Logistics note for the Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group to Prepare for the Work of the International Negotiating Committee to Develop an International Legally Binding Instrument on Plastic Pollution, including in the Marine Environment

1. INTRODUCTION

The following is practical information provided for official participants, online as well as in person that will attend the ad hoc open-ended working group to prepare for the work of the international negotiating committee to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment, (herein referred to as the meeting) to be held in King Fahd Palace Hotel Dakar, Senegal, from 30 May to 1 June 2022, Regional consultations and multi-stakeholder dialogues will take place 29 May 2022.

All information regarding the meeting will be regularly updated on the meeting website

2. MEETING VENUE

Venue: King Fahd Palace Hotel

Address: Routes des Almadies Dakar, Senegal

Phone number: +221 33 869 69 69

Email: informations.dakar@kingfahdpalacehotels.com

Information: Internet access will be provided on site while prayer rooms, recreation areas and restaurants can be found around the venue. Nearby supermarkets include American Food Store (5-minute walk from venue) and Auchan (about 20-minute walk from venue)

3. REGISTRATION AND ACCREDITATION

All participants need to register online by 13 May 2022, through the registration portal.

Those requesting funding support for travel, must register and email unep-incplastic.secretariat@un.org by 30 April 2022.

Representatives are advised that a letter of accreditation will be required by the system to finalize the registration process. Following registration, the representatives will receive a confirmation email, and receive more information on how to attend the meeting.

On-site registration and badging

Participants will be invited to pick-up their badges at the on-site registration desk with a national passport or national ID card.

Each participant must wear the badge corresponding to his/her functions and title at all times to gain access to the meeting rooms.

All badges are strictly for personal use and are non-transferable.

Longer lines should be anticipated on Monday 30 May. Therefore, early registration and badge pick-up on Sunday 29 May will be strongly encouraged.

The registration desk at the conference venue will open at 9 am on Sunday 29 May.

Remote participation

Online participation will be serviced by the online meeting platform called "Interactio". more information on remote participation and testing will be announced closer to the date of meeting.

4. FORMALITIES FOR ENTRY INTO SENEGAL

All participants are responsible to check if they require a visa or not here: www.visasenegal.sn

All foreign citizens should hold a valid passport with 6 months validity to enter into Senegal. Nationals of countries where Senegal has no Diplomatic or Consular Representation, will be granted visas free of charge on arrival at the Blaise Diagne International Airport (AIBD). Participants will need to present the order confirmation and the letter of confirmation of registration to the airline check-in desk at the airport of departure.

National from countries where Senegal has a Diplomatic or Consular Mission are required to apply for visas from the latter before their arrival in Dakar, presenting the letter of invitation or confirmation of their registration to facilitate the visa process. the government of Senegal is able to provide a support letter upon request.

Holders of UN passports do not require visa, while an invitation letter from the secretariat is needed.

5. ARRIVAL AT BLAISE DIAGNE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

A team of Protocol officers will be present at Blaise Diagne International Airport to welcome the participants and support with their transport to the hotels in the list provided by the government of Senegal (annex 1).

6. TRANSPORTATION AND ACCOMMODATION

<u>Transport</u>: Bus transport will be provided to participants from Blaise Diagne International Airport (1 hour drive, 50km from the meeting venue) to the hotels in the list provided by the government of Senegal as well as the return trip to the airport.

During the meeting days, complimentary buses will also be available to transport participants from the listed hotels (annex 1) to the meeting venue.

<u>Accommodation</u>: Participants are responsible for reserving their accommodations, and for covering their own food expenses.

For further information, please contact the Secretariat at the following email address, clearly indicating the nature of your question in the subject of the email: unep-incplastic.secretariat@un.org.

