar stands at approximately 44 INRs for one US dollar and 55 INRs for one Euro.

9. Time zone

India is GMT + 5 ½ hours.

10. Weather conditions

During the month of April, the minimum temperature will be 22°C in the New Delhi region and can reach a maximum of 36°C. More information on weather is available at <http://www.imd.ernet.in/section/nhac/dynamic/dlimd.htm>. In Dehradun, the minimum temperature will be 20°C and can reach a maximum of 34°C. More information on Dehradun weather is available at <http://www.imd.ernet.in/section/nhac/dynamic/utimd.htm>.

For more information about India, please go to <http://www.incredibleindia.org/>

11. Voltage

Voltage and frequency in India is 230V, 50Hz.



12. Disclaimer

The CBD Secretariat disclaims all responsibility for medical, accident and travel insurance, for compensation for death or disability, 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, prior to departure, international medical insurance for the period of participation.

Annex A**Details of Trains between Delhi and Dehradun**

S. No.	Train No	Train Name	From	To	Departure	Arrival	AC -I/ Executive Class	AC-II/ Chair Car	Remarks
1	2017	SHATABDI EXPRESS	New Delhi Railway Station	Dehradun Railway Station	06:55	12:40	Rs. 1032 (US \$23)	Rs. 516 (US \$12)	Only Executive and Chair Car; no sleeper coach
2	2017A	NZM DDN AC SPECIAL	Nizamudin Railway Station	Dehradun Railway Station	23:30	05:45	Rs. 1017 (US \$23)	Rs. 592 (US \$13)	No Executive and Chair Car; only sleeper coach
3	4041	MUSSOORIE EXPRESS	Old Delhi Railway Station	Dehradun Railway Station	21:10	08:00	Rs. 1039 (US \$23)	Rs. 519 (US \$12)	No Executive and Chair Car; only sleeper coach
4	2055	JAN SHATABDI EXPRESS	New Delhi Railway Station	Dehradun Railway Station	15:30	21:10	--	Rs. 450 (US \$10)	Only Chair Car; no sleeper coach

Annex B

Indicative List of Hotels in Delhi

Sr. No.	Hotel Name	Address & Contact Details	Tariff (in USD)
1.	GRAND SARTAJ	A-3, Green Park City : New Delhi, PinCode : 110 016 State : Delhi Telephone : 011 - 26857660 /62 /64 /66, Fax : 011 - 26864240, E-Mail : grandsartaj3216@yahoo.co.in Website : www.maharaniroupofhotels.com	European Plan A/C Single: \$78 A/C Double.: \$89 A/C Suites: \$122
2.	REGENT CONTINENTAL HOTEL	4/73, WEA Krishna Market Sarawwati Marg, Karol Bag City : New Delhi PinCode : 110 005 State : Delhi Telephone : 011 - 25722901, Fax : 011 - 25762067, E-Mail : info@hotelregentindia.com Website : www.hotelregentindia.com	European Plan A/C Single: \$58 A/C Double: \$67 A/C Suites: \$100
3.	HOTEL WESTEND INN	Adjoining Shivmurti, NH-8 Rangpuri City : New Delhi PinCode : 110 037 State : Delhi Telephone : 011 - 41166666, Fax : 011 - 25069999, E-Mail : sales@hotelwestendinn.com Website : www.hotelwestendinn.com	Deluxe Club: \$ 98 Superior: \$120
4.	HOTEL VIKRAM	Lajpat Nagar City : New Delhi PinCode : 110 024 State : Delhi Telephone : 011 - 26436451, Fax : 011 - 26435657, E-Mail : hotelvikram@vsnl.com Website : www.hotelvikram.com	Continental Plan Exec. Single: \$100 Exec. Double: \$111 Dlx. Single: \$111 Dlx. Double: \$ 122
