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BIODIVERSITY 2011-2020  
Brasilia, Brazil, 12-14 March 2012

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## 1. Opening and registration

The Global Workshop on National Experiences in implementing the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020 will be held in Brasilia from Monday, 12 March to Wednesday, 14 March 2012.

The workshop will start at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, 12 March 2012, and registration will take place at the venue of the workshop from 8:30 a.m. the same day.

## 2. Venue

The workshop will be held at:

**Agência Nacional de Águas (ANA)**  
Setor Policial, Área 5, Quadra 3, Bloco K  
Brasília-DF CEP:70610-200  
Telephone: +55(61) 2109-5103 /  
E-mail: [imprensa@ana.gov.br](mailto:imprensa@ana.gov.br)  
Web site: <http://www.ana.gov.br> (Portuguese)

## 3. Working language of the workshop

The workshop will be held in English.

## 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=WSSPNE-01>

## 5. General information on access to Brasilia, Brazil



Brasilia is serviced by the Brasilia International Airport – Presidente Juscelino Kubitschek (about 12 km from the city centre). Taxis are available at the airport. Please note that in Brasilia, taxi fares can only be paid in cash, credit cards are not accepted. The rate for the trip to the city centre is approximately R \$50 (Approx. US \$20) and the journey takes approximately 15 minutes.

## 6. Visa information



Participants from countries listed below **do not** require an entry visa for Brazil. Participants from all other countries are strongly advised to contact the nearest Brazilian diplomatic or consular mission **as soon as possible** in order to secure the required entry visa in a timely manner, prior to departure. The visa application process can be lengthy, so please allow sufficient time. Some airline companies will not allow boarding without a valid visa.

A list of relevant information on visa procedures and Brazilian diplomatic/consular missions abroad is available on the web site of the Ministry of External Relations as follows:

Visa procedures: <https://scedv.serpro.gov.br/frscedv/>;  
Consular missions abroad: <http://www.itamaraty.gov.br/o-ministerio/o-brasil-no-exterior> (in Portuguese and listed by city).

**COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES WHOSE CITIZENS DO NOT REQUIRE A VISA IN ORDER TO ENTER BRAZIL AS VISITORS**

**A**

Andorra  
Argentina  
Austria

**B**

Bahamas  
Barbados  
Belgium  
Bolivia  
Bulgaria

**C**

Chile  
Colombia  
Costa Rica  
Croatia  
Czech Republic

**D**

Denmark

**E**

Ecuador  
El Salvador

**F**

Finland  
France

**G**

Germany  
Greece  
Guatemala  
Guyana

**H**

Holy See  
Honduras  
Hungary

**I**

Iceland  
Ireland  
Israel  
Italy

**K**

Korea, Republic of

**L**

Liechtenstein  
Lithuania  
Luxembourg

**M**

Macau  
Malaysia  
Malta  
Monaco  
Morocco

**N**

Namibia  
Netherlands  
New Zealand  
Norway

**P**

Panama  
Paraguay  
Peru

**P (Cont'd)**

Philippines  
Poland  
Portugal

**R**

Romania  
Russian Federation

**S**

San Marino  
Slovakia  
Slovenia  
South Africa  
Spain  
Suriname  
Sweden  
Switzerland

**T**

Thailand  
Trinidad and Tobago  
Tunisia  
Turkey

**U**

United Kingdom of Great  
Britain and Northern Ireland  
Uruguay

**V**

Venezuela

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

## **7. Health Requirements**

Travellers to Brazil require a yellow fever vaccination certification if you have been or have passed through any country with risk of yellow fever transmission, or going to Distrito Federal (including the capital city of Brasília).

Malaria is present in most forested areas below 900 m within the nine states and also occurs on the periphery of some large cities.

For more information or your vaccination requirements for Brazil, 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 meeting venue can be found in Annex A below. Participants are requested to make their hotel bookings as soon as possible as it is high season at this time of the year in Brasilia.

A local transportation company “Coobras Radio Taxi” is recommended within the city. Contact telephone numbers are: +55 61 3224 1000 and 3322-9000 and rates are listed at: <http://www.radiotaxicoobras.com.br/tarifas.htm>.

## **9. Payment of the Daily Subsistence Allowances (DSA)**

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

## **10. Official language in Brasilia, Brazil**

The official language in Brazil is Portuguese. English is spoken in some hotels and restaurants.

## **11. Weather and time zone information**



In March, temperatures in Brasilia range between a maximum of 31°C in the daytime and a minimum of 21°C at night. Brasilia is 1,158 metres above sea level. The rainy season is during the months from December to March. Please bring appropriate clothing. Current weather conditions can be found at: <http://www.worldweather.org/136/c00290.htm>.

The standard time zone at the time of the workshop will be GMT/UTC - 3 hours.

## 12. Electricity

The electrical currents are 127/220 volts, 60 Hertz. The plugs are a two-pin type as shown in the table below.



## 13. Currency



The currency in Brazil is the Real/Reais (R\$). The current exchange rate as at 13 February 2012 is US\$ 1 = R\$ 1.72 and € 1 = R\$ 2.27.

## 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.

**Rate of exchange:** US \$1 = R\$1.72 and  
€1 = R\$2.27

## **Annex A – Hotel listing**

### **LIST OF HOTELS WITH INDICATIVE ROOM RATES IN US DOLLARS PRICES DO NOT INCLUDE APPLICABLE TAXES**

**RATES ARE INDICATIVE, VARY BETWEEN WEEKENDS AND WEEKDAYS, AND SUBJECT TO  
CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE**

<b>Hotels</b>	<b>Room Rates</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
<b>1. Airam Brasilia Hotel</b> Shn Quadra 05 Bl 5-Setor Hoteleiro Norte - Brasília, Brazil Reservations: +55 (61) 2195-4118 / 2195-4102 / 2195-4000 Fax: +(61) 2195-4200 E-mail: <a href="mailto:reservas@airamhotel.com.br">reservas@airamhotel.com.br</a> , <a href="mailto:eventos@airamhotel.com.br">eventos@airamhotel.com.br</a> Web site: <a href="http://www.airamhotel.com.br">www.airamhotel.com.br</a> Contact person for reservations: Ms. Marinalva	Single: US \$116 (R\$199)	Rate includes breakfast  <b>A block booking has been made for participants</b>
<b>2. Bristol Hotel – Brasília</b> SHS Qd. 04 Bloco F – CEP 70.322-908 Brasília-DF Telephone: +55(061) 3204 – 6162 Fax: +55(061) 3321-2690 E-mail: <a href="mailto:reservas@bristolhotel.com.br">reservas@bristolhotel.com.br</a> Web site: <a href="http://www.bristolhotel.com.br">www.bristolhotel.com.br</a> Contact person for reservations: Ms. Laura Oliveira	Single luxo: US \$134 (R\$230)  Double or Casal luxo: US \$163 (R\$280)  Double with extra bed: US \$192 (R\$230)	Rate includes breakfast  <b>A block booking has been made for participants</b>

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