7. HEALTH PROTOCOL

Arrival at the airport

The traveler is required to:

- 1) Produce a negative PCR test result, or proof of full vaccination. Only vaccines approved by the World Health Organization are accepted, namely: Pfizer BioNTech, Astrazeneca-SK Bio, Serum Institute of India, Astra, Zenaca (UE), Janssen, Moderna, Sinopharm, Sinovac;
- 2) Adhere to Airport anti-Covid guidelines

At Conference Venue

- 1) Masks must be worn in transport vehicles, inside hotels and conference venues (including in meeting rooms during sessions).
- 2) Comply with the rules of physical distancing and regular use of hydro-alcoholic solution/gel. The host country will take adequate measures to ensure that all areas of the Premises are adequately cleaned and that hand sanitizer is available in meeting rooms.
- 3) A Covid-19 test center will be in place at the venue.
- 4) If you feel any signs, please call the SAMU National on +221773321451; two forward medical posts will be available and two ambulances pre-positioned.

UNEP Covid-19 Protocol:

In the event of UNEP sponsored participants testing positive for COVID-19 and hence having to isolate, UNEP will provide daily subsistence allowance (DSA) as per Dakar's standard UN rate during the days required to

recover and until resulting in a negative COVID-19 PCR test or medical clearance and been able to travel from Dakar back to the country of origin of the participant. Such DSA can be used to cover accommodation, meals, penalty for changing tickets and any other related costs. UNEP will not be in a position to provide any additional financial support.

UNEP will not be in a position to provide financial assistance to non-sponsored participants testing positive for COVID-19 and hence having to isolate.

Medical costs incurred in Senegal will be directly borne by the participant. It is therefore strongly recommended that you arrange for your own travel health insurance prior to departure from your country and arrival in Senegal.

8. PROGRAMME

From 30 May to 1 June, official regional meetings and plenary sessions are envisaged to run between 8am - 1pm and 2pm - 6pm, while regional meetings on 29 May are planned between 3pm - 6pm.

Multi-stakeholder dialogues will also complete the regional meetings and plenary sessions, following the schedule and themes indicated below with the objective of creating a space for constructive engagement and innovative thinking:

- 1) 29 May (10am-3pm): Context setting
 - a. Dialogue themes: Product and material innovation, product design
 - b. Innovative business models
 - c. Environmentally sound waste management
- 2) 30 May (2pm-2.45 pm):
 - Dialogue theme: Just and inclusive transition to a plastic pollution-free economy
- 3) 31 May (2pm-2.45 pm):
 - Dialogue theme: Inspiring consumers, civic and youth action to transform the plastic value chain
- 4) 1 June (2pm-2.45 pm):

Dialogue theme: Upscaling and redirecting finance, incentives and trade

The agenda and meeting documentation for the multi-stakeholder dialogues and registration details are available on the <u>meeting website</u>. Provisional schedule for the meeting is available <u>here</u>. The working documents for the meeting will be provided in all official languages of the United Nations, while information documents will be provided in English only.

9. INTERPRETATION

Interpretation into all United Nations official languages will be provided during all plenary sessions of the meeting through the Interactio platform (online as well as in-person)

Online participants will also be provided with an option to listen to interpretations in official UN languages.

10. OTHER PRACTICAL INFORMATION

1) Insurance

The participants are encouraged to arrange their travel insurance that covers both health and accident. The organizer will not be responsible for travel or health insurance coverage.

2) Currency and foreign exchange services

Senegal is part of the CFA franc zone. It is also possible to change currencies in large hotels, particularly in Dakar. ATMs are easily accessible at airport and available at the meeting venue. Credit cards are accepted in larger establishments that cater for tourists while commission is often added for their use. XOF (west African CFA franc), $1 \text{ USD} \approx 603.5 \text{ XOF}$

3) Telecommunication

Local SIM cards are available at the airport at around 10 USD for 15GB data.

4) Local transport

Some taxi apps exist in the country but with limited number of cars. Cabs can also be easily found on the street, though no meters are installed. Available APPs in the city are: Heetch, Yango

5) Electricity

The power plugs and sockets are of type C, D, E and K (Round two-pin attachment plugs). The standard voltage is 230 V and the standard frequency is 50 Hz.

6) Time zone

Greenwich Mean Time (GMT)

7) Climate

The meeting will take place during the dry season, and the average temperatures are expected to be between 24 and 29 degrees Celsius.

