1st African Wild Ass Range State Meeting

Bonn, Germany, 6-7 March 2016

FACT SHEET FOR PARTICIPANTS

I. Getting to Bonn

Bonn is located approximately twenty minutes journey time south of Cologne and two hours north-west of Frankfurt/Main and can be reached from three airports, Cologne/Bonn Airport, Frankfurt International Airport and Düsseldorf Airport.

Participants arriving at **Cologne/Bonn Airport** can reach Bonn city centre by taxi (the fare from the airport to the city centre is approximately €45.00), or by bus (SB 60), departing from the bus stop at Terminal 1 to the city centre (final stop "Hauptbahnhof", main railway station) costing about €8.00.

Participants arriving at **Frankfurt International Airport** may wish to take the train to Siegburg/Bonn. There is high-speed train service (ICE) between the airport and Siegburg/Bonn. Travel time is approximately 40 minutes and a ticket costs around €61.00 (2nd class). Departure is from the long-distance train station (Fernbahnhof) in the airport complex. The direction is Cologne. The station stop for Bonn is the town of Siegburg (Please get off at: Siegburg/Bonn). Taxis are available for approximately €30.00 from Siegburg to Bonn. You can also catch the tram 66 from Siegburg to Bonn (ticket price €5.00, please press 3 on the ticket machine). The tram journey takes 25 minutes.

Normal train service between Frankfurt International Airport and Bonn is also available (from the long-distance train station (Fernbahnhof) in the airport). Travel time is approximately 1 hour 45 minutes and a ticket costs about €39.00 (2nd class). This trip along the Rhine River is one of the most scenic train trips in Germany and brings you directly into the city centre of Bonn.

From **Düsseldorf Airport** to Bonn there are direct trains, which run hourly and have a travel time of about 66 minutes and a ticket costs round about €16.00 (2nd class).

II. Meeting Venue

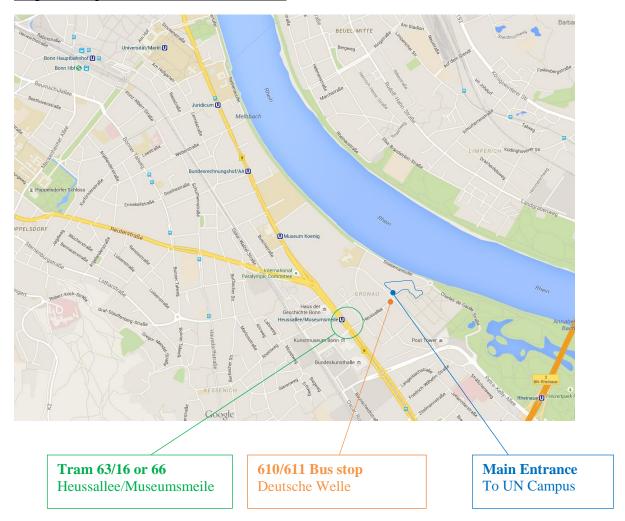
The meeting will take place at the "Langer Eugen- building" inside the UN Campus < See location on Map >.

Address:

UN Campus Bonn Langer Eugen Room 2705 Platz der Vereinten Nationen 1 (former Hermann-Ehlers-Strasse 10) 53113 Bonn

Tel: (+49 228) 815 2401

Map showing the UNEP/CMS Secretariat:



How to get to the meeting venue:

>By tram (U-Bahn):

From the main railway station (Hauptbahnhof) in the city centre: take tram 63 or 16 (direction Bad Godesberg) or tram 66 (direction Bad Honnef or Ramersdorf) to the stop "Heussallee/Museumsmeile".

From Bad Godesberg station (Bahnhof): take tram 63/16 (direction Hauptbahnhof) to the stop "Heussallee/Museumsmeile". < Tram 63/Tram 16 >.

Upon arrival at the stop Heussallee/Museumsmeile, exit the station by following the sign "UN Campus" and continue walking straight ahead for about 5 minutes till you see a large white building in front of a higher building being the **Langer Eugen** (UN building).

>By bus:

From Bonn city centre (Hauptbahnhof) or Bad Godesberg city centre, take Bus 610 or 611 to the stop "Deutsche Welle". < Bus 610 > < Bus 611 > . After getting off, continue walking down Heussallee for about 5 minutes till you see a large white building in front of a higher building being the **Langer Eugen** (UN building).

Tram or bus tickets can be obtained from ticket machines in the stations or in the bus or tram itself. If you are travelling in and around Bonn, press the 1b button, one-way ticket (1 trip) costs $\in 2.80$ and a multiple ticket (4 trips) costs $\in 11.00$.

≻By taxi:

The fare for a taxi ride to the Langer Eugen from Bonn city centre (Hauptbahnhof-Main station) is around €10.00 and from Bad Godesberg city center about €15.00. The central phone number for Bonn taxis is +49 (0)228 555 555.

