








Information for Participants

Pacific Regional Preparatory Meeting for the 11th Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS) and training in the Roles and Responsibilities of CMS Family National Focal Points

Nadi, Fiji 18-20 August 2014

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1. Opening and registration

The Pacific Regional Preparatory Meeting for the 11th Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS) and training in the Roles and Responsibilities of CMS Family National Focal Points will take place in Nadi, Fiji from 18-20 August 2014.

The workshops will start at 8:30 a.m. on 18 August, and registration will be open at the meeting venue from 8:00 a.m. the same day.

2. Venue

The Meeting will be held at:

Tanoa International Hotel
Votualevu Road
P.O. Box 9203
Nadi, Fiji
Tel: + 679 6720191
E-mail: tanoa@tanoahotels.com.fj
Web site: www.tanoahotels.com

3. Working language

The meeting will be held in English ONLY.

4. Documents

Participants are kindly reminded to bring their own copies of the pre-session documents for the workshop as there will be no extra copies made available on site. Use of printers will be limited and e-copy use is encouraged. Documents are available on the UNEP/CMS Secretariat's webpage dedicated to this workshop at:



<http://www.cms.int/pre-cop11-pac>

5. General information on access to Nadi, Fiji



Nadi is served by the Nadi International Airport, approximately 10 miles from the city centre. The Tanoa International Hotel is located just five minutes from the international terminal. **The Tanoa International Hotel provides courtesy transfer busses from the airport.** Please enquire about this service with the hotel.

6. Visa information



Participants from countries listed in **Annex A** **do not require** an entry visa for Fiji. All other participants are advised to contact the relevant Fijian diplomatic or consular mission **as soon as possible** in order to secure the required entry visa in a timely manner, prior to departure.

Information on visa procedures can be found on the web-site of the Department Immigration of the Republic of Fiji: <http://www.immigration.gov.fj/index.php/visa> .

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

7. Hotel information



A block booking of half board accommodation in single rooms for the entire period of the meetings/workshop and days before or after the meetings/workshop as necessary will be made on behalf of all CMS meeting participants at the Tanoa International Hotel in Nadi.

The contact information is listed below.

Tanoa International Hotel

Votualevu Road

P.O. Box 9203

Nadi, Fiji

Tel: + 679 6720191

E-mail: tanoa@tanoahotels.com.fj

Web site: www.tanoahotels.com

Further information on hotels for non-funded participants and tourism in Nadi is available at the following website: <http://www.fiji.travel/destinations/nadi>.

8. Payment of the Daily Subsistence Allowances (DSA)

Funded participants will receive the relevant portion of their DSA on the first day of the Meetings/Workshop to cover other travel costs such as visa fees, local travel and terminal expenses.

To assist with quick issuance of the DSA please have your boarding pass and your passport ready for photocopying.

9. Official languages in Fiji

There are 3 official languages in Fiji; they are: English, Fijian, and Fiji Hindi. The most common way to say hello is “Bula”.

10. Weather and time zone information

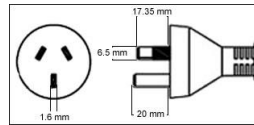


Due to the tropical weather in Fiji, you can expect highs in August to range between 19 and 29 ° C even though this is considered winter. Current weather conditions can be found at: <http://www.worldweather.org/022/c00094.htm> .

The time zone in Nadi, Fiji is GMT +12 hours.

11. Electricity

The electrical current is 240 Volts, 50 Hertz and the type of plugs is illustrated below.



12. Currency



The currency in Fiji is the Fijian Dollar (FJD). The current exchange rate as of 2 July 2014 is US \$1 = 1.81 FJD or can be checked here

<http://www.xe.com/currencyconverter/convert/?Amount=1&From=FJD&To=USD>

13. Disclaimer

The CMS Secretariat disclaims all responsibility for medical, accident and travel insurance, compensation for death or disability compensation, loss of or damage to personal property and any other loss that may be incurred during travel time or the duration of the meetings/workshop. In this context, it is strongly recommended to secure international medical and travel insurance for the period of travel and participation at the meetings/workshop, prior to departure from home country.

Annex A – Country Listing

COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES WHOSE CITIZENS DO NOT REQUIRE VISAS IN ORDER TO ENTER FIJI AS VISITORS (AS LISTED ON THE WEB SITE OF THE DEPARMENT OF IMMIGRATION OF FIJI)

Citizens of the following countries and territories **do not require** a visa to visit Fiji:

Antigua & Barbuda	Iceland	Serbia
Argentina	India	Slovak Republic
Australia	Indonesia	St Kitts & Nevis
Austria	Israel	St Lucia
The Bahamas	Italy	St Vincent & The Grenadines
Bangladesh	Jamaica	Seychelles
Barbados	Japan	Sierra Leone
Belgium	Kenya	Singapore
Belize	Kiribati	Slovenia
Bermuda	Latvia	Solomon Islands
Botswana	Liechtenstein	South Africa
Brazil	Lesotho	South Korea
Brunei Darussalam	Luxemburg	Spain
Bulgaria	Malawi	Swaziland
Canada	Malaysia	Sweden
Chile	Maldives	Switzerland
China	Malta	Taiwan
Colombia	Mauritius	Tanzania
Cook Islands (NZ passport holder)	Mexico	Thailand
Cyprus	Moldova	Tonga
Czech Republic	Monaco	Trinidad & Tobago
Denmark	Nauru	Tunisia
Commonwealth Dominica	The Netherlands	Turkey
Estonia	New Zealand	Tuvalu
The Federal Republic of Germany	Nigeria	Uganda
The Federated States of Micronesia	Norway	United Arab Emirates
Finland	Palau	Ukraine
France	Papua New Guinea	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
The Gambia	Paraguay	United States of America
Ghana	Peru	Uruguay
Greece	The Philippines	Vanuatu
Grenada	Poland	Venezuela
Guyana	Portugal	Zambia
Holy See (Vatican)	Republic of Ireland	Zimbabwe
Hong Kong (SAR)	Republic of the Marshall Islands	
Hungary	Romania	
	Russia	
	Samoa	