

LOGISTICAL INFORMATION NOTE

FOR

PARTICIPANTS ATTENDING THE NAIROBI CONVENTION PARTNERSHIP ON SCIENCE TO POLICY
FORUM ON 11-12 OCTOBER 2016

AND

THE MEETING ON AREA BASED PLANNING TOOLS AND REGIONAL COOPERATION FOR THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2030 AGENDA ON 13-14 OCTOBER 2016

AT THE CORAL STRAND HOTEL, VICTORIA, MAHE SEYCHELLES

Welcome

UNEP- Nairobi Convention Secretariat in collaboration with Western Indian Ocean Marine Science Association (WIOMSA), UNEP-WCMC, Indian Ocean Commission (COI), Institute of Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS), Institute of Sustainable Development and International Relations (IDDRI), German Corporation for International Cooperation (GIZ), Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and the Government of Seychelles, welcomes you to Mahe, Seychelles for the Nairobi Convention Partnership on Science to Policy Forum to be held on 11-12 October 2016, to be held back to back with the meeting on Area Based Planning tools and Regional Cooperation for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda on 13-14 October 2016 in Coral Strand hotel, Victoria, Mahe Seychelles.

Venue and hotel accommodation for the meetings

Participants are kindly requested **to make their own hotel reservation directly at Coral Strand Hotel** to the sales manager whose details are as below. The negotiated room rates for the hotel is 155 EUR for Bed & Breakfast - single occupancy and 165 EUR Bed & Breakfast for double occupancy.

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Visa Arrangements

Participants, who require visa to Seychelles, are kindly requested to make their own arrangements for issuance of entry visa. All delegates are advised to carry their invitation letters and a valid yellow fever vaccination certificate.

Transport from Airport to Hotel

All meeting participants are requested to make their own airport to hotel transfers. Please note that there are designated taxis at the airport arrivals.

Registration of delegates

All delegates are required to register at the Registration Desk outside the Meeting Room from 0830-0900 hrs. Identification badges will be issued to participants at the registration desk.

Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA)

UNEP sponsored participants will be paid DSA in Mahe, Seychelles in the course of the meetings. The sponsored participants are kindly requested to bring their boarding passes in order to collect their DSA. The current UN DSA rate for Seychelles is USD. 333 per night.

Any participants who are unable to stay for the duration of the meeting are requested to inform the secretariat as soon as possible, so that the daily subsistence allowance can be adjusted accordingly.

Languages

Official Languages in Seychelles are Creole, English and French.

The meetings will be conducted in both English and French.

Weather and time zone

The month of October, Mahe is partly sunny (15% chances of sunny day) with showers (160mm average rainfall). It has average temperature of 26°C (daily highs of around 28°C and lows of 24°C).

Seychelles is 4 hours ahead of GMT, 3 hours ahead of British summer time and 2 hours ahead of European summer time.

Health Requirements: Insurance

You are advised to arrange at your own travel expense insurance against sickness, accident, third party risk for the period of the meeting. UNEP will not assume responsibility for any other expenditure, including the following:

- Cost incurred by the participants in respect of travel insurance, accident insurance, medical bills or hospitalization fees in connection with attending the meeting;
- Compensation in the event of death or disability of participants in connection with attending the meeting; and
- Any loss or damage to personal property of participants while attending the meeting or losses or damages claimed by third parties as a result of any negligence on the part of the participants.

Electricity Supply

The standard voltage is 240 V. The standard frequency is 50 Hz. The power sockets that are used are of type G. Below you find pictures of these power sockets and corresponding plugs.



If your appliances have a different shape, you may need a plug adapter.

Currency and Exchange rate

The monetary unit is **Seychellois Rupee** (SCR). The Current Exchange rates estimates are as per below:

US\$1 = SCR.13.39

€1 = SCR.15.01

£1 = SCR.17.30

Credit cards:

American Express, MasterCard and Visa are widely accepted; Diners Club has more limited use.

Banking hours:

Mon-Fri 0830-1430, Sat 0830-1100.

Technical matters

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