III. Registration

Registration will start at 0800hrs on Monday 6 March 2017.

IV. Hotel accommodation

1. Hotel information for **funded participants**:

The participants will receive full DSA (cash card) and are asked to make their own hotel reservations.

2. Hotel rooms for **funded and non-funded participants**:

The Secretariat has made block-bookings in different hotels in Bonn. The participants will make their own reservation out of the block-booking by guaranteeing their reservation with their own credit card and paying directly to the hotel.

Please use the code word **UNEP/CMS AWA** to access the block-booking. It is advisable to make use of the room blockings or try to book the preferred hotel as soon as possible as this is a busy time in Bonn. Kindly inform yourself in regards to the cancellation conditions as at the time of fairs they might be at 100% for all days booked.

Here are the hotel addresses and their websites, with more information:

2.1. Hotel zum Löwen

Von-Groote-Platz 1 53173 Bonn

Tel: (+49 228) 528890

E-mail: empfang@hotel-zum-loewen-bonn.de

Website: http://www.hotel-zum-loewen-bonn.de/loeweenglisch/

Rate single room: €89.00 per night/incl. breakfast

15 rooms will be held as a block-booking for participants until: 5. February 2017

The rooms are available from 5 to 8 March 2017.

The hotel is conveniently located in the charming villa quarter in the heart of Bad Godesberg, in immediate proximity to all public transportation.

To reach the venue, walk to the "Bad Godesberg station" and follow the tram instructions above. If you should arrive later than 22:00, please call the hotel beforehand in order to receive an entry code.

2.2 Park Hotel

Am Kurpark 1 53117 Bad Godesberg Tel: (+49 228) 4333520

E-Mail:info@parkhotelbonn.de

Website: http://www.parkhotelbonn.de/index.php/en/

Rate single room: €84.00 per night/incl. breakfast

15 rooms will be held as a block-booking for participants until: 31. January 2017

The rooms are available from 5 to 8 March 2017.

The Park Hotel Bad Godesberg is a non-smoking hotel, with an extremely central location in the pedestrian zone of the Bad Godesberg district of Bonn – directly opposite the spa park and La Redoute. The river Rhine is only about 20 minutes away on foot, and a journey of a few minutes takes you to the city centre of Bonn.

3. Leisure Tax:

The city of Bonn charges an overnight stay tax of 5% on the room accommodation rate from 01.07.2015 onwards for leisure travel, which needs to be paid by the guests to the hotel. This tax is NOT INCLUDED in the hotel rates and needs to be paid additionally in the hotel.

Business travelers are EXEMPTED from this tax when showing an adequate verification that they are in Bonn for business purposes! The Secretariat will provide the participants with personalized invitation letters to avoid payment of this tax.

V. Weather

The month of March is characterized by rising daily high temperatures, with daily highs increasing from 9°C to 12°C over the course of the month, exceeding 19°C or dropping below 6°C only one day in ten. Do not forget to bring your umbrella and a jacket since it can be cool and wet.

VI. Currency

Germany's currency is the Euro (€). As of 1 July 2016, the exchange rate was €0.90 for 1 USD. Credit cards are accepted in hotels and in most restaurants in Bonn, but not in many shops.

VII. Visas

Upon request, an official letter of invitation will be sent to participants. This can be attached to the German visa application. Visas can be obtained from your nearest German embassy or consulate. Addresses can be downloaded from the website of the: < German Foreign Office >. If you have any difficulties obtaining a visa, please contact the Secretariat: cms.secretariat@cms.int.

VIII. Working language of the meeting

The meeting will be conducted in English only.

IX. Identification badges

All participants will receive an identification badge to access the venue. You are requested to wear this badge during your stay at UN Campus.

X. Time zone

Germany is in the Central European Time zone. GMT +1 hour

XI. Information about Bonn

For information about Bonn and its region please refer to:

< http://www.bonn-region.de/english.html >

XII. Useful Numbers

Country dialling code: +49 City dialling code: (0)228

Railway Station Bonn: 0228 19419 Emergency: 112

Police: 110 Fire: 112

UNEP/CMS Secretariat: 0228 815 2401

XIII. Security requirements in the building

Please note the standard security requirements that you need to be familiar with when you visit us here at the UN Campus in Bonn:

- 1. No friends or family members are allowed to enter the UN Campus unless they are participants;
- 2. Participants should not use the facilities of other offices on the conference floors
- 3. Smoking is only allowed outside the building;
- 4. All participants will be checked against their passports/national ID cards;
- 5. The participants are not allowed to move throughout the building unless attended by Secretariat Staff;
- 6. Please report any loss of conference ID badge to the Security for corrective action regarding the access;
- 7. Participants should not leave their personal items of value unattended;
- 8. Participants should appear at the entrance of the building half an hour earlier in order to ensure that there is enough time to deal with the last minute changes if there are any.