



UNFCCC expert meeting on a range of approaches to address loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change, including impacts related to extreme weather events and slow onset events

Bridgetown, Barbados

9 to 11 October 2012

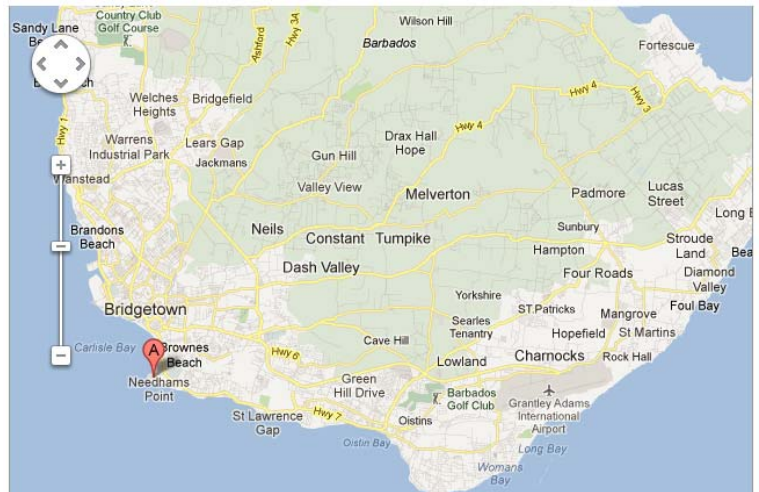
INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

Meeting venue:

The meeting will take place at the Hilton Barbados Hotel:

Hilton Barbados Hotel
Needham's Point
St. Michael
Bridgetown
BB 11000
Barbados
Tel.: +1 246 426 0200
Fax: +1 246 434 5792

Please visit the following web-site for additional information on the meeting venue:
<<http://www.hiltonbarbadoshotel.com>>.



Visa requirements:

Information on visa entry requirements may be obtained at:
<<http://www.foreign.gov.bb/pageselect.cfm?page=120>>.

Transportation from Grantley Adams International airport:

Official airport taxis bear the "Authorised Airport Taxi" logo. Please do not use unofficial taxis, which may be lesser-quality vehicles or may not adhere to official fares. A fare from the airport to the Hilton Hotel costs approximately BBD\$40.

Accommodation:

It is highly recommend that participants stay in the Hilton Barbados Hotel during the period of the meeting in order to facilitate secure and convenient access to the premises. The secretariat will communicate with you separately the negotiated rate for that hotel.



	HOTEL	DISTANCE FROM VENUE
1	Hilton Barbados Hotel Needham's Point St. Michael Bridgetown Tel.: +1 246 426 0200 Fax: +1 246 434 5792 www.hiltonbarbadoshotel.com	Venue of the meeting
2	Savannah Hotel Hastings Christ Church Tel: +1 246 434 3800 Fax: +1 246 228 4385 www.savannahbarbados.com	Walking: 12 minutes Bus/taxi: 4 minutes
3	Nautilus Beach Apartments Bay Street St. Michael Tel: +1 246 426 3541 Fax: +1 246 430 9191 http://www.nautilusbeach.com	Walking: 10 minutes Bus/taxi: 4 minutes
4	Courtyard Bridgetown, Barbados The Garrison Historic Area Hastings Christ Church Bridgetown Tel: +1 246 625 0000 http://www.marriott.de/hotels/travel/bgicy-courtyard-bridgetown-barbados	Walking: 20 minutes Bus/taxi: 4 minutes
5	Sweetfield Manor Historical Bed and Breakfast Britton New Road Bridgetown Tel: +1 246 429 8356 www.sweetfieldmanor.com	Walking: 25 minutes Bus/taxi: 5 minutes
6	Pommarine Hotel Marine Gardens Hastings Christ Church Tel: +1 246 228 0900 Fax: +1 246 228 0907 E-mail: pommarine@sunbeach.net	Walking: 30 Minutes Bus/Taxi: 7 Minutes
7	Amaryllis Beach Resort Hastings, Christ Church Tel: +1 246 438 8000 Fax: +1 246 426 9566 E-mail: vacation@amaryllisbeachresort.com www.amaryllisbeachresort.com	Walking: 15 minutes Bus/taxi: 4 minutes



Food & Restaurants

Participants may opt to have their choice of lunch at the meeting venue or in the neighbourly surroundings in walking distance.

