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LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN INDIGENOUS AND LOCAL COMMUNITY CAPACITY-BUILDING WORKSHOP ON THE CONVENTION ON BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY INCLUDING ISSUES RELEVANT TO ARTICLE 8(j) TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE AND ACCESS AND BENEFIT-SHARING

Seventh Workshop: Andean Region Bogota, Colombia, 23-25 September 2010

#### INFORMATION NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS

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#### 1. Opening and registration

The Seventh Workshop for the Latin American and Caribbean Indigenous and Local Community Capacity-building on the Convention on Biological Diversity including issues relevant to Article 8(j) Traditional Knowledge and Access and Benefit-sharing –Andean Region will be held in Bogota, Colombia from Thursday, 23 September to Saturday, 25 September 2010

The workshop will start at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, 23 September 2010, and registration will take place at the venue of the meeting from 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. the same day.

#### 2. Venue

The workshop will be held at:

#### **Hotel Baviera**

Calle 32 No. 13 –32 Teusaquillo

Bogota, Colombia

Reservations: +57 1 320 3847, 57 1 320 3867

PBX: +57 1 320 3564, 57 1 320 3709 E-mail hotelbaviera@hotmail.com

Web site: http://www.hotelbaviera.com.co/index.htm

#### 3. Working language of the meeting

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:



http://www.cbd.int/doc/?meeting=WSCBILC-LAC-07

### **CBD**

# 5. General information on access to Bogota, Colombia



The city of Bogotá is serviced by the El Dorado International Airport (13 km from downtown). More information about the airport can be found at <a href="http://www.elnuevodorado.com/">http://www.elnuevodorado.com/</a>

#### 6. Visa information



All participants must travel with passport with a minimum validity of 6 months, counted from the date of entry into the country.

Information on visa procedures, including a list of relevant Colombia diplomatic/consular missions abroad, is available on the web site of the Embassy of Colombia at: <a href="http://colombiaemb.org/index.php?option=com\_content&task=view&id=108&Itemid=131">http://colombiaemb.org/index.php?option=com\_content&task=view&id=108&Itemid=131</a>.

#### 7. Hotel information

#### Sponsored participants

A block booking has been made on behalf of sponsored participants at the Hotel Barviera kindly send arrival and departure details to Ms. Florina Lopez Miro at <a href="mailto:florina.lopez@gmail.com">florina.lopez@gmail.com</a> with a copy to Ms. Viviana Figueroa at <a href="mailto:Viviana.figueroa@cbd.int">Viviana.figueroa@cbd.int</a>. The hotel information is listed below:

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#### Non-sponsored participants

For assistance or any queries about hotel accommodation, participants are requested to contact directly:

# Centro Nacional para la Promoción y Defensa de los Derechos Indigenas YANAPANAKUY

Dra. Edith Bastidas

Mobile: +57-313 719 9223

E-mail: edith\_bastidas@yahoo.com

#### 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 language in Colombia

The official language in Colombia is Spanish

#### 10. Weather and time zone information



In September, temperatures in Bogota usually range between a maximum of  $+16^{\circ}$ C in the daytime and a minimum of  $7^{\circ}$ C at night. Current weather conditions in the area can be found at: http://www.worldweather.org/057/c00157.htm .

The standard time zone will be GMT/UTC -5 hours.

#### 11. Electricity

The electrical currents in Colombia are 110-120 volts, 60 Hertz a (two-pin flat and vertical with a ground connection).



## 12. Currency



The currency in Colombia is the Colombian Pesos (COP). The current exchange rate as at 20 September 2010 is US \$1 = COP 1,806.70 and  $$\in 1 = COP 2,360.05$ .

#### 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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