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CULTURAL DIVERSITY OF THE  
CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL  
DIVERSITY AND UNESCO

First meeting  
New York,  
28-29 April 2012

### INFORMATION NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS

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## **1. Opening and registration**

The Informal Diversity Liaison Group Meeting for the Joint Programme of Work will be held in New York, from Saturday, 28 April to Sunday, 29 April 2012.

The meeting will start at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, 28 April 2012, and registration will take place at the venue of the meeting from 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. the same day.

## **2. Venue**

The meeting will be held at:

### **UNESCO Liaison Office in New York**

2, United Nations Plaza

Room 900

New York

United States of America

10017

Tel: +1-212 963 59 95

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## **3. Working language of the meeting**

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



<https://www.cbd.int/meetings/>

## **5. General information on access to New York, United States of America**



The city of New York is serviced by the John F. Kennedy International Airport (19 km from downtown). More information about the airport can be found at: <http://www.panynj.gov/airports/jfk.html>

Taxis for travel around New York can be arranged through your hotel, at rates dependant on the distance travelled.

## 6. Visa information



Participants requiring an entry visa for United States of America are strongly advised to contact the nearest American diplomatic or consular mission **as soon as possible** in order to secure the required entry visa in a timely manner, prior to departure. **Please note that airline companies will not allow boarding in the absence of a valid visa.**

All participants must travel with a passport valid for at least 6 months from the date of entry into the country.

Information on visa procedures, including a list of relevant American diplomatic/consular missions abroad, is available on the web site of American Citizenship and Immigration at:

<https://www.usimmigrationsupport.org/b2-tourist-visa.html?gclid=CPbtuIX4na8CFUTsKgodgDVHdA>

## 7. Hotel information

Participants are kindly reminded that **they have to make their own hotel reservations as soon as possible.**

## 8. Payment of the Daily Subsistence Allowances (DSA)

The DSA will be paid to the sponsored participants starting on the first day of the meeting.

## 9. Official language in New York

The official language in United States of America is English

## 10. Weather and time zone information



In April, temperatures in New York usually range between a maximum of +13°C in the daytime and a minimum of +6°C at night. Current weather conditions in the area can be found at: <http://www.worldweather.org/093/c00278.htm>

## 11. Electricity

The electrical currents are 120 volts, 60 Hertz a (two-pin flat and vertical with a ground connection).



## 12. Currency



The currency in United States of America is the United States dollar (USD).

## 13. Disclaimer

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

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