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MEETING FOR THE ELEVENTH MEETING OF THE
CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CBD
13 - 16 August 2012, Asuncion, Paraguay

INFORMATION NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS

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1. Opening and registration

The Latin America and the Caribbean Regional Indigenous and Local Community preparatory meeting for the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the CBD will be held in Asuncion from Monday, 13 August to Thursday 16 August 2012

The workshop will start at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, 13 August 2012, and registration will take place at the venue of the meeting from 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. the same day.

2. Venue

The workshop will be held at:

Gran Hotel del Paraguay

De las Residentas 906

Tel/Fax: +595-21-200051

Contact person: Ms. Nilvia Franco

Web site: <http://www.granhoteldelparaguay.com.py/> (in Spanish only)

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3. Working language of the workshop

The workshop will be held in Spanish.

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 meeting. Pre-session documents are available on the Secretariat's web site at:



<https://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=8J-PREPCOP11-03>

5. General information on access to Asuncion, Paraguay



Asuncion is serviced by the Silvio Pettrossi International Airport. The airport is situated in Luque, suburb of the capital Asunción and is about 9 kms from the city centre.

Taxis are available for travel to the city of Asuncion by identified taxis and private cars called “remises”. The cost of travel to the city centre is approximately US \$15 - US \$20 and should take approximately 30-40 minutes.

6. Visa information



Participants from certain countries require a visa for Paraguay and are strongly advised to contact the nearest Paraguayan diplomatic or consular mission **as soon as possible** in order to secure the required entry visa in a timely manner, prior to departure.

Information about visa procedures and Paraguayan diplomatic/consular missions abroad can be found on official web site of the Paraguayan Ministry of External Affairs at: http://www.mre.gov.py/es/inicio_es.asp# and a full listing of visa exempt countries can be found at the following link: <http://www.mre.gov.py/es/SupresiondeVisa2.html> (in Spanish only)

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

7. Hotel information

Sponsored participants

A block booking has been made for sponsored participants at the venue of the meeting, Gran Hotel del Paraguay (details are listed below).

Kindly send arrival and departure details to Ms. Florina Lopez Miro at florina.lopez@gmail.com with a copy to Ms. Viviana Figueroa at Viviana.figueroa@cbd.int.

Gran Hotel del Paraguay

De las Residentas 906

Tel/Fax: +059521-200051

Web site: www.granhoteldelparaguay.com.py

Non-sponsored participants

Non-sponsored participants may wish to avail themselves of reservations at the Gran Hotel del Paraguay at a cost of approximately US \$67. Participants must secure and/or confirm their room reservations individually. Further information on hotels in Asuncion is available at the following web-site:



<http://www.senatur.gov.py/index.php?language=2>

8. Payment of the Daily Subsistence Allowances (DSA)

Sponsored participants will receive a portion of their DSA to cover incidentals on the first day of the meeting.

9. Official languages in Asuncion, Paraguay

The official languages in Paraguay are Spanish and Guarani.

10. Weather and time zone information



In August, temperatures in Asuncion usually range between a maximum of +24°C in the daytime and a minimum of +14°C at night. The climate is rainy at this time of the year. Current weather conditions can be found at: <http://www.worldweather.org/138/c00292.htm>

11. Electricity

The electrical currents in Paraguay are 220 volts, 50 Hertz. The type of plug is shown in the illustration below.



12. Currency



The currency in Paraguay is the Guarani (G) and (PYG). The current exchange rate as at 12 July 2012 is US \$1 =G 4.460.00 and Euro 1 = G 5,444.06.

13. 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.
