



Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals

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STAKEHOLDER MEETING ON THE CONSERVATION OF LARGE MAMMALS IN CENTRAL ASIA

Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, 23-25 September 2014

FACT SHEET

I. Meeting Venue

The meeting will take place from 23-25 September 2014 in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. A CMS COP11 Regional Preparatory and Negotiation Workshop (for CMS National Focal Points only) will take place immediately afterwards (26-28 September 2014).

Both meetings will be held at the “Ak-Keme Hotel” in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.

Address:

“Ak Keme Hotel“
93 Prospekt Mira
Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan
Tel: +996 (312) 540143
Email: reception@akkemehotel.com
<http://www.akkemehotel.com/>

II. Opening / Registration

Registrations will begin 08:00 on 23 September 2014. The Meeting will be opened at 09:00. Delegates are requested to arrive at 08:00 to register and pick up any meeting material.

III. Official working language of the meeting

Both meetings will be held in English and Russian. Simultaneous interpretations will be provided.

IV. Documents

Documents will be distributed via the CMS website prior to the meeting:
<http://www.cms.int/en/meeting/stakeholder-meeting-conservation-large-mammals-central-asia>

In order to minimize the environmental impact of the meeting and for reasons of economy, delegates are kindly reminded that they should bring their own copies of the pre-session documents for the meeting. The organizers will provide only documents such as the agenda and a limited number of other documents upon request.

V. Hotel Accommodation

Sponsored delegates

Accommodation will be booked and pre-paid by the organizers for sponsored delegates. If possible, sponsored delegates are kindly requested to consider sharing a double room with another participant and confirming this when contacted by the Organisers.

Other delegates

Other delegates should contact the organisers to reserve a room in the “Ak Keme Hotel”.

A single room costs approximately USD 104 per day. A double room costs approximately USD 120 per day. The price of the room includes breakfast. Payment for accommodation is by cash (USD) or credit cards (VISA, MasterCard). Please note that reservations may be cancelled up to 7 days prior to the date of check-in without penalty.

For assistant please contact: lira.joldubaeva@giz.de and/or the CMS Secretariat (croettger@cms.int).

The organizers have block-booked hotel rooms till **20 August 2014** in the “Eldorado Hotel” (see below), which is the nearest to the “Ak Keme Hotel” (approximately 7 minutes walking distance). A limited number of single and double rooms are available. Participants are therefore requested to make their bookings well before **20 August 2014**.

Hotel information for non-funded delegates:

	Name	Address	Web-page and email	Hotel room rates	
				Single room (classic)	double
1	Park Hotel	Bishkek Orozbekova str. 87 tel: +996 (312) 665518	http://www.parkhotel.kg/ e-mail : hotel@parkhotel.kg	147\$	167\$
2	Holiday Hotel	Bishkek, Abdrahmanov str. 204 tel.: +996 312 97 6161	e- mail: hotel@holiday.kg	160\$	180\$
3	Asia Mountains Guest house	Bishkek 156 Gorkogo Str. (cross Shoorukova) Tel: +996 312 54 02 06	http://asiamountains-hotels.com/en/hotels.html e-mail: hotel2@asiamountains.net	70\$	90\$
4	Club Dostuk Hotel	Bishkek city, 429 b. Frunze str. Dostuk Hotel, 5th floor Tel: +996 (312) 437 185	http://www.dostuk.kg/en/hotelinfo@dostuk.kg	99\$	119\$
5	Golden Tulip Bishkek	Bishkek Isanova str.37 Tel: +996 312 610707	http://www.goldentulipbishkek.com/en/dosm@goldentulipbishkek.com	270 \$	300 \$

6	Touristan guest house	Bishkek Koenkozov str,6 Tel: +996 (312) 31 51 02	e-mail: hotel@touristan.kg www.touristan.kg	60\$	80\$
7	Eldorado (the nearest to Ak-Keme Hotel)	Bishkek Dzhunusaliev str, 184 Tel.:+996 (312) 54 21 48	e-mail: Eldorado@on.kg	50\$	60\$

VI. Transport

The city is served by [Manas International Airport](#) (IATA code FRU), located approximately 25 kilometres (16 mi) northwest of the city centre, and readily reachable by taxi.

There are several private taxi firms in Bishkek that you can easily reach through their three digit numbers including: 150, 152, 154, 156, 166, and 188

A taxi from the airport to the “Ak Keme Hotel” will cost approximately USD. 10-15

The organizers will arrange for a shuttle service from and to the airport to/from the “Ak Keme Hotel”. Participants should provide their date and time of arrival, airline and flight number, along with any questions, to:

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VII. Visa Information

Citizens from 44 countries are not required to obtain a visa for Kyrgyzstan for a maximum stay of 60 or 90 days. Nationals from some countries (Afghanistan, China, India, Nepal, and Pakistan) require a visa to enter Kyrgyzstan. Depending on your country of origin, you may purchase a visa stamp at the point of entry, or you must apply for the visa before arriving in Kyrgyzstan. For information on whether you require a visa to enter Kyrgyzstan, visit the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Kyrgyz Republic:

http://www.mfa.kg/diplomatic-missions-of-kr/dipmissions-of-kr-abroad-2_en.html

Please also note that visa stamps purchased at the airport are payable in cash only. Traveler's checks and credit cards are not accepted.

In you need to apply for a visa before your arrival, an invitation letter can be sent to you. Please indicate that you need an invitation letter when you register on-line.

VIII. General information about Kyrgyzstan

Kyrgyzstan is a landlocked country of Central Asia that is bounded by Kazakhstan on the northwest and north, by China on the east and south, and by Tajikistan and Uzbekistan on the south and west.

Bishkek is the capital and the largest city of Kyrgyzstan. The main international airport is Manas, which is operational 24 hours.

Currency

National currency of Kyrgyzstan is the Som. Kyrgyzstan is overwhelmingly a cash economy. Credit cards are rarely used, but ATMs are common in Bishkek. Banks accept a number of major currencies, there are also a large number of money-changing booths, but they have a more narrow range of currencies.

Language

Kyrgyz is the state language and Russian is the official language, English is understood in the main tourist areas.

Time and Weather

Local time is UTC (GMT) + 6 hours

Weather condition in autumn in Bishkek is good. The average temperature in September is +20-25 C. It is the pleasant time to visit to Bishkek.

Electricity

The system provides supply at 220 volts/50Hz – but the supply can be unreliable. Fluctuations of voltage are common and you should have a power surge protection device for computers or other sensitive equipment. Plugs are two, round-pin European style.

Safety information

Bishkek is in general poorly lit at night. It is highly recommended not to take an unaccompanied stroll after dusk and to avoid parks at night.

Information and Questions

All additional information and further questions should be addressed to the Christiane Röttger at the CMS Secretariat (croettger@cms.int) and/or to lira.joldubaeva@giz.de