Registration:

Participants are required to register and obtain identification badges prior to the opening of the meeting on Tuesday, 9 October 2012 from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. For this purpose, a registration counter will be set up in front of the meeting room to be announced at the lobby of the Hilton Barbados Hotel.

Health requirements:

We recommend that you consult the appropriate health authorities in your country well in advance in connection with possible vaccinations and health precautions for Barbados.

Yellow fever vaccination is required to those travellers who arrive within 6 days from endemic countries or transiting through infected areas. Participants may wish to consult their doctor on recommended precautions against malaria and/or yellow fever. The list of endemic countries is detailed below for easy reference:

Angola, Argentina, Benin, Bolivia, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Colombia, Congo, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ivory Coast, Ecuador, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, French Guyana, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Kenya, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Panama, Peru, Paraguay, Rwanda, Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sudan, Suriname, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda, Republic of Tanzania, Venezuela.

Insurance:

Participants are strongly advised to obtain international travel and medical insurance to cover the period of their departure for the expert meeting until the time of their return.

The United Nations and the UNFCCC secretariat disclaim all responsibility for medical, accident and travel insurance, for compensation, death or disability, loss or damage to personal property and for any other costs or losses that may be incurred during travel time or the period of participation in the meeting.

DSA payment for funded participants:

All UNFCCC funded participants: Please bring your passport, flight tickets and boarding passes with you to the registration. These documents need to be copied in order to make the DSA payment.

General information

Geography and climate:

Barbados is a limestone island which is 21 miles by 14 miles wide, making a total of 166 square miles. It is the easternmost island in the Caribbean chain, located northeast of Venezuela and west of Africa. The highest point on the island is Mount Hillaby on the east coast, which is 1,089 feet. Year-round climate is with average temperatures ranging between 24 and 29 degrees Celsius and a gentle sea breeze courtesy of the north east trade winds.

Official language:

The official language in Barbados is English.

Time zone:

Standard time zone: UTC/GMT -4 hours.

**Weather information:**

Barbados weather is generally warm and sunny all year round with an average daytime high of 24 and 29°C. The nights are usually slightly cooler. The prevailing northeast trade winds blow steadily so that although it is bright and sunny, it is not unbearably hot. Rain usually comes in quick showers. The dry season lasts from January to June.

Electricity:

115 volts/
50 Hertz



Most hotels provide adaptors for European or Asian appliances. North American appliances do not need adaptors.

Currency:

The Barbados currency is the Barbados Dollar (BBD)
Bank Notes: 2, 5, 10, 20, 50 and 100 BBD
Coins: 1, 5, 10 and 25 Cents, and 1 BBD
The exchange rate is bound to the US Dollar: 1 BBD = 2 US\$ (fix)

Credit Cards:

Credit cards are widely accepted.

International country code:

Barbados: +1 246.

Taxes & Charges:

Should you stay in a hotel or villa during your stay in Barbados, 7.5% VAT and a 10% service charge may be added to your bill.

Most hotels and restaurants add a 10–15% service charge to the bill.

Departure tax:

Upon leaving Barbados, all travellers are required to pay a Departure Tax of BBD \$60.00. This fee is paid at the Grantley Adams International Airport when checking-in. Some travel agents include this tax at the time of issuing your ticket. To check whether or not you have already been charged, refer to your ticket and look for a small voucher stating Departure Tax. The Check-in agent will keep a portion of this voucher for their records.

Tipping:

Tipping is left to the discretion of the individual unless included in the bill; standard range is 10–15% of the overall bill.

We look forward to welcoming you in Barbados.