8) Useful contacts

Ministry of Tourism, Dakar: Tel.: +221 (0)33 860 45 15 / 77 552 52 44 or www.au-senegal.com 17 (Police); 15 (Ambulance); 18 (Fire)

13. INFORMATION FOCAL POINTS AND ADDRESSES

Participants needing more information can contact the following addresses, indicating clearly the nature of the information in the subject of the email: unep-incplastic.secretariat@un.org

Annex: list of recommended hotels provided by the government of Senegal

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	Hotel	Star	Address	Distance to meeting venue (km)	Contact information (country code +221)	UN rate XOF (1 USD ≈603.5 XOF) Breakfast included unless additional cost specifically indicated
					33 869 69 29	
1	King Fadh	5*	Almadies	Meeting venue	reservation.dakar@kingfadhpalacehotels.com with copy to fatou.diop@kingfahdpalacehotels.com	110 000
	Yaas hotel	4 1/4	Almadies	0.1	33 859 07 00	72 720
2		4*			reservations.almadies@yasshotels.com	
	Le Lodge des Almadies		Route des Almadies	1.2	33 869 03 45	49 000
3		3*			hotel@lodgedesalmadies.com	Breakfast additional cost: 4 000
	Fleurs de Lys		Route des		33869 86 87	91 100
4	Almadies	4*	Almadies	1.3	contact@hotelfleurdelysdakar.com	
5	Fana Hôtel	3*	Route des Almadies	1.7	33 820 06 06	43 000
					fanahotel@orange.sn	
6	Brazzerade	3*	Plage de Ngor	2.1	33 820 03 64	30 000
					labrazzerade@orange.sn	
7	La Madrague	3*	Plage de Ngor	2.3	33 820 02 23	53 000
7					reservation@hotel-madrague.com	

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¹ The government of Senegal will provide transport between the international airport, the meeting venue, and the listed hotels for the Participants, as well as security for hotels listed.

8	BOMA	4*	Ngor	3	33 859 02 50 info@hotelboma.net	90 000
9	Airport hotel	4*	Ngor	3	33 869 70 70	59 000
	Import nour		11801	3	Reception@casinoducapvert.com	37 000
10	ONOMO	4*	Yoff	5.3	33 869 06 10	60 000
10	ONOMO	4**	1011	3.3	Sales.dakar@onomohotel.com	60 000
	Radisson Blu	5*	Conrniche	8.7	33 869 33 33	
11					Baityr.diaw@radissonblu.com	180 000
	Fleur de Lys Point E	4*	Point E	10	33869 53 00	61 000
12					reservations@hotelfleurdelysdakar.com	
13	Terrou bii	5*	Corniche	11	33 839 90 39	188 000
13					reservation@terroubi.com	
					33 889 42 89	
14	Ndiambour	4*	121, Rue Carnot	13	seminaires@lendiambour.com	66 000
15	Café de Rome	4*	Bd de la République	14	33 849 02 00	
					Hotel.resa@cafederome.com	67 000
16	Ibis	4*	Centre-ville	14	33 849 49 94	97 666

					reservation@accor.com	
17	Nina	3*	Rue Docteur Théze	14	33 889 01 20	46 600
					hotelnina@orange.sn	
1.0	Novotel	5*	Centre-ville	14	33 849 49 94	128 000
18					Dakar.reservation@accor.com	
	Fleurs de Lys Plateaux	4*	Plateaux	14	33849 46 00	
19					infos@hotelfleurdelysdakar.com	71 100
20	Miramar	3*	25-27 Rue Felix	14	33 849 29 29	28 600
20			Faure		Miramar-book@orange.sn	
21	Plateau	3*	62, Rue Jules Ferry	14	33 823 44 20	35 000
21					hduplateau@arc.sn	Breakfast additional cost: 3000
22	Savana	4*	Corniche est Pointe St Bernard	15	33 849 42 42	60,000
22					reservation@savana.sn	68 000
23	Pullman hotel	5*		15	Dakar.reservation@accor.com	160.000
24	Lagon II	4*	Route de la Corniche est	15	33 889 25 25	82 000
24					contact@lelagondakar.com	82 000